

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

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor David Cortese, County of Santa Clara, ABAG Immediate Past President  
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato, *Chair*  
Councilmember Dan Furtado, City of Campbell  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG President  
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga  
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Vice President  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda  
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano  
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa

*Staff Present:*

Patricia Jones—ABAG  
Ezra Rapport – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG  
Jerry Lahr – ABAG  
Jackie Guzman – ABAG  
Leah Zippert – ABAG  
Mike Costa – San Mateo County

1. **Introductions:** Novato Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, L&GO Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:45.
2. **Minutes:** January 15, 2009, minutes were approved.

**3. The L&GO Committee reviewed 11 new bills introduced during the 2009 Legislative Session. The following positions were recommended:**

**AB 338 (Ma) Transit Village Developments: Infrastructure Financing Watch:** The Committee supported expanding the transit village to ½ mile, but wanted clarification about public benefits and affordable housing stipulations.

**AB 280 (Blakeslee & Ma) California Earthquake Authority: Retrofit Programs—Grants**

**Support in Concept—**Committee wanted to pursue broadening in the legislation who would qualify for funding

**AB 782 (Jeffries) Regional Transportation Plans: Sustainable Communities Strategies**

—Watch

**AB 814 (Krekorian) Timely Firearm Relinquishment Process—**  
**No position**—Committee requested more clarification on who is relinquishing the firearms and terminology used.

**AB 1084 (Adams) Local Planning: Development Projects—Fees**  
**Support**

**SB 27 (Hancock) Local Agencies: Sales and Use Tax—Reallocation**  
**Support** (with suggestion to change substantial loss to any loss)

**SB 279 (Hancock) Local Government Community Facilities District**  
**Support**

**A watch position was recommended for companion bills:**  
**SB 457 (Wolk) Creation of Delta Stewardship and the funding portion –**  
**SB 458 (Wolk) Establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy**  
More discussion is needed regarding provisions on review process of general plans of cities and counties with the Delta by the Commission

**SB 488 (Pavley) Energy: Energy Efficiency Financing**  
**Support**

**SB 808 (Wolk) San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary:**  
**Strategic Work Plan**  
**Watch**—Committee asked for more explanation about what is considered unreasonable use of water or methods used

**AB 962 (DeLeon) Ammunition** **Support with amendments**  
This bill (which was AB 2092 in 2008) was re-introduced: the recommendation is to take out requirements of thumbprint and sections on determining who is a gang member or others who should not reasonably possess ammunition.

- 4. Update on San Francisco Bay Authority Formation: Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson announced that 8 applications were received for the seven seats on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and nominations**
- 5. Update on Passage of SB 375:** ABAG and MTC are in the process of developing the work plan to implement SB 375, which will be the focus of the upcoming General Assembly on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in San Francisco.
- 6. A Water Briefing**, which was scheduled, was postponed to the May 21<sup>st</sup> L&GO meeting because of presenter illness.

**Under Open Agenda**, requests were made to add the following bills for consideration at the next L&GO meeting:

- AB 155 (Mendoza) Local Government—Bankruptcy
- SB 406 (DeSaulnier) Land Use: Environmental Quality
- Senator' Bill SB 7 (Wiggins) Renewable Energy—Net Metering
- A request was made to discuss the Delta Compact Multi-County Resolution with the goal of expanding the resolution to include all nine counties

**Update Announcement:** The ABAG Legislative Reception, which was held January 28<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento at Chops Steakhouse, was very successful with Bay Area elected officials and more than 22 state legislators able to meet each other, interact and informally discuss the issues.

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **May 21, 2009.**