

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

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo,
Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro, *Chair*

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Laura Thompson – ABAG
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma

1. **Introductions:** Chair Mayor Shelia Young opened the meeting at 3:45 and proceeded with open agenda.
2. January 19, 2006, minutes were approved.

3. Infrastructure Bonds

The Committee discussed the recent bond proposals and the Legislature's failure to pass them. As part of Committee discussion on what future bond measures should include, the Committee identified and endorsed the following principles for Planning Legislation and the need for these principles to be reflected in future bond proposals.

The following Principles for Planning Legislation had been previously reviewed by L&GO and ABAG Executive Board in November, and were endorsed by the Regional Planning Committee in December 7, 2005. The Planning Legislation principles were also amended by the Committee to emphasize more specifically the need for regional planning:

1. **Create an organizational framework** that will facilitate planning coordination, emphasizing regional and local solutions and innovation.
2. **Promote policies that embody regional smart growth principles**, encouraging:
 - mixed use and infill within existing developed areas, housing for all income levels, with financial support for low and very low income units,
 - transportation efficiency, emphasizing proximity of uses,
 - compact development,
 - social equity, including mitigation of displacement impacts,
 - resource conservation, including energy efficiency and preservation of open space and agricultural lands, and
 - support and enhancement of existing developed communities.

3. Provide resources and incentives to assist regional agencies and local governments in their effort to improve their communities and pursue smart growth. Resources and incentives are needed for planning, infrastructure and services, and overcoming fiscal challenges in implementing local smart-growth.

4. Structure environmental review to promote quality development, protect the environment and provide for meaningful community input.

5. Provide a structure for measuring and monitoring progress in implementing and achieving the aforementioned objectives at the local and regional level.

4. **Legislative review:** The Committee reviewed the following bills and recommended the positions taken to the Executive Board:

AB 773 (Mullin) Redevelopment—Referendum	Watch
AB 782 (Mullin) Redevelopment—Project Area	Support with amendments defining sphere of influence
AB 1387 (Jones) CEQA: Residential Infill Projects	Watch
AB 1602 (Laird) Local Government Finance	Oppose
AB 1893 (Salinas) Redevelopment	Oppose
AB 2307 (Mullin) State Mandates: Housing Element	Support
SB 486 (Midgen) Local Government Finance	Watch
SB 1177 (Hollingsworth) Housing—Density Bonus	Oppose
SB 1191 (Hollingsworth) California Environmental Quality Act	Watch
SB 1556 (Torlakson) Parks: The Great California Delta Trail System	Support with amendments (if needed about Bay Trail and priority funding)

An oppose position was taken on the following “Eminent Domain” bills, and the committee requested a presentation by Legal Counsel regarding these bills and those bills addressing redevelopment at the next meeting. At that time, discussion will continue.

AB 1162 (Mullin & Salinas)	Eminent Domain
AB 1990 (Walters)	Eminent Domain
SB 1210 (Torlakson)	Eminent Domain
SCA 20 (McClintock)	Eminent Domain

The following bills were previously considered and because of amendments since last review, L&GO positions were changed:

- **Prior position on AB 1020 Hancock, Transportation Planning was changed to Watch (was Oppose unless amended: it was significantly amended to be less prescriptive)**
- **Prior position on SB 951 PUC/Compensation changed to Support (Position was “oppose unless amended.” The bill was subsequently amended to provide broader compensation)**
- **Discussion on the federal Telecommunications Act and potential construction defect litigation bills was deferred to the next L&GO meeting May 18th.**

5. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2006.**