

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

**Thursday, March 21, 2013  
Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, L&GO Vice Chair  
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG President  
Councilmember Julie Pierce, Chair, City of Clayton, ABAG Vice President  
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma, L&GO Chair  
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont  
Supervisor Linda Seifert, County of Solano

*Staff Present:*

Ezra Rapport – ABAG  
Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** L&GO Chair David Rabbitt called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
2. **MINUTES:** January 17, 2013, minutes were approved.
3. **New Bills for Consideration in the 2013 Legislative Session:**  
The Committee recommended positions on the following 11 bills:

**SB 391 (DeSaulnier) California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013: Support**

**SB 792 (DeSaulnier) Regional Entities: Bay Area: Watch**

**AB 416 (Gordon) California Air Resources Board: Local Emission Reduction  
Program: Support**

**AB 453 (Mullin) Sustainable Communities: Support**

**AB 662 (Atkins, Dickinson, Mitchell, Perea, Ting & Torres) Local Government:  
Infrastructure Financing Districts: Support**

**AB 745 (Levine) Land Use: Housing Element: Watch**

**AB 1002 (Bloom) Vehicles: Registration Fee—Sustainable Communities Strategy:  
Oppose unless amended to add ABAG into list of those receiving funds**

**AB 1080 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities: Support**

**AB 185 (Roger Hernandez) Open and Public Meetings: Televised Meetings:  
Oppose**

**ACA 8 (Blumenfield) Local Government Financing: Voter Approval: Watch**

**SCA 11 (Hancock) Local Government: Special Taxes—Voter Approval: Support**

**Regarding SCA 4 (Liu) Local Government: Transportation Projects: Special Taxes—  
Voter Approval: new position: Oppose**

The Committee had previously supported the bill. However, recent amendments (March 19<sup>th</sup>) prohibited local governments from expending any revenues derived from a special transportation tax approved by 55% of the voters at any time prior to the completion

of a statutorily identified capital project funded by revenues derived from another special tax of the same local government that was approved by a 2/3 vote.

**4. Consideration of Proposed San Francisco Ordinance Amending Building Code**

- Regarding taking a position on the PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE “which would establish a Mandatory Seismic Retrofit Program for Wood-frame Buildings of three or more stories and containing five or more dwelling units,” **the Committee recommended not taking a position because the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have not yet considered the ordinance.**
- Rather, the Committee recommended encouraging San Francisco policymakers, as well as other jurisdictions, to make presentations about their ordinances at future meetings and discuss how other jurisdictions can craft together these critically needed retrofit policies.
- **Action:** Regarding Retrofit Policies and supporting only retrofit ordinances that are voluntary, the **Committee recommended removing the word “voluntary” so that all policies could be considered and/or supported.**

**5. Follow-up on February 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative Workshop and Reception in Sacramento**

The workshop and reception were successful with more than 10 state legislators attending and participating. Discussions will continue over the next few months to come up with even better ways to involve more from across the state and local elected officials in these special discussions with legislators.

**Under Open Agenda:**

- Herb Pike, ABAG Finance Director, alerted the Committee about a move at the federal level to limit the income tax exemptions for municipal bonds which are primary tools for states, counties and cities to meet the need for infrastructure investment. He recommended that all jurisdictions write their congressional representatives asking for protection of tax-exempt financing.
- A Fact sheet on a new bill SB 299 (DeSaulnier), “Lost or Stolen Firearms,” was distributed. This bill will be formally reviewed at the next L&GO meeting in May. It is similar to a bill supported by the Committee in the last session, which had been vetoed.

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

The next meeting will be held on **May 16, 2013.**