

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

**Thursday, January 20, 2005**

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Irma Anderson, City of Richmond  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo  
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano  
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara  
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa  
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek  
Mayor Ken Slavens, City of St. Helena

*Also Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha—ABAG

- 1. Introductions:** Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson opened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.
- 2. Minutes:** November 18, 2004, minutes were approved.
- 3. Agenda Item 3: Review of federal legislation and court rulings related to water resources and funding** was moved to the March agenda.
- 4. Implications of 2005 State Budget for Local Government and Strategic Insights into 2005 Legislative Session**

**2005 State Budget:** The committee reviewed and raised concerns over the Governor's latest California budget proposals and their impact on local government, transportation, education, MEDICAL, and other health and welfare programs.

**Discussion of potential legislation for 2005 Legislative Session:** Legislators are in the beginnings stages of proposing bills. February 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day bills can be introduced. **Four bills** were distributed to the committee for general review:

**SB 10 (Dunn). Construction Defects: Litigation--Insurance**

Placeholder intent bill to provide for the equitable resolution of construction defect claims and litigation and to address the costs of liability insurance for builders, contractors, and subcontractors.

**SB 44 (Kehoe) General Plans: Air Quality Element**

Bill proposes to make legislative findings and declarations regarding air pollution problems in the state and mandate an air quality element of the general plan.

**ACA 7 (Nation) Local Government Taxation: Special Taxes—Voter Approval**

This measure would change the 2/3 voter approval requirement for special taxes, and instead authorize a city, county, or special district impose a special tax with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the tax.

**SR 8 Torlakson**

**Senate Resolution No. 8— Relative to transportation and housing**

Resolution says that the Senate should place a high priority during this legislative session on improving access to housing and reducing traffic congestion by promoting affordable housing, infill development, and other policies that allow people to live closer to their workplaces.

Because these bills are either placeholder bills with general intent language or still in early stages, the committee recommended **watch positions**.

**5. BRIEFING ON CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Committee discussed recommendations that might impact local government, examining in particular 8 recommendations from the CPR Report section entitled “Strengthening Government Partnership.”

These recommendations included:

- *improving state and local partnerships,*
- *increasing predictability of revenues sources for local government,*
- *improving state and local program performance measurements,*
- *requiring tribal-state compacts to enter into agreements with local governments to address impact on local communities,*
- *reforming the state mandate process to make reimbursements more cost efficient, fair and predictable, and*
- *eliminating the ERAF exemption of multi-county Enterprise districts.*

Background information was distributed on the CPR which contains over 1200 recommendations. It was noted that both the League and CSAC have filed reports listing positions and concerns with various recommendations in the whole CPR report.

The committee asked staff to prepare a matrix of CPR recommendations impacting local government, identifying League and CSAC positions, and a strategic timeline for when these recommendations might be addressed. This will help determine future action and priorities, for possible recommendation to the Board.

**Under open agenda**, it was recommended to explore with the Bay Area Council their latest report that grades cities building of affordable housing. It was suggested that the report does not take into consideration smart growth principles that we espouse nor does it include units under development. Most importantly, it does not say what the business community can do to assist in the development of affordable housing. Staff was directed to provide copies of the report to the members.

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

<b>The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2005.</b>
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