

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 308
September 16, 1999 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Vice President Doris Morse at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Donna Gerber
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Alicia Becerril
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Joseph Simitian
Supervisor William Carroll
Mayor Patricia White
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Gwen Regalia
Councilmember Jane Bartke
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Mr. Paul Horcher
Mayor Doris Morse
Councilmember Don Burnett
Mayor David Fleming
Councilmember Pam Torliatt
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember John Russo
Councilmember Charlotte Powers

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Leslie Katz
Supervisor Mark Leno
Supervisor Gavin Newsom
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor Paul Kelley
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Cathie Brown
Mayor Shirley Dean
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Councilmember George Stratigos
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Vice Mayor Ken Slavens
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Deputy Mayor Jan Epstein
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves
Councilmember Stan Kawczynski
Councilmember Julia Miller
Mayor Mary Lou Zoglin
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.
Councilmember Alice Woody
Councilmember Margie Matthews
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

Jurisdiction

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Napa County
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Johnck, Executive Director of the Bay Planning Coalition, invited Board members to attend the 12th annual San Francisco Bay Decisionmakers Conference on September 23 at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Three speakers urged the Board to change and approve the dioxin resolution that would be voted on later in the agenda. (Michael Green, Greg Karras, Davis Baltz)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Morse welcomed Councilmember Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma and Supervisor Alicia Becerril, San Francisco who were attending their first Executive Board meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, pointed out the brief update on ABAG activities contained in the board packet. Leong reported draft Projections 2000 numbers have been sent to planning departments for review by each jurisdiction. ABAG needs to receive feedback from cities and counties by October 8th. ABAG recently received unofficial numbers for the Housing Needs Determination; we will continue to work with the State to get these numbers lowered. Leong encouraged Board members to attend ABAG's net.gov Conference on September 23, Fall General Assembly on October 14 and 15, and Power Matters 99 on October 28.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 307, July 15, 1999.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a proposal and if accepted to enter into an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project's Delta In-Channel Island Workgroup to fund the construction phase of the demonstration project to restore and enhance the Delta Channel Island habitat. The \$100,000 grant funds would be expended between December 1, 1999 and November 30, 2001. ABAG would provide a \$2,500 match. The grant would assist with implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

D. Authorization to Enter into a an Interagency Agreement with the California Department of Transportation

Item pulled from the Agenda; already approved at the July 15, 1999 meeting.

E. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the Santa Clara Valley Water District

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to provide technical support for reviewing, commenting,

and processing water quality permits and certifications. The contract will not exceed \$125,000 over a 21-month period. No matching funds are required by ABAG. The contract will assist with implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

F. Authorization Requested to Increase the Amount of Contract with California Department of Boating and Waterways

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to increase the contract approved in May 1999 from \$200,000 to \$250,000. The term of the agreement will remain July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001. The additional funds will be used to implement the program with no increase in the ABAG match.

G. Authorization Requested to Enter into an Agreement with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

The Board authorized ABAG Research and Analysis staff to provide technical assistance in planning, analysis, and data collection for AMBAG commuting and land use patterns. Staff will also develop Geographic Information System products and tools to perform planning scenarios in cooperation with an advisory committee. The scope of work will not exceed \$60,000.

H. Authorization Requested for ABAG to Accept \$2.5 Million from the Coastal Conservancy for the Bay Trail

Board authorized the Executive Director to accept \$2.5 million from the California Coastal Conservancy and ABAG will administer a competitive grant program to extend the Bay Trail. Resolution 16-99 defines specific roles for the California Coastal Conservancy, ABAG, and the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

I. ABAG Officer Election Calendar

The Board endorsed the 1999 Election Calendar for President and Vice President.

J. Authorization to Communicate Support of Attorney General's Request for Appropriation to Investigate the Oil Industry

Board authorized letters to the Legislature and the Governor supporting SB 1131 (Burton) and Lockyer's efforts to investigate allegations of anti-competitive practices in the pricing of gasoline and mergers of major oil companies. \$2.5 million has been requested by Lockyer to hire temporary staff for the investigation.

K. Correspondence from Felicia Marcus, U.S. EPA

L. Authorization to Submit Grant Request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Behalf of the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit an application on behalf of the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development to the U.S. EPA for a Sustainable Development Challenge Grant. ABAG would, in partnership with local and regional agencies and Bay Area Alliance members, guide development of a smart growth study toward using land more efficiently, better balancing jobs and housing locations, addressing equity concerns, mitigating the adverse impacts of growth, and addressing other sustainability objectives. The grant could be as high as \$250,000 with a required local match. The grant would be two years in duration.

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

6. PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Carl Anthony, CEO of Bay Area Urban Habitat, shared environmental justice principles recently adopted by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. These principles are consistent with the concepts and initiatives advocated by the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development. Anthony noted *the environmental and social justice movements are tributaries of a much larger dynamic: the struggle of ordinary people to oppose the economic and corporate forces that place the human and ecological resources of the planet at risk.* The Urban Habitat efforts have been to *increase the capacity of low income and working class people, and communities of color to help build a just and sustainable future, honoring our interdependence with the natural world.*

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

Rusty Selix, Executive Director of the California Association of Councils of Governments, provided information about the State's FY99 budget. The good news is there is momentum and an environment for change. The bad news is there is never enough money to accomplish all that is needed. Selix highlighted the following issues of the Commission on Building for the 21st Century:

- majority vote for local school bond issues, and the vote requirement for government bond measures;
- assumption of responsibilities of certain projects either totally by the state or totally by local governments;
- linking eligibility for infrastructure funds to meeting performance criteria;
- utilization of the State Infrastructure Bank to assist in financing state and local infrastructure;
- dedication by both state and local governments of a set amount of funds for pay-as-you-go financing; and
- a rational prioritization of needs.

8. CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Gary Binger, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, brought a unanimous recommendation from the Regional Planning Committee in support of Resolution 15-99, calling for collaboration among State and federal agencies and other interests to resolve environmental and water management problems associated with the Bay-Delta system. Marcia Brockbank, SF Estuary Project Manager and Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Marin County, urged passage of the resolution to incorporate the following into future policies and programs of the CalFed process: 1) establish science-based standards for minimum flows of freshwater into the Bay, 2) equitable water conservation practices must be required and enforced for all users throughout California, and 3) funding must be raised to levels proportional to budgets for environmental restoration in other parts of the State. Passage of Resolution 15-99 was moved by Spees/S/Torliatt/C/.

9. REPORT ON THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S "BLUEPRINT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

Charlotte Powers, San Jose Councilmember and ABAG representative to MTC, presented a progress report on the Blueprint status. The information-gathering phase is almost complete and

the evaluation phase is beginning. Outreach efforts to occur this fall include CMA-sponsored public outreach workshops, focus groups, and polls. Upcoming milestones in the process include:

- Sept. 1999, MTC to circulate Blueprint Project Notebook of Candidate Projects for review.
- Sept./Oct. 1999, Staff to prepare Blueprint packages, conduct travel demand forecasting, and develop preliminary funding strategies. A Blueprint Project Evaluation Report will then be circulated for review.
- Oct./Nov. 1999, Public review (workshops, focus groups, and polls) on Blueprint projects and funding strategies to be conducted. CMA public outreach meeting to be held. Staff to prepare detailed funding strategy to finance promising Blueprint proposals.
- Dec./Feb. 2000, Staff to work with Commission, partner agencies, stakeholders, and legislators to develop consensus on final Blueprint proposals and funding strategies.
- Mar. 2000, Commission adoption of final Blueprint Report.

10. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. ABAG POWER

Elena Schmid, Power Pool Manager, updated the Board on ABAG's role in energy markets. The three-year gas purchasing pool has 42 members with 5% average savings. The 18-month electric purchasing pool has 60 members with first year savings of about 2.5%. ABAG has recently contracted with Calpine for renewable or green power and members will receive a 1.5 cent per kilowatt rebate.

B. Inter-Regional Partnership

Gary Binger, ABAG Deputy Executive Director, updated the Board about Inter-Regional Partnership activities. On October 13, the IRP will meet with the California Legislature's Select Committee on Job Housing Balance to explore opportunities for state fiscal and regulatory incentives. A local government checklist will be sent to cities in the five county IRP area to inquire into the status/level of interest in policies and strategies of addressing job-housing challenges and will allow the IRP to focus their efforts on specific issues.

11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

A. 1999 Diversity and Business Opportunity Report

Chair Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek, requested that the Board approve the report. It was moved by Spees/S/Russo/C/.

B. Recommendation on Request from City of Oakland re Formation of Task Force on Elimination of Dioxin from the Environment

Regalia presented Resolution 17-99 urging regional, state, and federal regulatory agencies to increase their efforts to understand and control dioxins in the Bay Area. Working with the cities of Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley, and Alameda County and other local governments to convene and assemble the appropriate regulatory agencies to review issues related to dioxin in the environment, develop scope of research/analysis into a work plan and work to secure funding to undertake the work plan. It was moved by Spees/S/Burnett. After discussion, the motion was amended by Nadel/S/Burnett replacing the word "control" with "prevent". The motion carried with no votes recorded by Griffin, Powers, Murray, Regalia, Bartke, Green and Morse. White, Simitian, Haggerty, Jacobs Gibson and Fleming abstained.

C. Closed Session

The Board met in closed session to discuss anticipated litigation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer