

**ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 327
Thursday, November 21, 2002 7:30 p.m.
METROCENTER AUDITORIUM
101 - 8th St (at Oak St.)
Oakland, CA**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action: Unless there is a request by a Board member to take up an item on the consent calendar separately, the calendar will be acted upon in one motion.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes**

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B. Grant Applications**

With Board consent, ABAG will transmit the attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's "Intergovernmental Review Newsletter" since the last Executive Board meeting.

C. Appointments to Committees

President Regalia requests the Board's approval of the following appointments to committees:

Administrative Committee:

Councilmember David Cortese, City of San Jose

D. National Science Foundation Proposal to Study Impacts of Post-Disaster Transportation System Closures and Controls

Authorization is requested to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation and, if funded, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a contract to compile information on the past impacts of various road, highway, airport, and port traffic closures following a disaster so that decision makers can use the most appropriate strategy for controlling traffic. The impacts to be analyzed include disaster response, economic impacts, rebuilding,

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and restoration of functionality. The proposal requests \$274,309 from the Department of Transportation including a \$68,984 subcontract to the George Washington University Institute for crisis, disaster, and risk management as well as a \$3,600 subcontract for database programming. If funded, ABAG will provide a \$3,000 match for this 18-month project projected to start April 1, 2003.

E. Authorization to Submit Proposal for Collection and Analysis of Repair Data And Owner Characteristics to Improve Earthquake Recovery Planning for Housing to the National Science Foundation

Authorization is requested to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation and if funded, for the 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. The research and data collected will assist those trying to encourage pre-event mitigation and planning, including local government planners, redevelopment specialists, and shelter providers. The proposed project will start April 1, 2003, and end 18 months later with a total budget of \$242,600 including an ABAG match of \$3,000 and a subcontract totaling \$2,400.

F. Authorization to Submit Proposals to Form Regional Energy Office

Previously (May 15, 2001) the Executive Board authorized the Executive Director or designee, on behalf of ABAG or ABAG POWER, to apply for funding, and if granted, to enter into a contract(s) with the California Energy Commission (CEC) and/or the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) or other appropriate state agency to provide technical assistance and training to cities and counties for conservation programs relating to the energy crisis. We now request the Board extend this authorization to include proposals that would lead to the formation of a Regional Energy Office (REO) to be administered by ABAG in cooperation with participating local agencies. It is the intent that this REO would provide energy management information and technical assistance to local governments in the Bay Area.

G. Authorization to Submit Proposal to Pew Charitable Trust, State of California and State of California Department of Water Resources

Scoping is underway for a possible set of grant submissions to the Pew Charitable Trust and the State of California Department of Water Resources for projects to help reverse coastal resource declines. Authorization is requested to submit a set of cross-disciplinary grant proposals not to exceed \$1 million and if funded, for the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts with grantors.

H. Authorization to Extend Contract with Michael Arnold, Legislative Representative

Authorization is requested to extend the agreement between ABAG and Michael J. Arnold, as ABAG's State Legislative Representative in Sacramento, for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 through June 30, 2003. Last year the Executive Board approved a contract with Michael J. Arnold that expired June 30th.

6. SMART GROWTH STRATEGY/REGIONAL LIVABILITY FOOTPRINT PROJECT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GENERAL FORECASTING PARAMETERS**

Information/ACTION: ABAG Principal Planner Alex Amoroso will provide a brief update on the Smart Growth Strategy/Regional Livability Footprint Project and Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director will request approval of general forecasting parameters that are needed to guide the development of the policy-based smart growth forecast (Projections 2003). The Board

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will be asked to approve these parameters consistent with the smart growth policies adopted at the September meeting. A status report and schedule for future Board action will also be presented.

- 7. ENDORSEMENT OF THE BAY AREA ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMPACT FOR A SUSTAINABLE BAY AREA****
Information/ACTION: Planning Director Gerry Raycraft and Senior Regional Planner Ceil Scandone will present the status of the Compact for a Sustainable Bay Area, a product of several years of work by the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Communities (formerly Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development) and the review and input of 65 cities and 7 counties. The Executive Board is being asked to endorse the Compact.
- 8. SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAM****
Information: Program Coordinator John Brosnan, San Francisco Estuary Project, will present an overview of the Bay Area Wetlands Restoration Program and highlight the Program's progress over the past four months. The presentation will feature an overview of the Program's history, organizational structure, and objectives and the goals of this new inter-agency effort to restore wetlands and associated habitats in the region.
- 9. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT****
Information/ACTION: President Gwen Regalia will report on the October 31, 2002, Administrative Committee meeting.
- 10. LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT****
Information/ACTION: Committee Chair Mary Lou Holt will report on Committee Activities.
- 11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT****
ACTION: Committee Chair Steve Rabinowitsh will report on Committee Activities including:

Audited Financial Reports for 2001-2002

Eugene Y. Leong, Secretary-Treasurer

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