

# SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 321  
November 15, 2001 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President William Carroll, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

### Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor William J. "Bill" Carroll  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier  
Supervisor John Gioia  
Supervisor Mike Rippey  
Supervisor Chris Daly  
Supervisor Jake McGoldrick  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson  
Supervisor Peter McHugh  
Mayor Mark Green  
Councilmember Gwen Regalia  
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson  
Mayor Ken Slavens  
Ms. Maria Ayerdi  
Mr. Paul Horcher  
Ms. Alicia Bert  
Councilmember Maxine Gonsalves  
Councilmember Jose Esteves  
Councilmember Julia Miller  
Mayor David Fleming  
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh  
Councilmember Richard Spees

### Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Nate Miley  
Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker  
Supervisor Gail Steele  
Supervisor Cynthia Murray  
Supervisor John Kress  
Supervisor Mark Church  
Supervisor Richard Gordon  
Supervisor Michael Nevin  
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor Don Gage  
Supervisor Liz Kniss  
Supervisor Mike Kerns  
Supervisor Paul Kelley  
Mayor Cathie Brown  
Councilmember Patricia White  
Mayor Shirley Dean  
Vice Mayor Kris Valstad  
Mayor Kathleen Hicks  
Councilmember Maria Alegria  
Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Mullin  
Mayor Carol Klatt

### Jurisdiction

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

Vice Mayor Donald Eaton  
Vice Mayor 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

San Mateo Cities  
City of Oakland  
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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Carroll presented Fairfield Mayor George Pettygrove with a plaque and thanked him for his service on the Executive Board, L&GO and F&P Committees and to the region. Carroll also welcomed Milpitas Councilmember Jose Esteves who has moved from alternate to representative for Santa Clara County Cities.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Eugene Leong noted that this would be the last time President Carroll would preside over the Board – Councilmember Regalia, Walnut Creek and Supervisor Haggerty, Alameda have been elected President and Vice President, respectively. Leong encouraged board members to make themselves aware of Governor Davis' proposed budgetary reductions in 2001-02 spending. Leong announced that the joint meeting of ABAG, BAAQMD and MTC resulted in adoption of the 2001 SIP – Bay Area Ozone Attainment Plan, which has subsequently been approved by CARB and sent to the EPA for approval. As a result of this lengthy process, Supervisor DeSaulnier, Contra Costa, has suggested re-instituting the Joint Air Quality Policy Committee to continue ongoing air quality discussions between the three co-lead agencies.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 320, September 20, 2001.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Committee Appointments

The Board approved the following committee appointments:

Regional Planning Committee

Vice Mayor Janice Cader-Thompson, Petaluma  
Carol Severin, East Bay Regional Park District Director  
Mike Moore, Petaluma Planning Director, Bay Area Planning Directors' Association

ABAG/San Joaquin/Stanislaus InterRegional Partnership:

Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, San Jose

- D. “Collection and Analysis of Repair Data and Owner Characteristics to Improve Earthquake Recovery Planning for Housing” to the National Science Foundation (NSF)  
Board authorized proposal to the NSF for funding, and if accepted, Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement to improve pre-earthquake housing recovery planning, and to accelerate residential rebuilding efforts in future earthquakes related to data on the recovery of the housing market and timelines for repair and replacement. The effort will include issuing reports, articles and workshops as well as posting summary information on ABAG’s internet site. The proposed project would start in Fall or Winter 2001 and end 18 months later with a \$225,612 budget including an ABAG match of approximately \$2,500 and \$3,600 of subcontract work.
- E. U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for an Assessment of Short and Long-Term Impacts of Alternative Traffic Control Options Following Disasters  
Board authorized a proposal to the USDOT for a grant and if accepted, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract to compile information on the likely impacts of various options for road, highway, airport and port traffic controls following a disaster. The impacts to be analyzed include disaster response, economic impacts, rebuilding, and restoring functionality. The 18-month project budget would not exceed \$490,000 with an ABAG match of approximately \$10,000. The George Washington University Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management would receive a \$110,000 subcontract.
- F. U.S. Department of Transportation Interactive Internet Equipment Data Sharing  
Executive Board approved proposal, and if accepted, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the USDOT that would focus on compiling information on the locations of various types of equipment useful if buildings or utilities are damaged or destroyed in an earthquake, terrorist attack or other disaster. Equipment to be inventoried include bulldozers, cranes, dump trucks and excavators. The database would be available for queries from local governments, the California Office of Emergency Services and ABAG. We are requesting \$140,000 from USDOT plus providing a \$10,000 match for this 18-month project.
- G. State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Driving After Disasters Education Program – Phase II  
Board approved proposal, and if accepted, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with OTS to follow up on ABAG’s existing project on driving after disasters by producing a 15-minute video and continue the existing outreach campaign to schools, businesses and others. We are requesting up to \$100,000 plus providing an ABAG match of up to \$15,000 for this 12-month project. Much of the video production (approximately \$30,000) would be subcontracted.
- H. State of California Office of Traffic Safety – Safe Routes to Schools Clearinghouse  
Board authorized proposal to OTS to provide safe routes to schools by facilitating collaboration between parents, public officials, health professionals, designers and educators to remake communities so children can walk and bike safely to school. ABAG is requesting \$790,654 for a three-year project with a subcontract to the Center for Health Training for \$718,776. ABAG would serve as the fiscal agent, providing accounting services and professional staff oversight.
- I. Amend Existing Contract with V-Soft  
Board approved an Executive Director amendment to an existing contract with V-Soft for database programming services. The requested increase of \$8,500 would allow significant enhancements to the

contacts/ mailing system management program for a total of \$83,500. The new program would be completed for use on the 2002 Bay Area Directory.

- J. Continue a Program to Implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)  
The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the RWQCB to continue funding the joint program (previously authorized in 1999). Monies from litigation (settlements), fees, fines and grants will be used by ABAG and RWQCB to implement actions within the CCMP that restore and protect the San Francisco Estuary. This extension will be in effect until December 31, 2004 and will not exceed \$300,000. No match is required.
- K. Submit a Grant Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a proposal to the EPA on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project and partners for the monitoring and assessment of tidal marshes in the estuary that can be used for reporting ecosystem condition and effectiveness of wetland restoration. If awarded, the Executive Director or designee will enter into an agreement with EPA for \$400,000 to be expended over a two-year period (August 2002-2004). ABAG would provide a \$10,000 match of in-kind services. The proposal would assist with implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.
- L. Enter into a Contract with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)  
The Executive Board approved the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract with the SWRCB on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project to develop and conduct a construction storm water training program for SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Board staff. Contract amount not to exceed \$250,000 and to be expended over a two-year period (January 2002 – 2004). No matching funds are required by ABAG. The contract will assist with implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.
- M. Enter into a Contract with TDC Environmental (TDC)  
The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate a contract with TDC, not to exceed \$60,000 over a 16-month period (November 2001 – March 2003). The contract between ABAG and the State Water Resources Control Board provides technical, administrative and communication support to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. TDC was the most responsive consultant for this project involving the screening of pesticide products for their potential effects on urban surface water runoff. The contract will assist with implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.
- N. Exchange of Membership with the Bay Planning Coalition  
The Board authorized staff to enter into a reciprocal membership agreement with the Bay Planning Coalition. There will be no payment of membership dues since ABAG's Cooperating Membership and the Bay Planning Coalition's Association Membership dues are each \$500.
- O. Amendment to Policies on ABAG Committee Formation, Structure, and Membership  
The Executive Board authorized an amendment to ABAG's policies on committee formation, structure and membership to the Regional Planning Committee, to include three new categories: Education, Redevelopment, and the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group.

It was moved by Spees/S/Jacobs Gibson/C/ to add two late breaking items to the consent calendar.

LATE BREAKING ITEMS:

1. The Board authorized Resolution 18-01 issuing up to \$30,000,000 in “AAA” insured Marks Roos Lease Revenue Bonds on behalf of the jurisdictions listed in the resolution.
2. The Executive Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Frontline Network Consulting, Inc. not to exceed \$95,000 for network upgrades and security devices. MTC will pay up to \$35,000 of the contract costs for shared components. Frontline was the lowest responsible bidder of three firms submitting proposals.

It was moved by Spees/S/Regalia/C to approve the amended consent calendar.

**6. BAY AREA GREEN BUSINESS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY ALLOCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Jennifer Krebs, Senior Environmental Planner, presented the data analysis through 2000 and updated the Board on hazardous waste in the Bay Area. Krebs requested Board approval of the following recommendations:

- approve county rankings based on 2000 data;
- undertake outreach efforts on substance of report;
- continue to support Bay Area Green Business Program;
- work with CAL-EPA, DTSC on Vehicle Service, Petroleum Refineries Projects, and CIWMB on electronic waste reduction efforts; and
- continue to review data and rankings annually.

It was moved by McHugh/S/Regalia/C/ that the report be approved as presented.

Ceil Scandone, Senior Regional Planner, reported that this program continues to work toward source reduction of hazardous waste. Because of electronic waste problems – computer and TV monitors, printers, copiers, etc. – the Committee sought approval of their recommendation to send a letter to CAL-EPA, DTSC and CIWMB proposing 1) an inter-agency work group be established to address local government roles and responsibilities; 2) facilitate development of tech assistance and resources; and 3) participate in development of long term solutions such as product stewardship and redesign. It was moved by Spees/S/Slavens/C/ to send the recommended letter.

Mayor Rosemary Corbin, Richmond, was presented with a proclamation and recycled glass bowl commemorating her 14 years of leadership and guidance in association with the Hazardous Waste Committee, as well as her work with the Bay Trail and Earthquake Projects.

**7. PROJECTIONS 2002**

Research Director, Paul Fassinger, presented the revised population, job and household projection forecasts to the Board and noted that it had been very helpful to receive such good input from local jurisdictions. Fassinger said he expected the economy to begin recovery in mid to late 2002 and that recent events would have only a short-term effect. The long-term view tells us that we must address familiar

challenges by getting back to business as usual. It was moved by McHugh/S/Spees/C/ to adopt the forecast.

**8. STATUS AND UPDATE ON BAY AREA DIOXINS PROJECT**

This item was postponed and will be reported on at a later date.

**9. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda, presented a meeting overview and noted that a special session would be held to discuss the process and scope of the pollution prevention recommendations related to the Bay Area Dioxins Task Force. This item was removed from the Board agenda and a disclaimer would be added to the report on the ABAG web site stating that the report is a continuing work in progress. For a list of legislation and further information on the L&GO Committee, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922 or KathleenC@abag.ca.gov. The Committee report was moved for approval by Haggerty/S/Spees/C/.

**10. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Audited Financial Report – Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001

Chair Mike Rippey, County of Napa, stated that the 2000 ABAG Single Audit Report was clean and the Committee recommended approval. It was moved by Gioia/S/Miller/C/ that the audit report be approved.

B. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Patricia Jones

Employee Organization: SEIU Local 790

The Board approved a series of changes to salary and benefits including Resolution 17-01 for retiree medical benefits and a two-year extension to the current Memorandum of Understanding to June 30, 2004.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer