

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 325

July 18, 2002 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Gwen Regalia, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia
Supervisor Nate Miley
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Federal Glover
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Chris Daly
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Shelia Young
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Kris Valstad
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Ken Slavens
Mr. Paul Horcher
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Councilmember Jose Esteves
Vice Mayor Julia Miller
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Richard Spees

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Jake McGoldrick
Supervisor Mark Leno
Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Michael Nevin
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Don Gage
Supervisor Liz Kniss
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis
Supervisor John Silva
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Ms. Alicia Bert
Ms. Jennifer Kass

Jurisdiction

Contra Costa County Cities
Alameda County
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Contra Costa County
Contra Costa County
Marin County
Napa County
San Francisco County
Santa Clara County
Sonoma County
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Contra Costa County Cities
Marin County Cities
Napa County Cities
City of San Francisco
City of San Francisco
San Mateo County Cities
Santa Clara County Cities
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Solano County Cities
Sonoma County Cities
City of Oakland

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Santa Clara County
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Solano County
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City of San Francisco
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Ms. Karin Carlson

City of San Francisco

Mayor Eugene Mullin
Vice Mayor Donald Eaton
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember Henry Chang, Jr.
Councilmember David Cortese
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte
Councilmember Ken Yeager
Councilmember Cindy Chavez
Councilmember Nora Campos
Councilmember Forrest Williams

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Regalia welcomed first time attendee, Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover, alternate to Supervisor John Gioia.

3A. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Regalia reported on the recent joint meetings between ABAG and MTC to discuss Senator Torlakson’s proposed legislation (SB 1243) that calls for merging particular functions of the agencies. After four meetings, agreement was reached on jointly working to advance the Smart Growth Strategy/Regional Livability Footprint Project. Regalia shared that it was 110 degrees in Tucson where she represented ABAG at the National Association of Regional Councils’ annual conference in June. At the conference, she was pleased to accept a plaque honoring the Financial Services Program which won this year’s distinguished achievement award for major metropolitan COGs.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Eugene Leong pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs. He noted that due to recent high temperatures the region exceeded the federal ozone standards. This will result in ABAG working with the BAAQMD and MTC to prepare an update to the state implementation plan. Recently the CALFED Task Force has discussed water quality and quantity related to affordable housing and stormwater runoff. One question posed is, “Will there be enough water for the projected growth during the next 20 years?” CALFED hopes to address this and other development issues as the Task Force work proceeds.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 324, May 16, 2002.

B. Grant Applications

Board approved transmittal of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse.

C. Appointments to Committees

The board approved the following committee appointments:

Finance & Personnel Committee
Peter McHugh, Santa Clara County

CALFED Task Force
Jared Huffman, Marin Municipal Utility District

Bay Area Economic Forum
Donald Eaton, City of San Carlos

Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Jake McKenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Cynthia Murray, County of Marin

- D. Approval of Resolution No. 08-02 to Accept and Administer Grant from State Coastal Conservancy
The Board approved Resolution 08-02 allowing ABAG to accept and administer a grant of up to \$43,000 from the State Coastal Conservancy to prepare a revised and expanded second edition of the Conservancy's *Wheelchair Rider's Guide: San Francisco Bay and Nearby Shorelines*, which will be distributed free of charge in print and posted on the Internet to encourage more use of barrier-free shoreline facilities. A \$43,000 match will be contributed from the \$7.5 million Bay Trail block grant program.
- E. Authorization to Enter Into Memorandum of Understanding with RIDES For Bay Area Commuters, Inc. (RIDES) in Connection with Caltrans Environmental Justice Project
The Board authorized submitting a proposal and, if funded, allowing the Executive Director or designee to negotiate a contract to become a grantee of funds for which ABAG would act as fiscal agent. RIDES would act as the Program Manager and provide services directed to the Hispanic and Latino populations of the nine Bay Area counties. ABAG would retain 10% of the total grant funds received for financial services and would provide planning services to the project. If funded, ABAG would commit a planning staff member at five-percent time, plus management supervision up to an annual commitment of \$5,000.

It was moved by Spees/S/McHugh/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET UPDATE – IMPACT ON COUNTIES

Steve Szaley, Executive Director of the California State Association of Counties, spoke about the current budget impasse and latest budgetary information. The solutions will be painful and difficult for all local governments. The Leave Our Community Assets Local Coalition (LOCAL) is a growing grassroots network of local and statewide organizations and individuals dedicated to protecting our local services by protecting local revenues from being further reduced to solve state budget problems. The LOCAL Coalition sees the Senate version as a reasonable approach to balancing the budget in this year of financial difficulties.

7. JOINT REGIONAL AGENCY SMART GROWTH STRATEGY/LIVABILITY FOOTPRINT PROJECT

ABAG Planning Director Gerald Raycraft announced that the process is moving from the visionary to implementation stage and the preferred alternative would suggest how growth could be accommodated in the Bay Area. The Smart Growth Steering Committee is expected to discuss the final review process at a meeting on August 21, and a regional plan would be adopted based on the workshop results. Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, explained that based on this vision, a set of projections would be prepared and used as a guide for future land use and would form the basis of future forecasting work. The schedule allows local agencies time to comment on draft results and suggest revisions. The Smart Growth project will be the subject of ABAG's Fall General Assembly to be held at the Oakland Marriott in October. The following members of the public spoke highly of the Smart Growth process: Leslie Dinkin, David Schonbrunn, and Ken Bukowski.

8. UPDATE ON ABAG FINANCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, a member of ABAG's Executive Board and Finance Authority for Non-Profits (FAN), presented highlights of this tax-exempt bond program for healthcare, education, senior living, affordable housing, and other public benefit providers, including the DeYoung Museum. The program complements ABAG's housing policy and planning efforts by offering a practical tool for local governments dealing with the shortage of affordable housing in their own jurisdiction. To date, the Authority has issued 40 affordable housing transactions aggregating more than \$400 million in bonds – funding more than 5,400 affordable housing units.

9. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Chair Mary Lou Holt reported on Committee activities and provided the Board with a legislative summary – for a complete list of legislation and further information on the L&GO Committee, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov. Jennifer Krebs, ABAG Environmental Planner, updated the Committee on actions of the Dioxins Task Force. The Committee recommended that ABAG continue opposition to SB 1243 as it is written, unless the positions earlier stated in ABAG Board Resolution 07-02 are met and addressed in future amendments. The Executive Board concurred. It was moved by Holt/S/Spees/C/ that the Committee report be accepted. Mayor Green requested that his position be recorded as opposed on SB1262, and support on SB1374 and AB680.

10. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair, Steve Rabinowitsh recommended approval of the May financial reports and noted that a potential new ABAG program was discussed that would assist residents in leasing homes with an option to purchase. This program may be presented to the Executive Board as early as September. It was moved by Rabinowitsh/S/Miller/C/ that the Committee report be approved as presented.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer