

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 315
November 16, 2000 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President William Carroll at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor William J. "Bill" Carroll
Supervisor Mary King
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Peter McHugh
Supervisor Mike Kerns
Mayor Cathie Brown
Mayor Mark Green
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Vice Mayor Terry Segerberg
Mayor Ken Slavens
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Mr. Paul Horcher
Councilmember Eugene Mullin
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt
Councilmember Don Burnett
Councilmember Julia Miller
Mayor Don Erickson
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Jane Brunner
Councilmember Richard Spees
Councilmember Charlotte Powers

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor S. Joseph Simitian
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Ms. Alicia Bert
Ms. Karin Carlson
Ms. Jennifer Kass
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Vice Mayor Henry Chang, Jr.
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.
Councilmember Alice Woody
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

Jurisdiction

Solano County
Alameda County
Alameda County
Contra Costa County
Contra Costa County
Napa County
San Francisco County
San Francisco County
San Mateo County
San Mateo County
Santa Clara County
Sonoma County
Alameda County Cities
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Carroll acknowledged three ABAG past presidents who were attending their last meeting and thanked them for their thoughtful participation and service to the residents of the region. As a token of appreciation, plaques were presented to Mary Griffin, Mary King, and Charlotte Powers. Carroll also thanked Dixon Mayor Don Erickson, an alternate to the Board representing Solano County Cities, for his service to the region.

President Carroll reported that Board member Carol Dillon Knutson indicated how relevant and timely she found the information presented at the recent General Assembly – she was disappointed that more jurisdictions were not present. A round of applause acknowledged the generous actions of Vice President Gwen Regalia who sponsored three students, a faculty advisor, and an administrator from her school district to attend the General Assembly and learn about the bioscience industry.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs. He noted that the Power Pool is reaping huge rewards for its members since signing a contract with Calpine on September 1st for green power – savings of approximately 20-25%.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 314, September 21, 2000.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into Contract for Public Outreach for Dioxins Project

The Board authorized a request for the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a one-year contract with the Center for Environmental Health for \$30,000 for public outreach services in connection with the Bay Area Dioxins Project. Funds for the contract would be from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

D. Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into Contract with Technical Environmental Consultant(s)

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to issue a Request for Qualifications and to negotiate and enter into a 15-month contract with a technical and environmental consultant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The selected consultant(s) would assist local governments with dioxins pollution prevention strategies pursuant to a PBT grant (Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemical) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ABAG.

E. Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Consultants to Perform Services Related to the Inter-Regional Partnership (IRP)

Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to issue Requests for Proposals for consultants to perform services related to the IRP and enter into contracts with the selected consultants. The contracts will be paid through both State funding and ABAG match as required by IRP statute. The contracted services would not exceed \$200,000.

F. Authorization to Enter into Agreement with CALFED Bay-Delta Program

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into an interagency agreement with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program for ABAG and the San Francisco Estuary Project to provide technical, communication, and administrative support for CALFED's Science Program. The agreement would not exceed \$2,275,000 over a three-year period. No matching funds are required by ABAG. The agreement would assist with implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary.

G. Authorization to Submit Grant Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Bay Area Wetlands Recovery Project

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a grant proposal to the EPA and enter into an agreement on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project to provide administrative support and to conduct/coordinate public outreach for the San Francisco Bay Area Wetlands Recovery Project. The agreement would be in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to be expended between July 2001 and June 2002. ABAG would provide a \$1,000 match. The Wetlands Recovery Project is an interagency effort to coordinate the recovery of wetlands in the Bay Area which implement the Baylands Ecosystem Goals and the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary.

H. Authorization to Submit Grant Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Technical and Administrative Support in Connection with Creek and Stream Bank Stabilization Design

Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to submit a proposal to the EPA on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project to provide administrative and technical support for the development and production of recommendations for creek and stream bank stabilization design. The Executive Director or designee would enter into an agreement with EPA in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and expended between July 2001 and September 2002. ABAG would provide a \$2,500 match. The guidance document would benefit local, regional, state/federal agencies by providing applicants seeking permits for creek modification with information on sensible and environmentally sound project design before the permitting process. The guidance document would assist with implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

I. Authorization to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding or Contract with the Bay Area Water Transit Authority

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the recently created Bay Area Water Transit Authority for the administration of start-up functions for the new regional Authority. The start-up functions may include assisting with administration of budgeting, accounting, investments, human resources, employee benefits, information systems, purchasing, selecting and retaining consultants, and other administrative functions. ABAG would be reimbursed for all expenses related to providing such assistance. The initial period of assistance would be up to two and one-half years.

It was moved by Haggerty/S/Rippey/C/ that the consent calendar be approved.

6. PRESENTATION OF EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS AWARDS

Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented awards to three cities who have taken large steps to encourage the retrofitting of vulnerable housing. Jennifer Drapeau, City of Berkeley Mayor's Chief of Staff, accepted an award for helping low income seniors and disabled persons retrofit their houses. Berkeley was also

recognized for establishing a rehab program for housing occupied by low-income tenants. Mayor Gus Morrison, City of Fremont, accepted an award for the voluntary soft-story retrofit program which provides prescriptive measures for retrofit, waived city fees, and optional low-interest loans. Councilmember Charlotte Powers, City of San Jose, accepted an award for the focus placed on soft-story apartments and trying to kill the myth that retrofitting is prohibitively expensive by providing clear information on retrofit procedures and costs. A congratulatory round of applause was given for these fine projects.

7. REPORT ON CALFED PROJECT

Supervisors Mike Rippey and John Gioia explained the significance of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and encouraged the Board to establish a San Francisco Bay Area CALFED Task Force. Rose Jacobs Gibson indicated her interest in participating, and other Board members interested in serving on the Task Force should notify ABAG staff. Two speakers from the audience also spoke in favor of the Task Force. Supervisors Rippey, Gioia and Steve Kinsey (who was unable to attend) were asked to continue working toward establishing the Task Force, and implementing the following objectives:

- to restore and maintain a healthy Bay;
- to protect the legitimate interests of Bay Area communities;
- to provide a unified Bay Area voice into the CALFED program;
- to help coordinate CALFED projects with the needs of Bay Area communities; and
- to help coordinate the existing Bay Area Smart Growth, Sustainable Development and other planning efforts with the water supply directions being developed by CALFED.

It was moved by Gioia/S/Yaki/C/.

8. REGIONAL SMART GROWTH STRATEGY

ABAG Senior Planner, Victoria Eisen updated the Board on the progress of the regional collaborative effort to develop a smart growth strategy which has identified the following objectives:

- inform and foster local government and stakeholder participation;
- develop a shared regional database and provide decision-making tools for planning land use;
- identify, analyze, and compare alternative scenarios;
- reduce conflict and increase certainty of land use by working together;
- develop recommendations to provide fiscal and regulatory incentives and eliminate smart growth barriers; and
- provide a framework for future investments in infrastructure and environmental quality.

9. ANNUAL REPORT ON MTC ACTIVITIES

Councilmember Charlotte Powers reported on the successful Transportation for Liveable Communities Neighborhood Planning Grants which work to develop and plan community oriented transportation projects that can compete for regional funding. A new component, the Housing Incentive Program (HIP), was recently added and seeks to maximize public investments in transit infrastructure, encourage transit use, and address regional housing to increase the housing supply in areas where transportation infrastructure already exists and where walking, bicycling and riding transit are viable choices.

10. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION UPDATE

Senior Planner, Alex Amoroso, presented the RHND staff recommendation and ten members of the audience spoke about the recommendations. Many members of the Board spoke to affirm how well the

process was handled by ABAG and how desperately the Bay Area needs to increase the housing supply. The staff recommendations were approved – moved by Spees/S/Brown (Cathie)/C/ with one no vote cast by Kerns. The Board also directed staff to initiate the appeals process and continue to work with the State to resolve problems dealing with infrastructure, environmental, and regulatory constraints. Moved by Rippey/S/Kerns/C/.

11. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair, Scott Haggerty, shared the new L&GO strategies for achieving local government fiscal stability and tax relief. These strategies include pursuing coalition/legislative partnerships and raise the public’s awareness for campaign and fiscal reform. A long-term strategy of fiscal reform would be to create permanent financing stability within cities and counties that will give local government a secure funding base. For more information about the L&GO Committee, contact Kathleen Cha at 510/464-7922.

12. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

A. 2000 ABAG Single Audit Report

Chair Mike Rippey noted that the Single Audit Report was exemplary and the Committee recommended approval.

B. Contract Authorization

Committee recommended approval of a contract to upgrade the Oracle Financial System and perform on-going database administration services.

Rippey reported that the Committee also recommended 1) an alternative to the current deferred compensation plan; 2) providing administrative support for the CALFED Science Program; and 3) entering into an MOU with the Bay Area Water Transit Authority for startup administration. It was moved by Rippey/S/Griffin/C/ that the Board approve the Committee recommendations.

C. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation (Govt. C Sec. 54956.9(b)(1)(C))

Receipt of a Notice of Claim Pursuant to California Tort Claim Act – Reyes v ABAG.
No action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer