

Agenda Item # 2

LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 18, 2001
Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Scott Haggerty – Committee Chair/Alameda County Supervisor
Bill Carroll – Solano County Supervisor
Mary Lou Holt – Yountville Mayor
Rose Jacobs Gibson – San Mateo County Supervisor
Julia Miller, Sunnyvale Councilmember
Dick Spees – Oakland Councilmember

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Jerry Lahr – ABAG, POWER Pool Manager

1. Introductions

Committee Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, opened the meeting with introductions at 4:15 p.m.
No public present.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November 16, 2000, meeting were approved (with abstentions from those not present at that meeting).

3. Legislation Review

A limited number of bills had been proposed at this time because of special sessions and focus on energy issues and resolution. More bills were expected by the February 23 deadline. The following bills were proposed and reviewed:

AB 81 Migden/Aroner: Sales and Use Taxes—Retailer--*Support*

SB 23 Costa/Burton : CALFED FUNDS—*Watch Closely*

SB 27 Brulte: Local Law Enforcement Funding--*Support*

SB 32 Escutia: Contaminated Property: Restoration- Enact CA Land Environmental Restoration and Reuse Act—*Support*

General Discussion of SB 92, SB 93, SB 94 (Torlakson/Figueroa): Each of these bills address specific local funding (property tax allocation/tax revenue shift) for fire protection districts, recreation and park districts, and local libraries respectively. Committee discussed possibly giving a “support in concept” to the legislative proposals, but were concerned with the affect of piecemeal legislation and the affect on substantive fiscal tax reform and other efforts to replace ERAF funding formulas. The decision was to follow-up with legislators and other proposers to determine effectiveness of these as fiscal tax relief strategies, short term and long term, before making a recommendation.

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The Committee Chair reminded Committee members that prior to meetings they can download the full text of bills, history of actions and analyses by going to the official California Legislative site at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html>.

4. Discussion of Legislative Goals for 2001 Legislative Session

Regarding Fiscal Stability and Tax Relief: A meeting with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) was proposed for February 6 at ABAG to pursue coalition/legislative partnerships and discuss new legislative strategies and initiatives CSAC are developing regarding fiscal tax relief and ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund) issues. Chair Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Oakland Councilmember Dick Spees, and San Mateo County Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson will represent the L&GO Committee and the meeting will include representatives from the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development. A future meeting was proposed for the League of California Cities (LCC).

It was reaffirmed that legislation affecting housing, land use and transportation related issues, fiscal tax relief and local government financing, and environment would be the focus of committee review. It was also requested that Energy legislation be monitored.

5. Other Actions

Committee agreed that a letter should be sent to Assembly Speaker Hertzberg, recommending that an ABAG representative should be included on the newly formed Speaker's Commission on Regionalism. This Speaker's Commission was formed to foster regional collaboration among communities and local governments and to study and recommend changes to state policies and governance structures to help regional address issues that transcend city and county boundaries.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 15, 3:30-5pm, MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B