

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

**Thursday, May 21, 2015  
Summary Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, *Vice Chair*

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 Linda Seifert, County of Solano

Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara

*Staff:*

Ezra Rapport – ABAG

Brad Paul—ABAG

Terry Adams—ABAG

Mike Arnold, Legislative advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc.

*Public:* Ken Bukowski/Filming

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Mike Arnold, Legislative advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc. L&GO, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
- 2. MINUTES:** March 19, 2015 minutes were approved as written. (7-0)
- 3. Mike Arnold, Legislative Advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc. Briefing:**
  - A. State Budget Update: The Governor issued his May revision of the state budget on May 14, 2015. State general fund spending will be \$115.3 billion. Total state spending will be \$169.000.000 billion.
  - B. Senate District 7 Special Election won by Steve Glazer. More than \$7,000,000 expended on the race.
  - C. Overview of bills in the legislature:
    - i. AB 1368 (Baker) – two year bill.
    - ii. SB 602 (Monning) - Senate floor

- iii. AB 18 (Dodd) – Assembly Appropriations Committee
- iv. AB 35 (Chiu) – Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee
- v. AB 90 (Atkins) – Assembly Appropriations Committee
- vi. AB 1335 (Atkins) – Assembly Appropriations Committee

**4. Possible sponsorship of legislation to allow access to state database by COGs and MPOs.** Motion was adopted to request that a Bay Area legislator have this bill drafted by the Legislative Counsel’s Office for consideration by the committee at the next meeting.

**5. Request for ABAG support letter to Senator Feinstein re: Support for 2% increase in funding for “Outdoor Economy Programs.”** Motion adopted to give the president authority act upon this item based upon additional information obtained relative to competing requests for these federal funds and the potential for support of items of interests to ABAG in return for our efforts on this matter.

**6. Legislative Workshop and Reception.** Motion adopted to move the workshop and reception from Sacramento to the Bay Area and to consider holding the event in conjunction with the September 2015 Board Meeting. Key idea discussed would involve a reception from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with comments from legislators on high-profile ABAG issues and Board meeting to follow. Details to be further considered.

**7. Adjournment - The next meeting of the L & GO Committee will be on July 16, 2015**