

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

**Thursday, July 15, 2010
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Supervisor Susan Adams, County of Marin, ABAG Vice President
Supervisor John Avalos, City and County of San Francisco
Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
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 Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
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
Ceil Scandone – ABAG
Lisa Viani Owens – ABAG
Benjamin Van Houten, LCAV

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

2. Minutes: May 20, 2010, minutes were approved.

3. The L&GO Committee reviewed eight new bills and recommended the following positions:

Support for AB 153 (Ma) Land Use and Planning: Environmental Quality.

This ABAG-Sponsored bill would authorize regions by vote of people to impose a vehicle-registration fee of up to \$4 for regional land use planning activities.

Support for AB 234 (Huffman) Oil Spill Prevention and Response: Transfer of Oil.

This bill would address the safety issues related to transfer of Oil. Discussion of this bill included a briefing from Lisa Viani Owens, on behalf of SF Estuary Partnership

A Watch position for SB 1174 (Wolk) Land Use: General Plan—Future Sustainable Communities Pilot Project.

There are a number of questions and concerns about issues related to scope of plan updates, funding and ability to implement.

Support for AB 1810 (Feuer) Crime Gun Tracing Improvement Act.

Committee Vote was 9 support, 1 oppose

Discussion of this bill and AB 1934 included a briefing from Legal Community Against Violence Staff Attorney, Benjamin Van Houten.

Support for AB 1934 (Saldana & Ammiano) Firearms (Open Carrying of Unloaded Handguns). Committee Vote was 9 support, 1 oppose.

There was also a discussion about state exemption issues.

Three bills related to Plastic Bags were also considered and the Committee recommended

Support for AB 1998 (Brownley) Solid Waste: Single-Use Carryout Bags:

A Watch Position for SB 228 (DeSaulnier) Plastic Bags: Compostable Plastic Bags. Follow-up is needed since bill requirements could be incorporated into another more comprehensive bill.

Support for SB 1454 (DeSaulnier) Recycling: Plastic Products.

This bill would expand current labeling restrictions to include more stringent definitions of compostable or marine biodegradable.

4. Review of 10 Propositions Qualified for November Ballot

The committee received the latest summary of the ten Propositions that have qualified for the November 2010 Ballot. The summary was provided through the Secretary of State's website. This was an information item and the committee requested that Propositions be considered for recommendations at the next meeting.