

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

Thursday, July 15, 2004

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Councilmember Maria Alegria, City of Pinole, Vice Chair
Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, Chair
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Peter McHugh, County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha—ABAG
Henry Gardner—ABAG

1. Introductions: Committee Chair, Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

2. Minutes: May 20, 2004, minutes were approved.

Under open agenda, the committee received the latest information on the budget sessions in Sacramento. This budget information included fact sheets and other talking points on local government revenue protection options and a revised local government budget package provided by the League of California Cities.

3. Update on ABAG-MTC Joint Policy Committee (JPC) and SB 849 (Torlakson) Concerning JPC

After lengthy discussion, the committee continued to recommend opposing SB 849 unless amended.

Action: Mayor Shelia Young moved to establish a sub committee to address actions and amendments proposed regarding SB 849 as they occur during the weeks between now and the next L&GO meeting in September. Motion approved. It was agreed that the committee will include President Scott Haggerty; Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, Chair; Councilmember Maria Alegria, Vice Chair; and Councilmember Gwen Regalia.

4. Review of Legislation

An updated summary of all bills that the Committee has considered over the past legislative session was distributed and contained additional information about potential local government impact.

Action: The Committee reviewed three new bills and took the following positions:

- **AB 392** (Montanez) Environmental Justice and Community-based Transportation Planning Grants
Oppose unless amended

The source of funding is the issue: the request is to amend the bill to specify that funding should come from the State Highway Account Transportation Planning Funds. Bill currently states that this program would only be funded through the "Local Assistance Program." This would put it in competition with diminishing funds for other critical local projects like seismic bridge retrofit.

SB 558 (Ducheny) Local Residential Zoning: Vacant Land **Oppose**
Creates a state mandated local government program with funding a question.

SB 744 (Dunn & Ducheny) Planning: Housing **Oppose**
Creates a Housing Accountability Committee that takes away local control of land use decisions.

After reviewing amendments to bills considered in previous committee meetings, the committee made the following change of position:

- **AB 2702** (Steinberg) Second Units *Change position from Watch to Oppose*
Oppose because this bill unreasonably limits local government ability to deny or place restrictions on the development of second housing units
- The committee also agreed to continue a close watch of bills addressing construction defect litigation and redevelopment, in the event that current bills may move out of committees or change their spot bill status.
- In regards to **SB 1815** (Johnson) Building Permits previously considered: The committee asked staff to send a letter of opposition to the Governor. This bill was recently enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature.

Next Meeting: The Committee wishes to examine state propositions with local government impact at the next meeting, and also examine, at the request of Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, SB 1477 (Sher) on Water Quality Protection.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2004, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Joseph B. MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B