

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

**Thursday, March 15, 2012
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Immediate Past President
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG President
Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, City of Milpitas
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton, ABAG Vice President, **Chair**
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma, *Vice Chair*
Councilmember A. Sepi Richardson, City of Brisbane

Staff Present:

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

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** L&GO Chair Councilmember Julie Pierce called the meeting to order at 3:40.
2. **MINUTES:** January 19, 2012, minutes were approved.
3. **2012 NEW AND RETURNING LEGISLATION**
The Committee recommended the following positions on six new bills:
 - **SB 1220 (Steinberg & DeSaulnier) Housing Opportunity Trust Fund Act of 2012**
WATCH
 - **SB 1545 (DeSaulnier) Bay Area Toll Bridges**
WATCH
 - **AB 441 (Monning) State Planning**
OPPOSE—concerns over unintended consequences
 - **AB 484 (Alejo) Enterprise Zones: Expiration of Designation**
SUPPORT
 - **AB 1532 (Perez) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006:**
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account
SUPPORT with suggested amendment on including work proximity housing
 - **AB 1585 (Perez) Redevelopment**
SUPPORT

The committee discussed Assemblymember Skinner's intended re-introduction of the Local Planning: Infill and Transit-oriented Development which concerns parking standards. When the bill's new language is introduced and a bill number assigned, the committee will have a briefing and review whether to change the 2011 position. This bill as AB 710 was opposed by the committee in the 2011 Legislative Cycle.

Status: Pilot Funding Bill to Implement SB 375:

A Pilot Funding Bill, which would make available grants funds administered by ABAG to local jurisdictions to help with entitlement streamlining in Priority Development Areas identified in the SCS, will be deferred to the next legislative cycle 2013. This will allow time for more discussions with legislators, and address concerns and misconceptions of labor regarding CEQA.

Under open agenda, the committee was asked to support Senator Corbett's Senate Joint Resolution, SJR 17, that would declare the Legislature's endorsement of federal bills S. 97 and H.R. 3034 and urge Congress to enact the San Francisco Restoration Act at the earliest possible time. This would bring equitable funding to the Bay Area's watershed—San Francisco Estuary. The committee had previously supported these federal bills and agreed to support the Senate Joint Resolution and write a supporting letter.

4. REPORT ON 2012 LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION

The ABAG Sacramento Legislative Workshop and Reception co-sponsored with CALCOG, and supported by CSAC and MTC was held on February 22nd, was successful with a number of legislators, staff and elected officials attending. The Committee directed staff to plan for a 2013 Legislative Workshop and Reception in late May or early June for even more participation.

5. An update on 2012 proposed state ballot measures was deferred.

Staff announced that representatives from California Forward would be presenting information Ballot measures at the July Executive board meeting.

The committee directed staff to also invite representatives from the League of California Cities and CSAC (California State Association of Counties).

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

The next meeting will be held on **May 17, 2012.**