

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

Thursday, March 17, 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
Mayor Pro Tem Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato
Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Mayor Ken Slavens, City of St. Helena
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha—ABAG
Ken Moy—ABAG Legal Counsel
Supervisor Cynthia Murray—Marin County
Randy Poole—Sonoma County
Randy Rentschler—MTC
Bijan Sartipi—CALTRANS

1. **Introductions:** Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson opened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** January 20, 2005, minutes were approved.

3. ELECTION OF 2005-06 L&GO COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, was re-elected Chair for the coming year, with the term ending in January 2006, and Mayor Shelia Young of San Leandro was elected vice chair.

4. BRIEFING ON BAY AREA WATER FORUM (BAWF), WATER RESOURCES, AND FUNDING

Marin County Supervisor Cynthia Murray and Sonoma County General Manager Randy Poole discussed the importance of a regional approach to Bay Area Water Resource issues and full stakeholder participation in Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP). The Bay Area Water Forum, an extension of the ABAG/CalFed Task Force represents a broad coalition of local government, water district and agencies, as well as a broad range of community and environmental interest stakeholders. This representation and the regional approach is considered critical to pursuing funding and assistance through water bond initiatives and other funding sources and giving the Bay Area a voice in water resource issues.

Motion: the Committee recommends to the Executive Board to approve the resolution supporting Bay Area Water Forum and the Bay Area Agencies Coalition in efforts to seek appropriate current and future water bond and other potential funding for Bay Area Projects identified in the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Process.

5. BAY BRIDGE ISSUES

Randy Rentschler, MTC Manager of Legislation and Public Affairs, and Bijan Sartipi from CALTRANS briefed the committee on alternative designs and solutions to the San Francisco Bay Bridge East Span seismic retrofit.

Motion: The committee unanimously moved to recommend to the Executive Board to endorse the SAS (Self Anchored Suspension) Alternative, the plan in place, and to encourage the Governor and the Legislature to work with Bay Area leaders to find ways to fund it quickly.

Committee members also recommended that Bay Area cities and counties pass similar Bay Bridge East Span Model Resolutions supporting the SAS design and plan.

6. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ABAG PLANNING

Ken Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel, briefed the Committee that efforts to pursue funding for ABAG planning activities through VLF fees had begun. Other options and avenues for finding sustainable funds for ABAG regional planning efforts are being identified and pursued as well.

7. PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL NAME: This agenda item was withdrawn because the legislator proposing to rename the Bay Trail decided to withdraw it.

8. REVIEW OF BILLS INTRODUCED IN 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Because of time constraints, the Committee moved to defer discussion of new bills to the next L&GO meeting in May.

Under open agenda.

- Ken Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel, noted that the Commission on Mandates would be making a decision about the eligibility of COGs for reimbursement of work associated with the RHND process at a meeting on March 30, 9:30 a.m. in Sacramento.
- ABAG Earthquake Committee provided copies of a new bill AB 304 proposed by Assemblymember Hancock on *Building Standards and Reconstruction*. Currently a spot bill, the L&GO Committee was asked to place it on the agenda and review it the next meeting.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2005.
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