

SUMMARY MINUTES (DRAFT)

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 391
Thursday, March 21, 2013
Joseph Bort MetroCenter
101 8th Street, Oakland, California

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

A quorum of the Board was present.

Representatives and Alternates Present

Councilmember Desley Brooks
Councilmember Ronit Bryant
Councilmember Kansen Chu
Supervisor Malia Cohen
Mayor Pat Eklund
Jason Elliott, Dir, Leg/Gov Affairs
Mayor Leon Garcia
Supervisor John Gioia
Mayor Pedro Gonzalez
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Mayor Bill Harrison
Councilmember Dave Hudson
Supervisor Mark Luce
Supervisor Eric Mar
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Kelly Pretzer, Office of the Mayor
Mayor Julie Pierce
Councilmember Joe Pirzynski
Mayor Harry Price
Mayor Jean Quan
Supervisor David Rabbitt
Supervisor Katie Rice
Councilmember Libby Schaaf
Supervisor Linda Seifert
Supervisor Warren Slocum
Supervisor Richard Valle

Representatives Absent

Supervisor David Cortese
Vice Mayor Richard Garbarino
Councilmember Ash Kalra
Director William Kissinger
Councilmember Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie
Supervisor Dave Pine
Mayor Tim Sbranti
Joaquin Torres, Office of the Mayor
Supervisor Mike Wasserman

Jurisdiction

City of Oakland
City of Mountain View
City of San Jose
County of San Francisco
City of Novato
City of San Francisco
City of American Canyon
County of Contra Costa
Cities in San Mateo County
County of Alameda
City of Fremont
City of San Ramon
County of Napa
County of San Francisco
County of Contra Costa
City of San Francisco
City of Clayton
Town of Los Gatos
City of Fairfield
City of Oakland
County of Sonoma
County of Marin
City of Oakland
County of Solano
County of San Mateo
County of Alameda

Jurisdiction

County of Santa Clara
City of South San Francisco
City of San Jose
RWQCB
City of San Jose
City of Rohnert Park
County of San Mateo
City of Dublin
City of San Francisco
County of Santa Clara

President Luce led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Luce welcomed new Board members Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont, Supervisor Warren Slocum, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and returning Board Member Supervisor Malia Cohen, City and County of San Francisco.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Mar, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco requested that correspondence from the federal Housing and Urban Development and the state Housing and Community Development to ABAG be distributed and asked that this matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Larkspur, suggested that the Administrative Committee or another forum review the state Housing and Community Development and Department of Finance's population data.

Pedro Gonzalez, Mayor, City of South San Francisco, commented on the Water Emergency Transportation Authority and the ferry service from South San Francisco to Jack London Square.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Luce reported on the following:

The General Assembly and Business Meeting on April 18th and the theme for this is *Planning for People and Places*. City and county delegates are required to attend this annual meeting. All Executive Board members are encouraged to attend. The keynote speaker is Robert Reich, former US Labor Secretary and current Professor in the School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley. The *Growing Smarter Together Awards* will be presented during the luncheon.

The annual Legislative Workshop and Reception was held on February 27th in Sacramento. Senators Mark Leno and Mark DeSaulnier participated along with the Legislative Directors for a few Assemblymembers who were away at a retreat and could not attend.

The Administrative Committee annual retreat was held on February 28th and March 1st in Napa.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director, announced the appointment of Brad Paul as Deputy Executive Director. He also reminded members to file their FPPC Statement of Economic Interest with ABAG.

6. ABAG CONSENT CALENDAR

President Luce recognized a motion by Eklund, which was seconded by Dave Hudson, Councilmember, City of San Ramon, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by unanimously.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes**

Summary of Minutes of Meeting No. 391 held on January 17, 2013.

B. Grant Applications**

A list of grant applications was approved for submission to the State Clearinghouse, having been circulated in ABAG's "Intergovernmental Review Newsletter" since the last Executive Board meeting.

C. Appointment to Committees

The Board approved appointments to the following committees:

Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee

Harry T. Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield

Linda J. Seifert, Chair, Board of Supervisors, County of Solano

Regional Planning Committee

Julie Combs, Councilmember, Santa Rosa

Joint Policy Committee

Jean Quan, Mayor, City of Oakland

Administrative Committee

Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato

Jean Quan, Mayor, City of Oakland

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Roseanne Foust, Councilmember, Redwood City (South Bay Seat)

Keith Caldwell, Napa County Supervisor (North Bay Seat)

John Gioia, Contra Costa County Supervisor (East Bay Seat)

Dave Cortese, Santa Clara County Supervisor (Bayside City/County Seat)

John Sutter, Director, East Bay Reg. Park Dist. (Bayside City/Park District Seat)

Samuel Schuchat, Executive Officer, California Coastal Conservancy (Chair)

D. Contracts Approved by ABAG between \$20,000 and \$50,000

ABAG entered into one contract with the University of California at Berkeley Fisher Center for Real Estate totaling \$34,505 since the last Executive Board meeting.

E. Approval of Resolution No. 02-13 Endorsing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail

The Board approved Resolution No. 02-13 endorsing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail and encouraging shoreline jurisdictions to adopt local resolutions of support and integrate Water Trail policies into local plans to realize the vision of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail.

F. Authorization to Ratify Agreement with County of Marin to Provide Technical Support for Permit Writing

The Board ratified an agreement with County of Marin and authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into agreement with the County to provide technical staff resources to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board for permit writing assistance.

G. Authorization to Ratify Interagency Agreement with Sonoma County Water Agency

The Board ratified an agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency and authorization for the Executive Director or designee to enter into agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency to provide technical staff resources to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

H. Adoption of Resolution No. 03-13 Authorizing Filing of Notice of Categorical Exemption Under CEQA for San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project

The Board approved Resolution No. 03-13 confirming CEQA Determination for San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project.

7. TRANSBAY CENTER PROJECT**

Robert Beck, Senior Program Manager, Transbay Joint Powers Authority, presented the strategy and current status of the region's Transbay Transit Center Project. He introduced the creation of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, provided a program overview and phasing, gave a status of construction and timeline, and provided planning context for the project.

Members discussed the Transit Center Project's connection with the Sustainable Communities Strategy; excavation materials disposition; office space and jobs; sea level rise impacts; and the Highway 280 extension demolition and redevelopment.

8. PLAN BAY AREA PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, updated the Board on Plan Bay Area and discussed the Public Hearing schedule and release of the final draft document, which will be released in compliance with Senate Bill 375. She described the Elected Officials Briefings and Public Workshops, Community Based Organizations meetings, and the Draft EIR Hearings. She compared the forecasts by ABAG and the Department of Finance. She reviewed Plan Bay Area key messages.

Rapport noted that the state Department of Finance did not use employment forecasts data for the San Francisco Bay Area as it did with other regions, and that the department will make efforts to correct this in the future.

Members discussed Orinda Watch and other local community organizations concerned about ABAG's forecasts; the difference between the Department of Finance and ABAG's forecasts; the difference between Plan Bay Area and the Regional Housing Need Allocation forecasts; developing a communications strategy; meeting with HCD and DOF regarding projections; format of the open houses and public hearings.

The Board recessed at 8:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

9. BAY AREA REGIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN INITIATIVE**

Danielle Hutchings Mieler, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Program Coordinator, briefed the Board on ABAG's Regional Resilience Initiative and requested adoption

of the Resilience Initiative Policy Papers and Action Plan. She reviewed the goals and objectives of the initiative, discussed resilience to disasters, reviewed the plan focus areas, and listed priorities for implementation. She requested that the Board refer the initiative implementation phase to the Regional Planning Committee.

Members discussed outreach to medical districts and medical community, and retrofit of soft-story structures.

President Luce recognized a motion by Jean Quan, Mayor, City of Oakland, which was seconded by Ronit Bryant, Councilmember, City of Mountain View, to adopt the Resilience Policy Papers and Action Plan and to refer the initiative implementation phase to the Regional Planning Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Luce reported that the Administrative Committee met for its Annual Retreat on February 28th and March 1st in Napa. Sessions included a discussion of the Green Business Program; an overview of the Resilience Initiative providing background on the region's previous work with a previous State Administration where there was great interest in working with ABAG and the region in its role as long-term disaster recovery coordinator; ABAG's role in implementation of Plan Bay Area., which include housing, economic development and land use research and policy development, including messaging and a series of open houses and public workshops; developing a plan for better involvement and utilization of ABAG delegates and alternates; and ABAG's Strategic Plan and suggestions for updating it.

11. LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma, reported on Committee activities and asked Board approval of Committee recommendations and pending legislation, including the following: approval of the January 17, 2013 meeting minutes; new legislation proposed in 2013 state legislative session, including SB 391 (DeSaulnier) California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013, support; SB 792 (DeSaulnier) Regional Entities: Bay Area, watch; AB 416 (Gordon) California Air Resources Board: Local Emission Reduction Program, support; AB 453 (Mullin) Sustainable Communities, support; AB 662 (Atkins, Dickinson, Mitchell, Perea, Ting and Torres) Local Government: Infrastructure Financing Districts, support; AB 745 (Levine) Land Use: Housing Element, watch; AB 1002 (Bloom) Vehicles: Registration Fee-Sustainable Communities Strategy, oppose unless amended; AB 1080 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities, support; AB 185 (Roger Hernandez) Open and Public Meetings: Televised Meetings, oppose; ACA 8 (Blumenfield) Local Government Financing: Voter Approval, watch; SCA 11 (Hancock) Local Government: Special Taxes-Voter Approval, support; SCA 4 (Luz), Local Government: Transportation Projects, Special Taxes-Voter Approval, oppose; a report on a proposed San Francisco ordinance amending the Building Code to establish a mandatory seismic retrofit program; and a report on the legislative workshop and reception. The committee heard a report on federal income tax limit exemptions for municipal bonds, and a report on SB 299 (DeSaulnier) Lost or Stolen Firearms fact sheet.

President Luce recognized a motion Chair Rabbitt, which was seconded by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, to accept the committee report. The motion passed by consensus, with Hudson voting nay on AB 416.

12. FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, reported on Committee activities and asked Board approval of Committee recommendations, including the following: election of Gioia as committee chair and Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, as vice-chair; potential appointment of representative to Administrative Committee; approval of minutes of January 17, 2013 meeting; report on December 2012 and January 2013 financial reports; report on potential financial impacts of Affordable Care Act; report on allocation of funds received from class-action settlements.

President Luce recognized a motion by Supervisor Gioia, which was seconded by Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton, to accept the committee report. The motion passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Luce adjourned the meeting of the Board at approximately 9:34 p.m.

Submitted:

Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

*** Attachments sent to ABAG Executive Board Members.*

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