

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES  
December 12, 2013**

At 5:30 P.M. Member Gordon called the Legislative Committee meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

**Committee Members Attending:**

Irene O'Connell (City of San Bruno)  
Deborah Gordon (Town of Woodside)  
Art Kiesel (City of Foster City)  
Mary Ann Nihart (City of Pacifica)  
Laurence May (Town of Hillsborough)  
Karen Ervin (City of Pacifica)

**Guests or Staff Attending:**

Andrew Antwih, Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih Inc.  
Matt Robinson, Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih Inc. (by phone)  
Chuck Cole, Advocation (by phone)  
Sandy Wong, Jean Higaki, Wally Abrazaldo, C/CAG Staff  
Jim Bigelow, Redwood City Chamber of Commerce  
Tara Peterson, City of San Carlos

**1. Public comment on related items not on the agenda.**

None

**2. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2013.**

Member O'Connell asked about the sample letter of support for AB 418 that was never distributed. This letter was not released because the legislative effort was stalled in the 2013 session. Now that legislation appears to be moving again, staff will disseminate information to the City Managers at the appropriate time. Member O'Connell requested that C/CAG Board members be carbon copied.

Member Kiesel moved and member O'Connell seconded approval of the August 8, 2013 minutes. Motioned passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2013.**

Member Kiesel moved and member O'Connell seconded approval of the September 12, 2013 minutes. Motioned passed unanimously.

**4. Review and recommend approval of the C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, positions, and legislative update (A position may be taken on any legislation, including legislation not previously identified).**

A verbal report from Advocation and Shaw/Yoder/Antwih was provided.

The Legislature is still out of session and will return on Jan 6, 2014. There have been leadership changes in both houses.

There several bills carried over from 2013 that will be active in 2014.

- The General fund is growing in excess of the budget. There is proposal to have an 8 billion kept in reserve. Administration may be more open to temporary projects vs. long term programs.
- Transportation funding is on a fiscal cliff with the end of Prop 1 B. There are attempts to try to pass a 55% threshold for special purposes but the ProTem has not supported those efforts so far.
- Cap and Trade is expected to crop up next year. We should expect many hands to be out for Cap and Trade funds, including High Speed Rail, Affordable Housing, Transit, and Local Streets and Roads, and Local Governments.
- There is a proposal to put an initiative together for maintaining the existing transportation infrastructure. Proponents are looking for a statewide vehicle license fee for transportation infrastructure, but it is too early to see where this will go yet.

There is a question that the general fund has been benefiting from the loss of redevelopment and other local revenue. The question of reinstating redevelopment is not being addressed until pending litigation has been settled.

Sandy Wong and Matt Fabry, are meeting with our delegation regarding overall issues associated with funding for stormwater compliance, the water board's process for setting fees, and the possibility of the legislature considering stormwater when developing the water bond act or cap and trade funding.

Regarding the stormwater legislative efforts, the lobbying team has been working with the senate governance and finance committee staff to convince them that existing legislation will not meet our needs and that our legislative proposal is necessary. It is becoming apparent that stormwater will be an important issue around the state.

Suggested edits to the C/CAG proposed legislative language, made by committee staff in Sacramento, were incorporated in a hand out to the Legislative Committee members. Some of the edits included:

- Focusing the language on C/CAG versus a more general JPA enabling language without stating the assumption that JPAs do not already have authority to raise fees/ taxes.
- Removing reference to a plan that might have the effect of limiting C/CAG in the future.

- Using the existing authority that the County has for fines due to non-payment of fees/ taxes.
- Removal of the option of a jurisdiction to pay the fee/ tax on behalf of their citizens. This might be seen as a “fairness issue” in the future.

It is estimated that the fee might be around \$35 per single family parcel but the number is not set at this time. Also there was a question regarding the need for an urgency clause. The urgency clause would allow C/CAG to go before the voters in 2014 as soon as the Governor approves the bill.

Member Gordon requested that the term of “watershed” be added to the legislative language to add some flexibility. Member Nihart moved to approve the language with the addition of inserting “watershed” where appropriate. Member Kiesel seconded and it was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Review and comment on the Draft C/CAG Legislative Policies for 2014**

Member O’Connell recommended consolidating policy 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5. Member Nihart wanted to make sure that the different nuances of each were not lost. Staff will revise and bring back to the legislative committee.

Member Gordon inquired about moving 10.2 to climate action section. The item was moved due to its focus on transportation demand management. Member Gordon requested that the business engagement should be more overarching than just Greenhouse Gas or climate legislation. Staff will revise this item and bring back to the legislative committee.

#### **6. Nomination and election of a Legislative Committee Vice Chairperson**

Member O’Connell nominated member Kiesel as Vice Chair. Member Ervin seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously.

#### **7. Approval of the 2014 Legislative Committee Calendar**

Member Nihart suggested re-evaluating the calendar in June to see if any of the fall meetings should be reinstated. Member Nihart moved and member May seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting informally adjourned at approximately 6:12 P.M.