

**REVISED**

**ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 299**

**Thursday, March 19, 1998, 7:30 p.m.**

**METROCENTER AUDITORIUM**

**101-8th St (at Oak St.)**

**Oakland, CA**

**For additional information, please call:  
Peggy Edgerton, (510) 464-7913**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT\*\***

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Action:** Unless there is a request by a Board member to take up an item on the consent calendar separately, the calendar will be acted upon in one motion.

**A. Approval Of Executive Board Summary Minutes\*\***

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**B. Grant Applications\*\***

With Board consent, ABAG will transmit the attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's "Intergovernmental Review Newsletter" since the last Executive Board meeting.

**C. ABAG Appointments**

President King requests the Board's approval of the following appointments to the committees:

1. Rosemary Corbin, City of Richmond, to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission
2. Stan Kawczynski, City of Sunnyvale, to the Bay Area Economic Forum
3. Name Forthcoming, to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission

**D. Authorization to Amend Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

The Board authorized a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1997 that resulted in a grant to ABAG in the amount of \$228,150 to provide public involvement, technical, and administrative support for the San Francisco Estuary Project. The Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director or designee to amend the cooperative agreement by increasing the budget by \$240,000 and extending the agreement until December 31, 1999. ABAG will provide matching funds

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in the amount of \$13,333. The grant will provide continued support for the Estuary Project.

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**E. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Authorization is requested to submit a proposal and if accepted, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a demonstration project to develop a process and permit application form that consolidates federal, state, and local permits for construction/fill projects in Bay Area wetlands. The proposal will not exceed \$106,000 for work to be performed in 1998-99. ABAG will provide matching funds in the amount of \$6,000.

**F. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to Taipei City, Taiwan, ROC**

Authorization is requested to submit a proposal and, if accepted, to enter into a technical assistance agreement with Taipei City, Taiwan for consulting services in regional growth management, redevelopment, intergovernmental cooperation and coordination, and local government finance. The proposal will not exceed \$90,000 for work to be performed between May-October, 1998; there is no local match required.

**G. Authorization to Submit a Proposal to U. S. Department of Justice**

Authorization is requested to submit a proposal and, if accepted, to enter into an agreement with the Drug Court Program Office of the U.S. Department of Justice for the development and implementation of web-based technological links between Bay Area Drug Courts currently operating in six counties. The proposal will not exceed \$300,000 for work to be performed for 12 months starting in October 1998. A local match of 25 percent in kind services and cash is required.

**6. SONOMA-MARIN MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE STUDY\*\***

**Information:** Participants in a recently completed study will share opportunities and challenges in creating a balanced, integrated transportation system and land use pattern in Marin and Sonoma counties. The consultant in charge of this study, with Supervisor Jim Harberson (Sonoma County) and Supervisor Harry Moore (Marin County) will brief the Board on this innovative approach to linking land use and transportation.

**7. INTER-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP – A MULTI-COUNTY INITIATIVE\*\***

**Information:** In the past few months, local leaders in the Bay Area and San Joaquin county have had preliminary discussions about the possibility of forming a inter-regional, multi-county working group to focus on how to improve jobs/housing balance, transportation, and related air quality issues. Supervisor Scott Haggerty (Alameda County) and Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier (Contra Costa County) will provide a briefing about the objectives and composition of the proposed working group.

**8. 1998 SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Information:** The Spring General Assembly will be on Friday, April 17, 1998 at the Berkeley Marina Radisson (formerly the Marriott). The theme of this General Assembly is *Facing the Future of the Bay Area*. Topical sessions will include: *The Expanding Bay Area: Growth at the Periphery of the Region* and *Urban Growth Boundaries: Responding to the Challenges of Growth*. The keynote speaker is Tony Downs, from the Brookings Institute. This year's Spring General Assembly is being co-sponsored with the Urban Land Institute.

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**9. LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE (L&GO) REPORT**

**A. Bay Area Gasoline Pricing**

**Action:** According to recent news reports, although gasoline prices are at the lowest levels since May 1994, Bay Area drivers are paying up to 30 percent more for their fuel. Supervisor Michael Yaki (City and County of San Francisco) recently made a presentation to the LG&O Committee on pricing information he has compiled and legislation he introduced for the City and County of San Francisco. Supervisor Yaki will share this information with the Board and suggest actions that ABAG might take on a regional basis.

**B. L&GO Report**

**Action:** Jane Bartke, L&GO Chair, will report on Committee activities and request Board discussion and approval for ABAG positions on pending legislation.

**10. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**A. 1998-99 Budget, Work Program, and Annual Dues\*\***

**Action:** The Executive Board will consider comments and recommendations of the Finance and Personnel Committee on ABAG's Proposed 1998-99 Annual Work Program, Budget and Dues Assessment Schedule. The Proposed ABAG Budget and Work Program document was mailed to all Executive Board members with this month's agenda package.

**Please Note: The following item will be taken up in a closed session pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. All actions taken will be announced in open session prior to the adjournment of the meeting.**

**B. Personnel Matter: Authorization to Meet and Confer with SEIU Local 790**

**Action:** ABAG's current contract with SEIU Local 790 expires June 30, 1998. The Finance and Personnel Committee will review proposals and present findings to the Board. Based on Finance and Personnel's recommendation, staff requests authority and direction to begin negotiating a contract to be effective July 1, 1998.

**C. Personnel Matter: Executive Director's Annual Review**

**Action:** The Executive Board will consider comments and recommendations of the Finance and Personnel Committee on the Executive Director's annual performance review and Employment Agreement. The Board may also consider proposed changes to salary and benefits for the Executive Director and revisions to his Employment Agreement.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer

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