

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

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Irma Anderson, City of Richmond
Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Councilmember Dave Cortese, City of San Jose, ABAG President
Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, ABAG Immediate Past President
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma
Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro, *Chair*

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

- 1. Introductions:** Chair Mayor Shelia Young opened the meeting at 3:45.
- 2. Minutes:** May 18, 2006, minutes were approved.
- 3. Briefing on State Budget and Proposed State Initiatives on November Ballot**
Committee received highlights of the Legislative Analyst's report on the 2006-07 Budget, passed on June 27th and signed by the Governor on June 30th.

Propositions:

A summary description of the 13 Propositions that will appear on November 7, 2006, Ballot was provided and reviewed. After lengthy deliberation, the Committee moved to recommend positions, for the first time, on two Propositions because of their significant impact on local government.

The Committee moved to recommend:

Support for Proposition 84: the Water Quality, Safety and Supply, Flood Control, Natural Resource Protection, Park Improvements, Bond

Opposition to Proposition 90: the Anderson Initiative on Eminent Domain, entitled the "Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property Initiative"

The Committee also moved to recommend support of the 5 bond proposals that originated in the Legislature:

Proposition 1A: Transportation Funding Protection

Proposition 1B: Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006

Proposition 1C: Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006

Proposition 1D: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006

Proposition 1E: Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006

4. Legislative Review: Status Update on Bills

An update to bills previously considered was provided. **AB 2286 (Torrico) Housing and AB 2378 (Evans) Housing Density Bonus** have been significantly amended, and the scope of the bills changed. The committee changed previous support positions to **Watch**.

The opposition to Eminent Domain legislation remained.

Update on Telecommunications Legislation:

The latest update on **AB 2987 (Nunez & Levine) Cable and Video Services** from the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties was distributed. It was agreed that even with recent amendments to AB 2987, the Committee's recommendation "**to oppose**" continues. It was also noted that the latest amendment, which would allow cable companies to "opt out" of their franchise agreement with local agencies so that they could operate under a state franchise, has raised a critical question: "whether the California Constitution would allow the Legislature to pass a statute authorizing the abrogation of a local contract."

It was reported that the League and CSAC have suggested a better approach-- to have a statewide framework, locally implemented with franchises issued by local agencies—but the bill authors, its sponsors, and committees have not been willing to accept this amendment. There is great concern that the bill continues to pass unanimously through committees without opposition.

Report on AB 2307 (Mullin) State Mandates:

Carried for ABAG by Assemblymember Mullins, this bill has died in committee. Staff is still working with legislators to find a solution to the lack of funding for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.

5. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. *The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2006.*