

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 17, 2013
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG President
Councilmember Julie Pierce, Chair, City of Clayton, ABAG Vice President
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma

Staff Present:

Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** L&GO Chair Julie Pierce called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
2. **MINUTES:** November 15, 2012, minutes were approved.
3. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**
Sonoma County Supervisor David Rabbitt was elected Chair of the L&GO Committee, and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was elected Vice Chair.
4. **New Bills for Consideration in the 2013 Legislative Session:**
The Committee is recommending the following positions on eight (8) new bills:

SB 1 (Steinberg) Sustainable Communities Investment Authority: WATCH
SB 33 (Wolk) Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval—Repeal: SUPPORT
SCA 9 (Corbett) Local Government: Economic Development—Special Taxes—Voter Approval: WATCH
SCA 4 (Liu) Local Government: Transportation Projects: Special Taxes—Voter Approval: SUPPORT
SCA 8 (Corbett) Transportation Projects: Special Taxes—Voter Approval: SUPPORT
AB 39 (Skinner & John A. Perez) Proposition 39: Implementation: WATCH
AB 48 (Skinner) Firearms: Ammunition—Sales: WATCH
AB 22 (Blumenfeld) Sidewalks: Repairs: OPPOSE
5. **FINALIZED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**
The committee recommended the following edits/changes to the objectives to the Legislative Priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session.
 1. **Lowering the 2/3 supermajority vote threshold**
Under this priority it was noted that we would seek voter reduction for infrastructure taxes and bonds statewide and locally. **We would also continue legislative partnerships with CalCOG, MTC, Air District, BCDC, League of California Cities, and CSAC.**

2. Focus on SB 375 Implementation

The Committee refined the language regarding CEQA streamlining to **CEQA/Entitlement Efficiency**. This was one of the legislative objectives under this priority. The other legislative objectives include seeking housing element reform, seeking funding for housing, and seeking permanent funding for COGs, MPO, and local governments to fulfill SB 375 obligations.

5. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **March 21, 2013**.