

**Association of Bay Area Governments  
Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015  
Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:**

Supervisor David Cortese, County of Santa Clara  
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont  
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG Immediate Past President  
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton, ABAG President  
Mayor Harry Price, City of Fairfield  
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma, ABAG Vice President

**Other Elected Officials:**

Councilmember Dave Hudson, City of San Ramon

**Staff:**

Ezra Rapport  
Brad Paul

**Public:**

Ken Bukowski/Filming

**ABAG Legislative Consultant:**

Michael Arnold, Legislative Advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc.

1. **Introductions:** Supervisor Mark Luce called the meeting to order at 3:35p.m.
2. **Minutes:** January 15, 2015 minutes were approved (6-0).
3. **Michael Arnold, ABAG Legislative Advocate in Sacramento – Briefing on legislation, state budget and politics.**
  - a. Fewer bills introduced by the Senate, but still 2400 new bills. Many of these are “spot bills.”
  - b. Budget subcommittees are meeting.
  - c. Governor issues the May revision of the budget in mid-May. Legislature must pass the budget by June 15, 2015.
  - d. Special Election Results: SD 7, Runoff election May 19<sup>th</sup> Glazer v. Bonilla; SD 21, Shannon Runner (R) elected; SD 37 John Moorlach (R) elected.
4. **Legislation Summary reviewed.** Committee decided to watch most of the new bills that were presented. Committee voted to support the following bills:
  - a. **AB 35 (Chiu)** Increasing low income housing tax credit from \$70 million to \$370 million.
  - b. **AB 90 (Atkins)** Distribution of national housing trust fund monies in California.

- c. **AB 1335 (Atkins)** Creation of a dedicated affordable housing fund by placing a \$75 fee on recording of real estate documents- excluding sales to owner occupied residential.
  - d. **AB 1368 (Baker)** Authorizes person discharged from military to file with the county recorder (DD214) and credits the city or county with the production of a new housing unit for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Process (RHNA).
  - e. **SB 602 (Monning)** Includes the California Earthquake Authority within the definition of “public agency” for purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements.
5. **Access to State Data by COGs and MPOs.** Brad Paul presented an issue relating to the need to revise existing law to add COGs and MPOs to the list of agencies permitted to access state produced data bases. Michael Arnold will research this matter and report back at the next meeting.
6. **L&GO Legislative Priorities for 2015**
- a. 2015 Legislative Priorities were affirmed without change
7. **Review of Legislative Workshop and Reception in Sacramento**
- a. The 2015 Legislative Workshop featured briefings on bills and initiatives related to local government. The turnout at the workshop was very good in terms of speakers, but could have been better relative to ABAG elected officials. The evening reception went well, but was not as well attended this year by Legislators. Discussion was had relative to improving future workshops and perhaps moving the workshop to the Bay Area on a Friday. Staff will study this matter and come back with recommended possibilities.
8. **Services for Unaccompanied Children.** Ezra Rapport briefed the Committee on the matter of unaccompanied children (UAC) and/or refugee children. This subject was brought to ABAG by the Catholic Charities. The goal of this effort would be to survey ABAG counties relative to programs available to serve this population. ABAG received three great applications from potential interns, one of whom will be hired to carry out this project during July and August, 2015.

**The next meeting of the L&GO Committee will be on May 21, 2015.**