

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

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Maria Alegria, Pinole
Councilmember Carole Dillon-Knutson
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, Solano County
Supervisor Peter McHugh, Santa Clara County
Mayor Julia Miller, Sunnyvale
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, Santa Rosa
Mayor Gwen Regalia, Walnut Creek

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha—ABAG
Alex Amoroso—ABAG
Kathleen Van Velsor—ABAG
Ceil Scandone—ABAG

1. Introductions: Committee Chair, Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, opened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Under Open Agenda:

Staff provided a quick information overview of three bills not on the agenda that have implications for the Bay Area: **SB 915** (Perata, Burton, and Torlakson) San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority; **SB 916** (Perata/ co-authors Torlakson and Burton) Toll Bridge Revenues; and **ACA 14** (Steinberg) Local Government: Transactions and Use Taxes—Local Development.

It was announced that the California Seismic Safety Commission requests ABAG members write letters opposing the elimination of the Commission. A sample letter was provided for those interested in following up.

2. Minutes: May 15, 2003, minutes were approved, after a quorum was established.

3. Overview of Integrated Regional Water Management Planning and Related Legislation

Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner briefed the committee about ABAG-CALFED TASK FORCE efforts relating to developing integrated regional water management plans. These efforts are in response to the recently enacted state statute "*Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 (Costa)*". Recent statutes, water bonds and legislation that affect these planning efforts and funding were also referenced. In addition, she reviewed an implementation checklist that describes factors and approaches to consider in the creation of an integrated regional water management plan. This included methods, public planning process, timeline, and planning horizons. The Task Force is watching water-related legislation and will be providing other briefings and recommendations for the L&GO committee to consider in the future.

4. Status Review of Housing Element Bills:

ABAG Principal Planner Alex Amoroso, who is a member of the HCD Housing Element Working Group, briefed the Committee on how the Working Group was formed to address the housing element bills, on the composition of the group, and about what is being proposed. This Housing Element Bill review was prompted by an action on April 30th when bill authors, sponsors, and Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) agreed to make all major housing element bills two-year bills. As a result, HCD indicated that it would lead a Working Group with the goal of revamping of the current housing element process.

Amoroso stated that the state-wide twenty-member group represents a broad range of housing agency and local government staff with three council of governments' represented (ABAG, SCAG—Southern California Association of Governments and SANDAG—San Diego Association of Governments). Initial issues proposed for working group discussion include a definition of housing unit, self certification, change of population and housing needs, impact of urban limit lines, impact of economy and funding on jurisdictions ability to provide housing, credit for infill development, with more topics to be determined and added.

5. Review Of Legislation

After review and discussion, the Committee recommended the following positions and directed staff to follow-up on questions posed related to legislation designated, as noted below.

A support position for

SB 20 (Sher) Solid Waste: Electronic Waste Products—Recycling and Refurbishment

SB 196 (Kuehl) Regional Water Quality Control Board—Municipal Members. This is support if an *amendment is made specifying local elected officials to include county supervisors.*

SB 321 (Torlakson) Infrastructure Investment Bonds—Support *with an amendment made eliminating local match funding requirement.*

SB 639 (Torlakson) IRP State Pilot Project

SB 750 (Machado) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, Flood Protection and Water Supply Reliability Act of 2004—*support in concept.* Source of the funding and its equitable distribution is of concern.

AB 1598 (Corbett) Seismic Safety: Insurance—Retrofitting. This is a support *with amendments made regarding meeting quality standards of retrofitting and quality control, equitable split of funding, and adding a funding category for apartment retrofits.*

An Oppose Position for

SB 219 (Romero) Public Agency Liability (note that Committee member Supervisor Kondyllis wanted to register a support vote for this bill to highlight that problems caused by police pursuit need a solution)

A Watch Position for

AB 332 (Mullin) Airports Land-Use Commission. More information is requested regarding role of Airport Land Use Commission and policy implications of this proposed legislation.

AB 1358 (Simitian) Housing Efficiency Act (Redevelopment—Cities: Housing). More information is requested about rationale and legal implications regarding tax-increment revenues used for development beyond jurisdictional boundaries.

Handouts distributed at meeting included:

--Article by Marcus Beverly, ABAG PLAN Director, for PARMA on SB 219 regarding Police Pursuit Immunity
--Sample of a letter sent for opposing elimination of California Seismic Safety Commission

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2003, 3:30 - 5 p.m., MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B