

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

**Thursday, May 20, 2010
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Mayor Pro Tem Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato, *Vice Chair*
Councilmember Dan Furtado, City of Campbell
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG Immediate Past President
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG President
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, *Chair*
Mayor Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones—ABAG
Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG
Laura Thompson – ABAG
Ceil Scandone – ABAG

1. Introductions: Napa County Supervisor Mark Luce, L&GO Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40.

2. Minutes: March 18, 2010, minutes were approved.

3. Update on Bills Previously Considered

The committee received an update on 5 bills previously considered because of amendments or changes:

SB 1205 (Corbett) Bay Area Disaster Recovery Planning Council Act:

Deputy Director Ezra Rapport reported on stakeholder meetings to address concerns and misperceptions about the Disaster Recovery Planning Council's formation. These concerns have been addressed in an amended SB 1205 and it is anticipated that the bill will come off Senate Appropriations Suspense and move forward.

AB 2103 (Hill) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority: added language that the Authority would be able to adopt and implement a regional measure "if cumulatively, throughout the Authority's jurisdictional boundaries, the regional measure receives the constitutionally required affirmative votes."

SB 1445 (DeSaulnier) Planning: This is a CALCOG-sponsored bill designed to promote funding for SB 375 planning. Amendments included adding a five year sunset date to the proposed \$1 increase to DMV registration fee, ending January 1, 2016.

AB 155 (Mendoza) Local Government Bankruptcy: bill has become active again and the Committee continues to oppose

AB 2176 (Blumenfield) Hazardous Waste: Lighting Products: This bill had a Watch position, pending further information and evaluation from ABAG Hazardous Waste Committee which met and recommended support. The Committee, thus, recommended the position be changed to Support.

4. 2010 Legislative Session—Bills for Consideration

Under new legislation considered: The committee reviewed the following 12 new bills and recommend the following positions

Support: AB 987 (Ma) Transit Village Development Districts: Financing

Support: AB 1755 (Swanson) Seismic Safety Finance Act

Oppose: AB 1805 (Calderon) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act:

Oppose because the project selection process could infringe on the ability of cities to develop and plan communities and municipalities would not be able to bring a judicial action against a project selected.

Support: AB 2064 (Perez & Bass) Emergency Housing Shelter Operations Grant Account: Notice of Funding Availability

Watch: AB 2313 (Buchanan) Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Significant Effects

Support: AB 2398 (Perez) Product Stewardship for Carpet

Support: AB 2472 (Huffman) Building Standards: Pilot Program for Green Innovation Building Permits

Watch: AB 2679 (Eng) Public Buildings: Energy and Water—Consumption Reductions

Support: SB 1006 (Pavley) Natural Resources: Climate Change—Strategic Growth Council

Support: SB 1061 (Hancock) San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge: Capital Projects

Oppose: SB 1189 (Correa) Housing Element Law: Regional Housing Need Allocations (RHNA)

Opposed the requirement that the RHNA process in all regions would be subject to judicial review.

Watch: SB 1211 (Romero-Dutton) Unemployment Insurance: Elected Officials

Support: H.R. 5061 (Speier) San Francisco Bay Improvement Act of 2010

5. Discussion of Propositions on the June Ballot:

After hearing Legal Counsel Ken Moy's review of ABAG's ability to take positions on propositions and latest court rulings, it was agreed that positions could be taken on state propositions.

In regards to the June election: The Committee recommended taking an Oppose position on Proposition 16, which is entitled: New Two Thirds Vote Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers. This is an Initiative Constitutional amendment.

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. until the next meeting: **July 15, 2010.**