

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 309
November 18, 1999 ■ MetroCenter Auditorium

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Vice President Doris Morse at MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Morse noted that former Pinole Mayor Gretchen Mariotti passed away recently and asked that she be remembered during a moment of silence for her many years of service to the Bay Area.

Representatives and Alternates

Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier
Supervisor Mike Rippey
Supervisor Amos Brown
Supervisor Michael Yaki
Supervisor Mary Griffin
Supervisor Joseph Simitian
Supervisor William Carroll
Supervisor Paul Kelley
Mayor Mark Green
Mayor Gwen Regalia
Councilmember Jane Bartke
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Mary Lou Holt
Ms. Maria Ayerdi
Mayor Doris Morse
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Councilmember Don Burnett
Mayor Mary Lou Zoglin
Mayor Don Erickson
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh
Councilmember Richard Spees

Following Representatives and Alternates Absent

Supervisor Mary King
Supervisor Keith Carson
Supervisor Gail Steele
Supervisor Donna Gerber
Supervisor Gayle Uilkema
Supervisor Cynthia Murray
Supervisor Steve Kinsey
Supervisor Leslie Katz
Supervisor Mark Leno
Supervisor Alicia Becerril
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Richard Gordon
Supervisor Blanca Alvarado
Mayor Cathie Brown
Mayor Patricia White
Mayor Shirley Dean
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Mr. Paul Horcher
Ms. Naomi Weinstein
Councilmember John Russo
Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Councilmember Manny Diaz
Councilmember George Shirakawa, Jr.
Councilmember Alice Woody
Councilmember Margie Matthews
Councilmember Frank Fiscalini

Jurisdiction

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

The following speakers addressed the Board about the Housing Needs Determination process: Betty Pagett, Non-Profit Housing Authority for Northern California; Greg Carr, Sonoma County Planner; Cameron Yee, Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition; and Chris Brown, Greenbelt Alliance.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Morse acknowledged the dedication and many hours of service by retiring Board members, Jane Bartke, City of El Cerrito; and Stan Kawczynski, City of Sunnyvale.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eugene Leong, ABAG Executive Director, presented Vice President Doris Morse with a plaque and thanked her for eight years of dedicated service to the region. Leong pointed out information in the Board packet that would provide updates about ABAG programs. Leong then demonstrated the similar problems of traffic and sprawl between the Bay Area and Los Angeles regions by overlaying a map of the greater ABAG region onto a map of southern California counties. The *Projections 2000* report confirms that these parallels will only increase unless smart growth initiatives are implemented.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes

Board approved Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 308, September 16, 1999.

B. Grant Applications

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

C. Appointments to Committees

Councilmember Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale, was appointed to represent ABAG on the Bay Area Economic Forum Board of Directors.

D. Authorization to Extend Contract with Peter Melhus for Services to the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development

The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to extend the contract with Peter Melhus on behalf of the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development Project. The request is not to exceed \$40,000 for a period of one year.

E. Authorization to Continue Assignment of ABAG Employee, Marcia Brockbank, to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) under an Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA)

The Board authorized Ms. Brockbank's continued assignment under an IPA to the RWQCB in conjunction with their cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

F. Authorization Requested to Submit a Grant Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The Board authorized Executive Director or designee to submit a proposal to the EPA on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project to fund the construction phase of the demonstration project to restore and enhance Delta Channel Island habitat. The grant assists with implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. If the proposal is approved, ABAG may enter into an agreement with EPA in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001. ABAG will provide \$2,500 in matching funds.

G. Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Board authorized Executive Director to submit a grant proposal to the EPA on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project to establish a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) Center. The Center would continue work started under an existing grant from EPA to improve the wetland permitting process in the Bay Area. The grant assists with implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. If approved, the Executive Director or designee would enter into an agreement with EPA not to exceed \$225,000 and be expended between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2002. ABAG would provide \$5,000 in matching funds.

H. Resolution 18-99 Fixing the Employer's Contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act

The Board approved Resolution 18-99 which under terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 790, ABAG agreed to set its contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act beginning January 1, 2000. Each annuitant or survivor benefit would be set at the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including family members, in a health benefits plan or plans up to a maximum equal to 100 percent of the current Kaiser rate for a single, Medicare eligible person, plus administrative fees and contingency reserve fund assessments.

I. Authorization to Enter into a Contract for the Provision of Trail Design Services

Earlier in the year, the San Francisco Bay Trail Project entered into a contract with the City of Oakland to administer a trail planning and design project. The Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract not to exceed \$145,000 with one of the five consultant firms that responded to the Bay Trail Project's request for proposals for trail design services for the City of Oakland. The selected team would be responsible for designing landscape, lighting and signage systems, developing architectural plans and specifications, and fulfilling various planning-related work items. The target date for completion of this contract would be May 2000.

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

6. REPORT ON PROJECTIONS 2000

ABAG Research Director Paul Fassinger, presented an overview of the revised demographic trends for the region and noted the full report will be introduced at a symposium on December 3

in the MetroCenter auditorium. Fassinger highlighted the following changes from Projections 1998 and the July draft report:

- recent job growth higher than expected;
- population growth higher than expected;
- long-term forecast calls for proportionately more population and jobs in the southern counties, although northern counties still have highest percentage growth rates;
- the revised forecast reflects comments from cities, counties and other agencies; and
- results in minor reductions to county totals particularly with regard to employment.

It was moved by Spees/S/Bartke/C to approve the revised forecast. A no vote was cast by Carole Dillon-Knutson.

7. REPORT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING DETERMINATION PROCESS

Several speakers spoke briefly about this issue during the time set aside for public comment. Senior Planner, Alex Amoroso presented an update on the Housing Needs Determination process, the State housing needs allocation numbers, and presented two methodology formulas for determining local housing needs. It was moved by Green/S/Griffin/C to adopt the 50% methodology formula. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Griffin/S/Zoglin/C to approve Staff's request to release the numbers to each jurisdiction. No votes by Ayerdi, A. Brown, Dillon-Knutson, Haggerty, Kelley, Rabinowitsh, Regalia, Rippey and Yaki. (Detailed information on this project is available at abagOnline: www.abag.ca.gov/planning/housingneeds/index.htm)

8. REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS ISSUES

Supervisor Amos Brown, City & County of San Francisco, asked the Board to consider the issue of homelessness from a regional prospective and to carefully note the cause and effect that drugs and alcohol have on the homeless. Marty Fleetwood, Executive Director of HomeBase presented a status report *Turning Homelessness Around* highlighting five areas that would go a long way toward providing solutions to homelessness if monies were available to finance them. The five targeted areas include:

- increase incomes now;
- access stable, permanent housing;
- improve the delivery of support services;
- build community; and
- integrate the homeless and mainstream systems.

9. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Chair Jane Bartke, City of El Cerrito, presented Committee recommendations on pending legislation. It was moved by Spees/S/Griffin/C/ to approve the recommendations. A detailed list of the legislation and each position is available from Michelle Fadelli, Communications Manager.

10. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

A. 1999 ABAG Single Audit Report

Chair Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek, stated that it “was a very good report” and requested Board approval of the 1999 ABAG Single Audit Report prepared by Hood & Strong. It was moved by Regalia/S/Bartke/C/.

B. Report on Development of Financing Policy for Financial Service Programs

Regalia presented a *Land Based Financing Program Policy* to be used for Financial Services. It was moved by Burnett/S/DeSaulnier/C/ that this policy be implemented.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer