

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

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Vice Mayor David Cortese, City of San Jose, ABAG Immediate Past President  
Councilmember Carole D. Knutson, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Dan Furtado, City of Campbell  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG President  
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Vice President  
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda  
Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand, City of Dublin  
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City  
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano  
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa  
Mayor Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek

*Staff Present:*

Patricia Jones—ABAG

Kathleen Cha – ABAG

Juliet Leftwich, Senior Counsel, Legal Community Against Violence

1. **Introductions:** Councilmember Carole Dillon Knutson, L&GO Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 3:40.
2. **Minutes:** September 18, 2008, minutes were approved.

**3. Bills for Consideration in 2009 Legislative Cycle**

ABAG President Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson reported that two bills AB 2062 and AB 2235 sponsored by the Legal Community Against Violence which is working with the Task Force, will be reintroduced in 2009 Legislative cycle. Both bills were presented for committee consideration and Juliet Leftwich, Senior Counsel, representing Legal Community Against Violence, was on hand to discuss current law and proposals.

Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson was reporting on behalf of the ABAG Youth Gun Control Task Force and outlined their recommendations regarding gun violence prevention strategies that include convening a regional symposium, developing materials and resources like model ordinances for local jurisdictions to adopt, and addressing the issue regionally and statewide through potential 2009 legislative proposals.

**AB 2062 (DE LEON) REDUCING ILLEGAL HANDGUN AMMUNITION SALES**

At this time provisions in bill include requiring handgun ammunition vendors obtain a license, request background clearance of employees, store handgun ammunition

safely and securely away from purchasers, maintain records, and require handgun ammunition be sold in face to face transactions so that the vendor can confirm identity of purchaser and record that information.

**Action: The Committee agreed to “Support in Concept” and track the bill for further discussion after it is re-introduced in January or February.**

#### **AB 2235 (DE SAULNIER) OWNER -AUTHORIZED HANDGUNS**

AB 2235 would require all newly manufactured or imported handguns in the state be owner-authorized, which means having a permanent programmable biometric feature that makes only a lawful owner or authorized user able to fire the gun.

The committee expressed concern that there was not enough information available on the technology being proposed, which is still on the drawing board.

**Action: The Committee voted 6-5 to take no position at this time.**

*(Note at the ABAG Executive Board Meeting that followed the Executive Board voted to “Support AB 2235 in Concept.”)*

#### **4. Discussion of Potential Legislation for Water Resource Management**

The Committee discussed the breadth of water-land use legislative issues and topics. Issues briefly discussed included water rights system, groundwater rights and quality permitting system, the Delta Focused Water system and the issue of conveyance and canal, water supply reliability, water conservation, and urban water efficiency.

**Action:** Because of the scope and complexity of water bill packages that are anticipated in 2009, the Committee requested presentations at a committee meeting as well as at an Executive Board as soon as can be arranged from Water Policy experts so that the region/ABAG could prioritize the issues, and be more responsive and have impact on upcoming legislative proposals.

#### **5. Legislative Reception 2009**

The committee recommended hosting a Legislative reception in Sacramento for state legislators at the end of January 2009 (January 28<sup>th</sup>), and inviting the League of California Cities (LEAGUE) and California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to co-sponsor it with ABAG, as they did in January 2008.

The Committee also recommended accepting the invitation from CALCOG to join their State Legislative reception in Sacramento on **Wednesday February 11, 2009**. ABAG would join the San Joaquin Cog in co-sponsoring this reception.

The Committee also requested staff to send letters of congratulations to the newly elected Bay Area delegation introducing and re-introducing ABAG and its members and commitment to addressing regional challenges.

**6. Latest Information Regarding State Budget:** The committee discussed the implications of the budget delay and looming local program cuts because of no funding support.

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **January 15, 2009**.