

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

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Councilmember Dan Furtado, City of Campbell
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG President
Vice Mayor Surlene Grant, City of San Leandro
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda,
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City
Councilmember Carole D. Knutson, City of Novato, *Vice Chair*
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara, *Chair*
Mayor Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Councilmember Arne Simonsen, City of Antioch
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Vice President

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Jeanne Perkins – ABAG

1. Introductions: Chair Supervisor Pete McHugh opened the meeting at 3:40.

2. Minutes: January 17, 2008, minutes were approved.

3. 2008 Legislative Session Bills for Consideration

L&GO Committee reviewed and discussed 15 new bills, recommending positions to ABAG Executive Board on the following:

AB 842 Jones: Regional Plans—Traffic Reduction—Housing Bond Implementation: OPPOSE

Problems with using 10% reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as criteria to receive Infill and TOD grants/incentives.

AB 1634 Levine: California Healthy Pets Act: WATCH

Funding for administrating program issuing local intact permits regarding spaying and neutering is an issue. Questions about impact on county and cities need to be answered.

AB 1756 Caballero: Local Infrastructure Development—Public-Private Partnerships: WATCH

Support concept, but many questions about whether legislation is necessary for a new Office of Local Public-Private Partnerships: such as, is there funding available to support it and can the same service be provided through another office/program.

AB 2016 Committee of Housing & Community Development: Housing Omnibus Bill: WATCH

Monitor if other provisions are to be added to this omnibus bill, which is a measure that combines into one bill non-substantive, technical changes to existing law related to housing and

local land use planning. This measure also deletes obsolete provisions and corrects erroneous cross references.

AB 2069 Jones: Local Planning—Residential Development: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Language unclear and stipulations about lowering residential density need explanation. Will not support until funding for RHNA is included in the bill.

AB 2094 DeSaulnier & Laird: San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission: SUPPORT With AMENDMENTS

Need to reaffirm that those representing BCDC on JPC are elected officials which would reflect the composition of the three other agency representation.

AB 2182 Caballero: Regional and Local Land Use Plans: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Want the COGs to distribute the Regional Blueprint programs/projects within the proposed funding to ensure access to incentives and grants for planning and projects that are being proposed.

AB 2466 Laird: Government Energy Producers: SUPPORT

Support jurisdictions receiving a bill credit for electricity supplies to the electric grid by an eligible renewable generating facility.

AB 2596 Jones: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006— Cities and Counties— Projected Emissions : WATCH

Support the concept to give same access to public agencies that businesses receive related to open market-based compliance mechanisms. However, many unanswered questions about how the projected greenhouse gas emissions generated by cities and counties in 2009 would be quantified and measured.

AB 2744 Huffman: Metropolitan Transportation Commission—Fee—Motor Vehicle Fuel: WATCH

Many questions posed about the fee and what it should be used for. MTC will be discussing these and other issues with the bill's author.

AB 2870 DeSaulnier: Land Use—Environmental Quality: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Wish to amend to indicate that appointments to the proposed 11-member California Blueprint Implementation Commission should come from ABAG and MTC.

ACA 10 Feuer: Bonded Indebtedness—Local Government—Transportation Infrastructure: SUPPORT (With one opposition vote)

This measure would lower the threshold for voter approval to 55% for imposing, extending, or increasing any special tax by local jurisdictions relating to bonded indebtedness and transportation infrastructure.

SB 1118 Negrete McLeod: Airports—Airport Land Use Commissions: OPPOSE

This bill would limit the authority of a board of supervisors and city selection committee of mayors to designate a body to assume the planning responsibilities of an airport land use commission.

SB 1165 Kuehl: Environment—Environmental Impact Report: OPPOSE

None of the requirements further the process. The requirements to redo EIR after 5 years are costly and do not even match EIR processes that are part of a 7 year cycle.

SB 1508 Corbett: Seismic Safety Standards—Cripple Walls: SUPPORT (one opposition vote)

The City of Oakland and ABAG are sponsors of the bill. Need to secure additional input from building standards commission and contractor state license board.

Two additional bills were held over for discussion at the next L&GO meeting in May:
SB 1124 (Committee on Local Government) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2008 and
SB 1732 (Romero) Local Agencies.

Under open agenda, a request was made for the committee to discuss eminent domain and two propositions on the June ballot at the May L&GO meeting.

4. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. *The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2008.*