

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

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Maria Alegria, Pinole
Mayor Irma Anderson, Richmond
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, Novato
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
Mayor Mary Lou Holt, Yountville, L&GO Chair
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County, L&GO Vice Chair
Councilmember Carol Klatt, Daly City
Vice Mayor Julia Miller, Sunnyvale
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, Santa Rosa
Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Regalia, Walnut Creek
Councilmember Dick Spees, Oakland
Mayor Shelia Young, San Leandro

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha—ABAG
Gene Leong—ABAG
Ceil Scandone—ABAG
Gerry Raycraft—ABAG
Alex Amoroso—ABAG

1. Introductions:

Committee Chair, Mayor Mary Lou Holt, opened the meeting at 3:35 with a full quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes

March 21st minutes were approved with one abstention.

3. Update on Status of SB 1243 (Torlakson)

The first order of business was a discussion of General Assembly Action (Resolution No. 05-02) and an update on the status of SB 1243 proposing the merger of ABAG and MTC. ABAG President Gwen Regalia, Walnut Creek Mayor Pro Tem, updated the committee on proposed meetings with Senator Torlakson and MTC in June and July. **The Committee unanimously agreed** to give President Regalia discretion in choosing representatives for pre meetings.

Other discussion focused on reasons that cities and counties were opposing SB 1243 as it is currently written. The proposed bill lacks inclusiveness in governance for big and small jurisdictions, and ABAG believes that an integrated, inclusive governance structure is needed to create a comprehensive regional plan. Folding a multi-purpose regional planning agency into a single purpose transportation planning agency would not be effective and is a backwards approach. It was also reiterated that ABAG had not proposed this bill and that it had been initiated by Senator Torlakson who had brought it to MTC and ABAG for their response.

A statement outlining ABAG's legislative position regarding the merger of land use and transportation planning in the Bay Area that would be attached to Resolution No. 07-02 was presented for Committee review. This statement defines amendments or alternative legislation for merging regional transportation planning with other comprehensive regional planning functions currently undertaken by ABAG.

Motion: Richmond Mayor Irma Anderson moved to support the statement as written and for it to be sent to the Executive Board for approval. Seconded by Steve Rabinowitsh, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Analysis of SB 1523 (Sher) AND SB 1619 (Romero and Sher)

Ceil Scandone, ABAG Senior Planner/ABAG Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee, reported on cathode ray tubes (CRT) and CRT devices ("E" waste) and issues of disposal, recycling and collection and funding positively addressed in two companion bills, SB 1523 and SB 1619.

5. Review of Legislation

The following positions were taken on new bills and recommended to the Executive Board:

A Support Position was taken on the companion bills:

- **SB 1523 Sher:** Solid Waste—Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) and CRT Devices—Recycling and Refurbishment
- **SB 1619 Romero and Sher:** Solid Waste—Cathode Ray Tubes and CRT Devices

A Watch Position was taken on three additional new bills considered:

- **AB 1939 Daucher:** Local Government Finance
- **SB 1262 Torlakson:** STIP (State Transportation Improvement) Incentive Grants
- **SB 1573 Karnette:** Interagency Aquatic Invasive Species Council

AB 2878 Wiggins: Local Government Finance (FARE) was removed from consideration since it did not move out of Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on May 15th.

6. Governor's May Revise of the State Budget

A new item was added to the Agenda by the committee: consideration of the Governor's May Revise of the Budget and its implications.

The Committee moved to oppose the proposed eliminations and reductions of funding to Local Government, as well as the cuts and program eliminations listed under Health Programs identified in the Governor's May Revise Budget. This motion was unanimously supported and staff was directed to write a letter outlining in detail why these programs and funds should not be cut.

Under Public Comment: A discussion of the Dioxins Evaluation Report will be placed on the agenda of the next L&GO meeting, July 18, 2002.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2002, 3:30-5 p.m., MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B