Regular Meeting of the
Technical Review Board

Merced County Association of Governments
Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County
Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority

LOCATION
City of Merced
3rd Floor Conference Room
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 723-3153

DATE
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

TIME
12:00 P.M.

Technical Review Board Members

Lori Waterman, Chair                      City Manager of Atwater
Jim Brown                                 CEO of County of Merced
Steve Carrigan                            City Manager of Merced
Doug Dunford                              City Manager of Gustine
Darrell Fonseca                           City Manager of Dos Palos
Jose Antonio Ramirez                      City Manager of Livingston
Alex Terrazas                             City Manager of Los Banos
AGENDA

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Merced County Regional Waste Authority (209)723-4481 www.mcrwma.org
Merced Data Special Services (209)723-3153 www.mcagis.com
Measure V (209)723-3153 www.mcagov.org/MeasureV
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For information only.

| +    | 7. Approve the 2020 One Voice Legislative Platform | Action | Mary-Michal Rawling | Pg. 41 |

Recommend approval of the proposed 2020 One Voice Legislative Platform.

| +    | 8. Adopt the Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 13 | Action | Ty Phimmason | Pg. 46 |

Recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment 13 to the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

| 9.   | Establish Free Fare Program for Fairs and Election Days | Action | Christine Chavez | Pg. 52 |

Recommend the MCAG Governing Board establish the Free Fare to Fairs/Election Day Program with an annual program budget of $50,000 to be funded through an annual allocation of Measure V Transit funding.

+ Attachment
TRANSPORT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCE COUNTY

10. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update  
    Info  Christine Chavez

MERCE COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

+ 11. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update  
    Info  Eric Zetz  Pg. 58
    Staff will give an oral report on the following items:
    a. Tonnage Reports for February;
    b. Landfill Gas to Energy Construction Manager at Risk update;
    c. Hwy 59 Landfill Phase 6B-1 update; and
    d. Community Cleanup & Household Hazardous Waste Events.

    Action  Kyle Loreto  Pg. 60
    Recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority adopt Resolution No. 2020/03-19-02 authorizing an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy.

OTHER REPORTS

13. Caltrans Report  
    Info  Hilda Sousa

    Info  Stephen Qualls

15. Oral Report - Jurisdictions  
    Info

16. Executive Director’s Report  
    Info

Next Meeting:
The next Technical Review Board meeting will be held on April 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Los Banos Community Center Lounge, 645 7th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.
ITEM 3
The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board, held at the Dos Palos City/County Building, Council Chambers, 1554 Golden Gate Ave, Dos Palos, CA was called to order at 12:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Marci Barrera for Jim Brown, County Executive Officer of County of Merced
Steve Carrigan, City Manager of Merced
Doug Dunford, City Manager of Gustine
Darrell Fonseca, City Manager of Dos Palos

MEMBERS ABSENT
Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager of Livingston
Alex Terrazas, City Manager of Los Banos
Lori Waterman, City Manager of Atwater, Chair

STAFF PRESENT
Nav Bagri, Finance Director
Christine Chavez, Transit Director
Matt Fell, Deputy Director - Planning
Eva Garibay, Public Programs Specialist II
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
Kyle Loretto, Diversions Program Manager, Regional Waste Authority
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing and Contracts Manager
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
Marty Yerrick, Deputy Director, Regional Waste Authority

OTHERS PRESENT
Stephan Qualls, League of California Cities
Gordon Bonds, City of Dos Palos Public Works Director
1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Public Comment

No public comments received.

3. Minutes of the January 8, 2020 Technical Review Board meeting

Darrell Fonseca moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 Technical Review Board meeting.
Seconded by Steve Carrigan.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this time item Item 17 was moved up prior to item Item 4.

17. Oral Report – League of California Cities Update

Stephen Qualls gave the League of California Cities update.

4. Quarterly Financials Report


TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

5. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update

Christine Chavez gave the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update.

6. Approve Project Funding Application Submittal to Caltrans – DRMT for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program FY 2020

Darrell Fonseca moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County:

a. Adopt Resolution No. 2020/02-20-01 authorizing the project funding application submittal for the acquisition of three (3) 35’-40’ zero-emission electric buses and depot chargers, and authorizing the Transit Joint Powers Authority Executive Director to sign and execute documents related to the grant program as well as executing Caltrans-DRMT Standard Agreement Contract; and

b. Authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Support on behalf of the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County.

Seconded by Steve Carrigan.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
7. **Authorization of Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Transit Operating Assistance Grant Application Submittal for Federal Fiscal Year 2020**

Marci Barrera moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County adopt Resolution No. 2020/02-20-02 authorizing the filing of the FFY 2020 grant applications and authorize the Transit Joint Powers Authority Executive Director to sign and execute the related documents as stated.

Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

8. **Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update**

Marty Yerrick gave an update for the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority and discussed the following topics:

a. January Tonnage Reports;

b. Update on SB1383/HF&H Request for Information (RFI) agency analysis;

c. Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) Request for Proposals (RFP) Update; and

d. Saturday Service Hours of Operation update.

9. **Authorize the Household Hazardous Waste Management Services Contract**

Steve Carrigan moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year contract, with two one-year options, for Household Hazardous Waste Management services in an amount not to exceed $100,000 annually.

Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. **Approve the Solid Waste Association of North America California Legislative Task Force 2020 Regulatory Platform**

Darrell Fonseca moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority approve the 2020 Legislative and Regulatory Platform and authorize staff to advocate on related legislative issues on behalf of the RWA.

Seconded by Marci Barrera.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

11. **Information/Discussion Only**

a. MCAG Newsletter – February 2020

b. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events

c. Technical Review Board meeting schedule 2020

d. Minutes of the January 16, 2020 MCAG Governing Board meeting

e. MCAG Quarterly Report to Assembly member Adam Gray and Senator Anna Caballero

f. Paul Van Konynenburg’s Reappointment Letter to the California Transportation Commission
12. Transportation Planning and Measure V Updates

Matt Fell gave the transportation planning and Measure V update.

13. Federal “SAFE” Rule Update

Matt Fell gave an update on the Federal “SAFE” Rule.

14. Authorize the Hosted Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Phone Services

Steve Carrigan moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a one-year base contract, with two one-year extension options, for Hosted Voice over Internet Protocol in an amount not to exceed $79,722.36. Seconded by Marci Barrera. 
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Caltrans Draft 2020 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)


OTHER REPORTS

16. Caltrans Report

No report given.

18. Oral Report - Jurisdictions

So noted.

19. Executive Director’s Report

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:28 p.m.
ITEM 4a
In January, local officials along side representatives from Merced County, Merced City, Merced County Association of Governments, Caltrans and UC Merced celebrated the ribbon-cutting for Campus Parkway Segment II and held the groundbreaking for Segment III near Highway 140. The $30 million Segment II extends the four-lane expressway from East Childs Avenue to 1/4 mile past Highway 140. The new segment includes a traffic signal at Campus Parkway and East Childs Avenue, a concrete structure crossing the BNSF railroad tracks and Highway 140, and a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 140 and the “Campus Parkway Access” connector road. This portion of the Campus Parkway Project was completed ahead of schedule.

The corridor is part of the regional plan to improve traffic circulation between Highway 99 and the UC Merced campus. Thanks to the leadership of Senator Anthony Cannella and Assembly Member Adam Gray, the Campus Parkway project received $100 million for construction under Senate Bill 132 which lawmakers passed in April of 2017.

The overall project consists of a four-lane divided roadway extending 4.5 miles from Mission Avenue to Yosemite Avenue. Segment I from Mission Avenue to East Childs Avenue was completed in 2009. The final segment is the largest portion of the project and will extend the expressway to Yosemite Avenue. The entire Campus Parkway Corridor project is anticipated to be complete by June 2023 at a total cost of $100 million.

Will you be heading to the polls on March 3rd? Get there, and anywhere around the County, for FREE on The Bus! Simply show the bus operator any of your voting materials or download the Election Day bus pass from www.mercedthebus.com, then hop on board any fixed-route for free!

Voters may present any of the following voting materials to ride for free on Election Day:

- Merced County All Mail Ballot
- Merced County Vote by Mail/Absentee Ballot
- Merced County Voter Information Guide
- State Voter Information Guide
- “I Voted” sticker
- Ballot stub
- Election Day Bus Pass - available on The Bus website

For any questions about voting, or to find your polling station, visit the Merced County Elections website at: www.co.merced.ca.us/225/Elections

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact The Bus at (209)723-3100. Real-time information regarding bus locations, services and arrival times can be found at www.thebuslive.com. All buses are equipped with bike racks and are wheelchair accessible.
MARCH MEETINGS & EVENTS:

03/03  Election Day
03/06  Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, MCAG office, 8:30 am
03/06  Merced County Hispanic Chamber 2020 Latina Women’s Luncheon, For more info: www.mercedhcc.com
03/07  Household Hazardous Event, Los Banos Fairgrounds, 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
03/11  Technical Review Board meeting, 12:00 pm, City of Merced
03/16  Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, 3:00 pm, MCAG office
03/17  Livingston Highway 99 Widening Groundbreaking ceremony, 1:00 pm
03/19  Governing Board meeting, City of Los Banos, 3:00 pm
04/03  Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, MCAG office, 8:30 am

For more information about these events, or if your City or community has public events you would like published in our newsletter, contact Eva Garibay at: eva.garibay@mcagov.org

MCAG PARTICIPATES IN TIDY UP TUESDAY

Over the past few months MCAG staff has participated in the Merced Chamber’s Tidy Up Tuesday initiative. Every Tuesday afternoon staff volunteer a few minutes of their time to beautify a small section of downtown Merced by picking up litter in public spaces.

MCAG SEEKING STUDENT APPLICANTS FOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MCAG is seeking student applicants for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC is a 17-member committee comprised of individuals from both the private sector and the community, who provide input to the MCAG Governing Board.

CAC meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 8:30 am at the MCAG office in Merced. Applications can be obtained at www.mcagov.org or at the MCAG office, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced.

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Measure V, Merced County’s ½ cent transportation sales tax, was passed by Merced County voters with 71% approval in November 2016. In an effort to keep the community informed about this transformative measure, MCAG will feature monthly updates in this newsletter. You can also visit www.mcagov.org/measureV for the latest!

Over the past year and a half, local jurisdictions have made steady progress on Measure V projects around the County. Recently, the City of Merced recently completed the Main Street and M Street Improvement Project. The project consisted of the reconstruction of both M Street and Main Street, between 18th Street to 16th Street and, N Street to M Street. Work included roadway pulverization, cement treatment, asphalt concrete, curb and gutter work, ADA ramps, concrete sidewalk, driveway approaches, traffic loops, and pavement modification.

Additional Measure V funded projects recently completed by the City of Merced include: reconstruction of M Street, from North Bear Creek Drive to Rambler Road.

Both photos show the work along Main Street in Merced

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**Yard**

- Insect Spray • Pesticides
- Fertilizers • Herbicides • Weed Killers
- Pool Chemicals • Bait or Poison for rodents

**Home**

- Batteries • Aerosol Cans • Drain Cleaners • CFL Bulbs
- Ammonia Based Cleaners • Oven Cleaners • Moth Balls
- Bait/Poison • Spot Removers

**Garage**

- Antifreeze • Motor Oil • Oil Filters • Brake Fluid • Grease
- Batteries • Paint • Wood Preservatives • Paint Remover
- Items containing Mercury • Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes
- Chemicals

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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**

**LOS BANOS FAIRGROUNDS PARK**

403 F Street Los Banos, CA 93635

**SATURDAY 7 MARCH**

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT:**
- Medical waste • Radioactive material •
- Large, compressed gas cylinders •
- Agricultural waste • Explosives • Munitions •
- Waste from large-quantity generators •

Note: There are some quantity restrictions and/or small fees associated with some household hazardous waste items, particularly for ‘Conditionally-Exempt Small-Quantity Generators’. Please contact Clean Harbors in advance for more information:

Phone: **916-396-1505**

Email: roa.renea@cleanharbors.com

www.mcrwma.org
ITEM 4b
Important Dates: March 2020 – December 2020
(Technical Review Board and Governing Board meeting dates and locations are subject to change)

March
- 3/6 Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 3/11 Valley Voice Trip, Sacramento
- 3/11 Technical Review Board meeting, City of Merced
- 3/16 Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, MCAG
- 3/19 Governing Board meeting, City of Los Banos

April
- 4/1 YARTS Authority Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 4/3 Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 4/5-7 CalCog Regional Leadership Forum, Riverside, CA
- 4/6 YARTS Joint Powers Authority meeting, MCAG
- 4/8 Technical Review Board meeting, Los Banos Community Center Lounge
- 4/16 Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building

May
- 5/1 Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting, MCAG
- 5/5-8 One Voice Trip, Washington D.C.
- 5/13 Technical Review Board meeting, MCAG
- 5/13-15 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Conference, Bass Lake
- 5/20 YARTS 20th Anniversary, Yosemite National Park
- 5/21 MCAG Governing Board meeting, City of Livingston
- 5/25 HOLIDAY – MCAG Office Closed

June
- 6/5 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 6/10 Technical Review Board meeting, City of Gustine
- 6/15 Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, MCAG
- 6/18 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building
July

- 7/3 HOLIDAY (Observed) - MCAG Office Closed
- 7/8 Technical Review Board meeting, Atwater Community Center
- 7/10 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 7/16 MCAG Governing Board meeting, City of Atwater

August

- 8/7 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 8/12 Technical Review Board meeting, Los Banos Community Center
- 8/20 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building

September

- 9/4 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 9/7 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 9/9 Technical Review Board meeting, City of Livingston
- 9/17 MCAG Governing Board meeting, City of Gustine
- 9/21 Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, MCAG

October

- 10/2 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 10/14 Technical Review Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building, Room 310
- 10/15 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building

November

- 11/6 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 11/11 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 11/15-17 Focus on the Future, Marriott, Newport Beach
- 11/18 Technical Review Board meeting, Atwater Community Center
- 11/19 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Dos Palos City/County Building
- 11/26 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 11/27 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
December

- 12/4 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 12/9 Technical Review Board meeting, MCAG
- 12/17 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- 12/17 MCAG Open House, MCAG
- 12/24 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 12/25 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 12/31 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
ITEM 4c
2020 Updated
Technical Review Board Meeting Schedule

REVISED
The 2nd Wednesday of each month
at 12:00 p.m.
(except when noted in red)

January 8  County of Merced
February 12 City of Dos Palos
March 11  City of Merced
April 8  City of Los Banos
May 13  MCAG Office
June 10  City of Gustine
July 8  City of Atwater
August 12 City of Los Banos
September 9 City of Livingston
October 14 County of Merced
November 18 City of Atwater
December 9 Merced County Association of Governments

• 2017 Jurisdictions that held the TRB meeting at least twice:
  o City of Los Banos
  o City of Merced

• 2018 Jurisdictions to hold the TRB meeting at least twice:
  o City of Gustine
  o City of Atwater
  o County of Merced

• 2019 Jurisdictions to hold the TRB meeting at least twice:
  o City of Dos Palos
  o City of Livingston
  o City of Merced

• 2020 Jurisdictions to hold the TRB meeting at least twice:
  o City of Atwater
  o City of Los Banos
  o County of Merced
ITEM 4d
The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Merced County Admin Building, 3rd Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA was called to order by Chair Daron McDaniel at 3:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**
- Director Daron McDaniel, Chair
- Director Paul Creighton, Vice Chair
- Director Juan Aguilar
- Director Lee Lor
- Director April Hogue
- Director Mike Murphy
- Director Joe Oliveira
- Director Lloyd Pareira
- Director Scott Silveira
- Director Mike Villalta

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**
- Director Rodrigo Espinoza

**MCAG STAFF PRESENT**
- Nav Bagri, Finance Director
- Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
- Eva Garibay, Public Program Specialist II
- Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
- Emily Haden, Legal Counsel
- Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant
- Kristina Meraz, Human Resources/Risk Manager
- Kyle Loreto, Diversion Program Manager
- Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing & Contracts Manager
- Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
- Marty Yerrick, RWA Deputy Director
- Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II
- Eric Zetz, RWA Director

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
- Marci Barrera, County of Merced
- Tom Dumas, Caltrans, District 10
- Jose Moran, Chonchis Foundation
- Ursula Stock, Citizens Advisory Committee
- Breanne Ramos, Merced County Farm Bureau

* “Arrived after roll call”*
1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   Director Lor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Invocation**

   Eriz Zetz led the invocation.

3. **Roll Call**

   Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   Director Pareira moved to approve the February 20, 2020 MCAG Governing Board agenda. Seconded by Director Oliveira.
   **Ayes** – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
   **Noes** – None
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Public Comment**

   No public comments were received.

6. **Minutes**

   a. Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board meeting for January 16, 2020
   b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board meeting for January 16, 2020
   c. Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting for January 16, 2020

   Director Oliveira moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2020, Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board, Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board and the Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting. Seconded by Director Lor.
   **Ayes** – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
   **Noes** – None
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Quarterly Financial Report**

   Nav Bagri presented the Quarterly Financial Report and discussed the following topics:
   - Overview of Second Quarter of FY 2019-2020
   - MCAG General/MPO Fund
   - Major Revenues
   - Major Expenditures
   - Measure V

8. **Citizens Advisory Committee Report**

   Ursula Stock gave the Citizens Advisory Committee Report.
9. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update

Christine Chavez gave the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County and discussed the following topics:
- January 2020 Ridership Report
- Operations and Maintenance Update
- Free Fare Programs

Stacie Guzman discussed the Transit Reserve Policy.

10. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Project Funding Application Submittal to Caltrans – DRMT for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program FY 2020
b. Authorization of Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Transit Operating Assistance Grant Application Submittal for Federal Fiscal Year 2020

Director Lor moved to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Director Oliveira.

Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Christine Chavez stated that the Transit Joint Powers Authority was awarded with 3 Cutaway Buses.

11. Action on Property Damage Claim – Adrian Lopez

Kristina Meraz summarized the submitted property damage claim and stated that this claim was submitted beyond the statute of limitations and is without merit. She requested the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County reject the claim and direct staff to send the appropriate notice of rejection to the claimant.

Director Silveira moved to reject the claim of Adrian Lopez and direct staff to send the appropriate notice of rejection to the claimant.
Seconded by Director Pareira.

Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update

Eric Zetz presented the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority monthly update and discussed the following topics:
a. January Tonnage Reports;
b. Update on SB1383/HF&H Request for Information (RFI) agency analysis;
c. Landfill Gas to Energy Project update; and
d. Saturday Service Hours of Operation update.
13. **Billy Wright Landfill Expansion Options - Update**

Eric Zetz summarized the current status of the Billy Wright Landfill Expansion and options that are being explored.

14. **Authorize the Household Hazardous Waste Management Services Contract**

Kyle Loreto gave an update on the Household Hazardous Waste Management Services contract.

Director Villalta moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year contract, with two one-year options, for Household Hazardous Waste Management services in an amount not to exceed $100,000 annually.

Seconded by Director Lor.

**Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**

**Noes – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. **Approve the Solid Waste Association of North America California Legislative Task Force 2020 Regulatory Platform**

Eric Zetz summarized the Solid Waste Association of North America California Legislative Task Force 2020 Regulatory Platform asking for approval on behalf of the Regional Waste Authority.

Director Pareira moved to approve the 2020 Legislative and Regulatory Platform and authorize staff to advocate on related legislative issues on behalf of the Regional Waste Authority.

Seconded by Director Silveira.

**Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**

**Noes – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

16. **Caltrans Report**

Tom Dumas gave the Caltrans report discussing the following topics:

- Tentative Date: March 17, 2020 – Livingston/SR 99 Widening Project Ribbon Cutting
- Executive Order 20-23 work with jurisdictions for site locations for homeless encampments
- Welcome to new Caltrans Deputy Director of Planning Jeanie Ward-Waller
- Route 99 Business Plan – 110 Projects up and down SR 99
- Active Transportation Planning Grant applications due June 2020

17. **Information/Discussion Only**

a. MCAG Newsletter – February 2020
b. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events
c. MCAG Governing Board Meeting Schedule 2020
d. Minutes of the February 12, 2020 Technical Review Board meeting
e. MCAG Quarterly Report to Assembly member Adam Gran and Senator Anna Caballero
f. Paul Van Konynenburg’s Reappointment Letter to the California Transportation Commission
g. Caltrans Draft 2020 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)

So noted.
18. **Transportation Planning and Measure V Updates**

Stacie Guzman gave the Transportation Planning and Measure V update and discussed the following topics:
- CTC Commissioner Reappointment Letter
- Campus Parkway Ribbon Cutting
- Highway 152 Safety Task Force
- Westside Commuter Bus Study
- High Speed Rail Business Plan

19. **Federal “SAFE” Rule Update**

Stacie Guzman gave a detailed update on the Federal “SAFE” Rule stating that the Rule results in increased emissions that make it harder for California to achieve the State’s climate goals and that the emissions impacts also have implications for the conformity of transportation plans, programs, and projects.

20. **Authorize Contract for Hosted Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Phone Services**

Nav Bagri gave an update on the contract for Hosted Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone service as the current phone services contract is set to expire on February 15, 2020.

Director Silveira moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a one-year base contract, with two one-year extension options, for Hosted Voice Over Internet Protocol in an amount not to exceed $79,722.36. Seconded by Director Creighton.

Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. **Citizens Advisory Committee Representative Appointment**

Mary-Michal Rawling gave an update on the Citizens Advisory Committee vacancy and requested appointment of Mike Jensen as the Water/Irrigation representative.

Discussion ensued regarding the process of applications being submitted for appointment and direction was given to staff for future submittals.

Director Creighton moved to appoint Mike Jensen as the Water/Irrigation representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Seconded by Director Silveira.

Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
22. **Appointment to the 2020 Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship Selection Committee**

Mary-Michal Rawling summarized the request for appointment to the 2020 Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship Selection Committee.

Director Silveira moved nominate and appoint Director Hogue to the 2020 Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship Selection Committee.
Seconded by Director Creighton.
**Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**
**Noes – None**
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

23. **Subcommittee on Board Composition Options – Alternatives for Consideration**

Stacie Guzman summarized the direction and approach of the subcommittee on the Board Composition Options and alternatives for consideration.

Director Oliveira and Pareira discussed their recommendation to the board as Option A – to take no action at this time.

Director Silveira discussed his recommendation to the board as Option C – to add four additional seats for the largest city and for each westside city.

Director Murphy discussed his recommendations to the board as (1) Option B – add four additional seats for the largest cities and (2) Option D – weighted voting system.

Jose Moran stated that he is listening to the conversations regarding population being used as the key to the options presented today and asked the board to consider using the percentages of taxes received as a key instead.

Director Silveira moved to approve Option C – to add four additional seats for the largest city and for each westside city as the preferred option.
Seconded by Director Hogue.
A lengthy discussion ensued, and Chair McDaniel called for a roll call vote.
**Roll Call Vote:**
**Ayes – Directors Hogue, Silveira, Villalta**
**Noes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Lor, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira**
**MOTION FAILED.**

Director Murphy moved to approve Option B – to add four additional seats for the largest cities as the preferred option.
Seconded by Director Creighton.
A lengthy discussion ensued, and Chair McDaniel called for a roll call vote.
**Roll Call Vote:**
**Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Murphy**
**Noes – Directors Hogue, Lor, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**
**MOTION FAILED.**
Director Creighton moved to continue the discussion at a future meeting. Seconded by Director Villalta. A lengthy discussion ensued with Director Silveira calling for the vote. A roll call vote was taken. Roll Call Vote: 
Ayes – Directors Aguilar, Creighton, Murphy, Villalta
Noes – Directors Hogue, Lor, McDaniel, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira
MOTION FAILED.

OTHER REPORTS

24. Executive Director’s Report

Stacie Guzman discussed the following topics:
- Upcoming agenda items
- Draft Transit Operations and Reserve Policy for discussion
- Draft Work Plan for budgets
- One Voice Platform for action
- Free Fare funding options
- Implemented attendance policy for the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee and letters have been sent out in regard to vacancies on the committee due to absences.

25. Directors’ Reports

Director Murphy invited everyone to attend the Town Hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. tonight at Golden Valley High School. He stated the next town hall meeting will be on February 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at Cruickshank Middle School.

Director Oliveira wished good luck to everyone who is running for re-election.

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

____________________/s/______________
Joy Young
Administrative Assistant II
ITEM 6
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2020

TO: Technical Review Board

FROM: Nav Bagri, Finance Director

RE: Draft 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget

SUMMARY

Attached is the draft Overall Work Program (OWP) summary for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The OWP is the budget for the federally-funded transportation planning functions of MCAG. The OWP will be placed on the April agenda for approval.

BACKGROUND

MCAG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Merced County. As such, MCAG has responsibilities for transportation planning and programming, and receives federal and state funding to accomplish them. The Overall Work Program (OWP) identifies several work elements, each including an objective, products, personnel, funding requirements, and funding source.

This document will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans for their approval to assure that MCAG’s transportation planning work elements are eligible for reimbursement using federal funds.

PAST ACTION TAKEN

May 16, 2019: MCAG Governing Board approved the Overall Work Program for FY 19/20.

DISCUSSION

1) OWP Summary

The OWP consists of several recurring elements as well as special studies and programs. Recurring core programs include Citizen Participation, Regional Transportation Planning, Air Quality Planning, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program among others.

Special studies include four regional transit studies begun in FY 19/20 which are being continued into FY 20/21. These are 1) West Side Commuter Bus Study, 2) Transit Consolidation Study, 3) East Side Rail/Transit Study, and 4) Short Range Transit Plan.
On the west side of the county, the study will look at potential commuter and express bus service options that would connect to the transit and rail systems in the Bay Area.

The Transit consolidation study will be in partnership with UC Merced to evaluate The Bus and the University’s current and future transit service operations.

On the east side of the county, a study will be conducted to help begin planning for future transit connections to rail systems coming to Merced and to examine potential new transpo locations in conjunction with proposed rail station locations – the San Joaquin Amtrak service, ACE service, and High-Speed Rail.

The Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) is the primary planning document that guides the decisions associated with operating a public transit system. This document charts the course of the agency over the next few years, including a service plan, a capital plan, a marketing plan, and other components. A SRTP will be conducted for The Bus.

Staff will also be looking to acquire new agenda management software. The software will help automate the process of preparing the agenda, which will increase efficiency, and expedite the distribution of the agenda. Staff will also be purchasing hardware and software to broadcast Governing Board meetings in real time.

2) Budget Summary

The OWP total budget for FY 20/21 increased overall by 6%. The increase is mainly due to the anticipation of merit increase and one new position for the planning department. Staff is looking into adding a Senior Planner to the planning department, but also will be removing the Executive Deputy Director position from staffing. FHWA Planning and FTA 5303 funds will fund an increase in the overall budget.

If you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Nav Bagri at 723.3153 x 159 or nav.bagri@mcagov.org.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is a 6% increase in the overall budget from FY 19/20 to FY 20/21.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

ATTACHMENTS

Revenue and Expenditure
Overall Budget and Work Program
Draft FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program Transportation Planning Summary
### Overall Budget

**MCAG FY 2020/2021 BUDGET SUMMARY**

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## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
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Summary: As a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and Metropolitan Planning Organization, MCAG is the primary transportation facilitator in Merced County. Responsibilities are many, from identifying priority projects to assuring money accepted for improving transportation has been properly utilized. MCAG must also be in the forefront of coordinated regional transportation planning activities, and to do so effectively, requires the correct tools and program support. Work elements of the Transportation Planning Work Program seek to maintain a quality improvement program and provide additional means to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives established by the MCAG Governing Board.

100 Citizen Participation, Public Education & Intergovernmental Coordination

Objectives: To provide the public with information on projects, meetings, plans and reports related to MCAG’s transportation planning activities and processes, and to help the public understand issues that affect the regional transportation system in Merced County. To seek input from the public on MCAG’s planning activities and to engage citizens in all aspects of the planning process. This work element is intended to highlight the agency’s commitment to diverse public engagement and participation in transportation planning processes, consistent with federal requirements. To promote coordination, cooperation and communication among local agencies, districts, federal and state agencies, and MCAG on transportation planning processes and issues. To enable various entities to participate in and review products of the regional planning process.

Staff Time: 11.00 Person Months

Funding: FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $221,938

Toll Credits Match: $22,011 (FHWA PL), $2,609 (FTA Sec. 5303)

110 Regional Transportation Planning

Objectives: To meet federal and state requirements for a coordinated and comprehensive regional transportation planning process; to complete the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) including the requirements of Senate Bill 375 (SB 375); to begin preliminary activities to support development of the subsequent Plan; to conduct supporting and related regional plans and planning activities; to conduct and support sustainable transportation planning and climate change planning; to support and promote ridesharing services such as CalVans and dibs.

Staff Time: 8.75 Person Months

Funding: FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $168,083

Toll Credits Match: $16,670 (FHWA PL), $1,976 (FTA Sec. 5303)
111 SB-1 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Objectives: To administer the Fiscal Year (FY) 19-20 Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Sustainable Communities Formula Grant Program with the following overall objectives:

- Implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- Understand mobility needs in communities of concern, especially transit and transit alternatives
- Conduct an analysis of public health benefits and costs associated with the SCS

Staff Time: 0.50 Person Months

Funding: SB 1 Planning Grant - $197,000, LTF Planning - $9,166

112 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING

Objectives: To establish performance measures, collect data, prepare reports, and develop programs to enhance performance-based planning, for example pavement condition, traffic and congestion, and fatal and serious accidents. Also, to assist with the development, deployment, and operation of Pavement Management Programs for member jurisdictions.

Staff Time: 1.50 Person Months

Funding: FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $20,918

Toll Credits Match: $2,075 (FHWA PL), $246 (FTA Sec. 5303)

121 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Objectives: To integrate active transportation into regional transportation planning process; to assist local jurisdictions to identify and secure funding for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and programs.

Staff Time: 1.50 Person Months

Funding: FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $25,159

Toll Credits Match: $2,495 (FHWA PL), $296 (FTA Sec. 5303)

122 AIR QUALITY PLANNING

Objectives: To ensure that Merced County Association of Governments’ (MCAG) transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to federal and state air quality requirements. To inform and advise MCAG and member agencies on air quality issues and policies. To coordinate effectively with other government agencies on these matters.
**Staff Time:** 1.00 Person Months

**Funding:** FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $35,501

**Toll Credits Match:** $3,521 (FHWA PL), $417 (FTA Sec. 5303)

### 123 Transit Planning

**Objectives:** To provide comprehensive short and long-range transit planning for the region while improving safety and security for all transit riders. Transit service in Merced County region is managed by the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County (TJPA). This entity was formed in 1995 to consolidate four separate transit systems. The TJPA operates both fixed route and paratransit services seven days a week. MCAG provides the staff for the TJPA. The Short Range Transit Plan for Merced County was last updated in 2017 and new Short Range Transit Plan with take place in FY 20-21. All routes have been redesigned and simplified, real-time information on bus locations and arrival times is available via smartphone, text, and the internet. Three transit studies will begin in FY 19-20 and concluded in FY 20-21:

- A Consolidation Feasibility Study in partnership with UC Merced, which will examine partial or full consolidation of the county-wide “The Bus” and the UC “Cat tracks” systems.
- A Transit and Rail Connections Study, which will examine opportunities for coordination of the bus with three rail systems: the existing Amtrak service managed by the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) extension to Merced, and the High Speed Rail (HSR). The Study will especially consider options for the downtown “Transpo” Center bus terminal, and how that relates to ACE and HSR station planning.
- A West Side Commuter Bus Study to examine the potential for a commuter bus service from western Merced County locations such as Los Banos, Dos Palos, Santa Nella and Gustine, to Bay Area locations such as San Jose and the East Bay.

**Staff Time:** 7.00 Person Months

**Funding:** FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $617,720

**Toll Credits Match:** $61,262 (FHWA PL), $7,262 (FTA Sec. 5303)

### 130 San Joaquin Valley Transportation Coordination

**Objectives:** To coordinate transportation and air quality planning activities within the San Joaquin Valley. These activities will be conducted in coordination and cooperation with regional and state transportation and air quality planning and regulatory agencies.

**Staff Time:** 4.00 Person Months

**Funding:** FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $104,976
150  **FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)**

**Objectives:** To maintain a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) of all transportation projects and programs that receive federal funding; to manage Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP); to carry out the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

**Staff Time:** 9.00 Person Months

**Funding:** FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $157,777

**Toll Credits Match:** $15,648 (FHWA PL), $1,855 (FTA Sec. 5303)

151  **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)**

**Objectives:** To coordinate local planning efforts with other regional, State, and Federal agencies, and to monitor and respond to policies that will affect the development and the implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

**Staff Time:** 4.00 Person Months

**Funding:** FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $70,508

**Toll Credits Match:** $6,993 (FHWA PL), $829 (FTA Sec. 5303)

170  **TRAFFIC MODELING**

**Objectives:** To meet state and federal requirements regarding transportation modeling; to support other work elements including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); to maintain and update the traffic model and the calibration and validation of it; to update traffic model tools.

**Staff Time:** 2.00 Person Months

**Funding:** FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $232,832

**Toll Credits Match:** $23,091 (FHWA PL), $2,737 (FTA Sec. 5303)

180  **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)**

**Objectives:** To support the transportation planning efforts of Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) by maintaining GIS data and producing transportation and land use maps, data, and other information to share with policy makers, agency staff and the public. This includes preparing...
maps for transportation planning documents such as the RTP, RTIP, and FTIP, technical reports, digital GIS data layers and GIS web applications for travel demand modeling, land use modeling, and other modeling.

Staff Time: 4.00 Person Months

Funding: FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $96,474

Toll Credits Match: $9,568 (FHWA PL), $1,134 (FTA Sec. 5303)

190 STATE DATA CENTER AFFILIATE

Objectives: To perform the duties as a State Data Center (SDC) Affiliate and provide assistance to member agencies and the general public in obtaining, analyzing and using census and other demographic data in support of the area wide transportation planning process.

Staff Time: 0.25 Person Months

Funding: FHWA PL, FTA Sec. 5303, LTF Planning - $4,748

Toll Credits Match: $471 (FHWA PL), $56 (FTA Sec. 5303)

220 MEASURE V IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Objectives: To provide staff support for the administration and implementation of Measure V as outlined in the 2016 Merced County Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Staff Time: 13.50 Person Months

Funding: Measure V, LTF Planning - $294,466

240 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUND ADMINISTRATION

Objectives: To administer the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund pursuant to the California Transportation Act (TDA).

Staff Time: 4.00 Person Months

Funding: TDA Admin - $93,757
290  OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

**Objectives:** To develop, monitor and administer the Overall Work Program and Budget consistent with state and federal funding priorities while being responsive to local agency needs. Also, to involve local technical staff and administrative officers in the transportation planning process.

**Staff Time:** 4.50 Person Months

**Funding:** FHWA PL, FTA Sec.5303, LTF Planning $69,736

**Toll Credits Match:** $4,625 (FHWA PL), $820 (FTA Sec. 53030), $2,291 (LTF Local Match)

900 INDIRECT

**Objectives:** To support all other work elements and properly maintain all assets of the agency

**Staff Time:** Indirect – 56.48 Person Months
Indirect PTO – 38.60 Person Months
ITEM 7
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2020

TO: Technical Review Board

FROM: Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager

RE: Approve the 2020 One Voice Legislative Platform

SUMMARY

MCAG staff is seeking Board adoption of the policy priority list put forward by the 2020 One Voice delegates. This list will constitute an official legislative platform and will serve as the guidance document for the delegation when they travel to Washington, D.C. on May 5-8, 2020.

BACKGROUND

One Voice is a legislative program for the Merced County region that promotes issues of regional significance to federal legislators and agencies through an annual trip to Washington D.C. The purpose of the program is to advocate for increased funding and/or new or amended legislation. The program was successfully reformatted in 2019 to allow the delegation to better transmit the issues, policies, and projects selected by the delegation and approved by the Governing Board in a comprehensive policy platform.

In September 2019, the Governing Board adopted the program guidelines for the 2020 One Voice program. These are:

- Limit delegation to representatives from jurisdictions (2-3 per jurisdiction), MCAG staff, and Townsend staff
- Make clear connections between the One Voice policy platform and current legislation and regulations
- Develop project/issue list in concert with Congressman Costa’s staff
- Require a non-refundable $50 participation fee of each delegate - revenue collected will be used to pay for a specific cost associated with the trip such as a group meal
- Require delegate participation in planning process and all trip activities
- Hold at least one practice session for speakers prior to the trip

MCAG staff submitted a call for delegates, as well as projects and supporting documentation, to all the jurisdictions in November 2019. Delegate agreements and participation fees have been collected. Staff has worked with Townsend Public Affairs during the planning process and the firm will provide the delegation logistical support when the group arrives in Washington D.C. just as it has done for the last several years.
PAST GOVERNING BOARD ACTION ON 2020 ONE VOICE PROGRAM


2020 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND NEXT STEPS

Staff has convened the delegation, along with a representative from Congressman Costa’s district staff, in accordance with the adopted timeline in order to develop its policy objectives. Program priorities and delegate selection concluded in February. Confirmed delegates for the 2020 One Voice program are as follows:

1. Daron McDaniel, Supervisor, County of Merced, MCAG Chair
2. Lee Lor, Supervisor, County of Merced
3. Mike North, Management Analyst, County of Merced
4. John Cale, Councilmember, City of Atwater
5. Lori Waterman, City Manager, City of Atwater
6. Mike Murphy, Mayor, City of Merced
7. Steve Carrigan, City Manager, City of Merced,
8. Pay Nagy, Mayor, City of Gustine
9. Derek Alexander, Councilmember, City of Gustine
10. Tom Faria, Councilmember, City of Los Banos
11. Brett Jones, Councilmember, City of Los Banos
12. Alex Terrazas, City Manager, City of Los Banos
13. Juan Aguilar, Councilmember, City of Livingston
14. Stacie Guzman, Executive Director, MCAG
15. Matt Fell, Deputy Director – Planning, MCAG
16. Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager, MCAG
17. Eva Garibay, Public Program Specialist II, MCAG

All delegates have been invoiced for the $50 participation fee. Once the fee is received, the delegate will be issued the hotel block rate code for the designated hotel. After adoption by the Governing Board, delegates will meet in April to finalize speaking points, assign strike teams, confirm meeting schedules, and practice message delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 19-20 Overall Work Program includes element 550 – One Voice Legislative Program. This budget element includes a total program budget of $88,629 for the federal One Voice program and the state and federal Valley Voice programs. This budget is funded by jurisdictions’ membership fees and includes costs associated with professional services performed by Townsend Public Affairs, travel, and staff time.

If you have any questions about the One Voice program, please contact Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager at 209.723.3153 x 119 or mary-michal.rawling@mcagov.org.

REQUESTED ACTION

Recommend approval of the proposed 2020 One Voice Legislative Platform.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed 2020 One Voice Legislative Platform
One Voice 2020

Proposed Platform

Transportation
- Seek funding opportunities for the Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1B.
- Support expanded passenger rail service to Merced County through funding for Amtrak, Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), and High-Speed Rail construction.
- Identify funding opportunities that support the relocation of the Los Banos airport.
- Seek funding sources for Pioneer Road widening construction.
- Seek federal support and funding resources for the establishment of quiet zones along intercity railroad lines.

Economic Development
- Advocate for the stay of FCC rules infringing on local municipalities’ ability to oversee the safe installation of wireless infrastructure on publicly owned property.
- Investigate and discuss public art and beautification programs.
- Support legislation amending the Opportunity Zone Program, including how census tracts are included, substituted, or removed from the Program.
- Seek federal support and resources for the expansion of rural broadband infrastructure.
- Seek federal funding for the development of a regional electric aviation initiative.

Public Safety
- Seek public safety capital project, personnel, and equipment funding opportunities.

Homelessness/Housing
- Explore potential housing programs for homeless individuals as well opportunities aimed at the development of affordable housing projects.
- Seek active support of federal officials in reducing the regulatory constraints embedded in the provision of affordable and/or temporary housing.
- Support the development of long-term federal funding to support ongoing local programs that address homelessness.
Natural Resources
- Explore programs available to local jurisdictions related to the implementation of sustainable water use and water table recharge.
- Seek resources to improve storm drain infrastructure in aging downtown cores.
- Explore funding opportunities to replace local water and sewer infrastructure.
- Advocate for federal resources dedicated to addressing the region’s reliable supply, storage, and delivery of quality drinking water.

Recreational Facilities
- Explore programs and funding opportunities related to the rehabilitation and restoration of historic buildings.
- Seek funding to develop and/or rehabilitate community recreational facilities.
ITEM 8
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2020

TO: Technical Review Board

FROM: Ty Phimmasone, Associate Planner

RE: Adopt the Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 13

SUMMARY

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 13 would program Repurposed Earmarks to the Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1B for environmental work and to the Los Banos Pioneer Road Improvements for right-of-way activities.

PAST ACTIONS TAKEN

In July 2019, the MCAG Board approved supporting the lead agencies’ requests to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to repurpose the three unspent Federal Earmarks to new projects.

BACKGROUND

2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

The MCAG Governing Board adopted the Final 2019 FTIP on August 16, 2018. The 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which incorporated MCAG’s 2019 FTIP, was officially approved by the Federal agencies on December 17, 2018.

Projects and programs, which are federally funded, must be programmed in the FTIP in order to have access to these funds. Any updates or changes to these federally-funded projects/programs for 2019 FTIP Federal Fiscal Years (FFY’s: 2018/19 – 2021/22) must be “amended” into the FTIP.

2019 Earmark Repurposing

The Department of Transportation Appropriations Act of 2019 allows States to repurpose any Federal earmark that was designated before October 1, 2008 and was less than 10 percent obligated or closed. Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance, the repurposed funds may be obligated on a new or existing project in the State within 50 miles of the original earmark designation.

In the Fall of 2019, Merced County and the City of Los Banos submitted requests to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to repurpose unspent Federal Earmark balances to new regional projects. FHWA has since approved those requests.
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<th>Amount</th>
<th>Repurposed Project Scope</th>
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<td>Merced County</td>
<td>Conduct Project Study Report for Highway 165 Realignment and New Highway 99 Interchange</td>
<td>$45,969</td>
<td>Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1B Environmental</td>
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<td>Merced County</td>
<td>Construct Campus Parkway</td>
<td>$106,770</td>
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<td>Los Banos</td>
<td>Los Banos Bypass Right-of-Way</td>
<td>$490,000</td>
<td>Los Banos Pioneer Road Improvements Right-of-Way</td>
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Since these repurposed regional projects exist in MCAG’s 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) projects and have been included in the corresponding air conformity determination, staff will be processing a FTIP Formal Amendment, Type 4 (Relies on a previous regional emissions analysis).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends programming the FHWA-approved Repurposed Earmarks.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FTIP Amendment 13 will program the following funds to the two regional projects:

- Atwater-Merced Expressway, Phase 1B: Two repurposed earmarks totaling $152,738 and required local match of $38,185.
- Los Banos Pioneer Road Improvements: A repurposed earmark of $490,000 and required local match of $122,500.

If you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Ty Phimmasone at 723.3153 x 123 or ty.phimmasone@mcagov.org.

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment 13 to the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- FHWA-approved Earmark Repurposing List
- Resolution No. 2020/03-19-01
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<td>Placer County Transportation Planning Agency</td>
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<td>Fresno Council of Governments</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Merced County Association of Governments</td>
<td>City of Los Banos</td>
<td>Pioneer Road widening - from SR 152/Merced College intersection to SR-152/Ward Rd intersection</td>
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<td>$490,000.00</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Mariposa County Transportation Commission</td>
<td>Mariposa County</td>
<td>In Mariposa, from 5th Street to 8th Street along Jones Street and Bullion Street; Roadway rehabilitation</td>
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<td>$167,458.89</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>San Diego Association of Governments</td>
<td>San Diego Association of Governments</td>
<td>Throughout San Diego County and the cities of Vista, Oceanside and San Marcos; Construct bike trail</td>
<td>CA832</td>
<td>$91,798.64</td>
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$1,717,778.27 $844,171.00
BEFORE THE
MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO.  2020/03-19-01

In the Matter of:  RESOLUTION ADOPTING  the Merced County
Association of Governments 2019 Federal
Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
Amendment 13

WHEREAS, the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is a Regional Transportation
Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to prepare and
adopt a long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare and
adopt a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 13 has been
prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and through a cooperative process
between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the State
Department of Transportation (Caltrans), principal elected officials of general purpose local governments
and their staffs, and public owner operators of mass transportation services acting through the Merced
County Association of Governments forum and general public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 listing is consistent with: 1) the 2018 Regional
Transportation Plan; 2) the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program; and 3) the Corresponding
Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 contains the MPO’s certification of the transportation
planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 meets all applicable transportation planning
requirements per 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted in the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 must be financially constrained and
the financial plan affirms that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 is consistent with the adopted Conformity Analysis for the
2019 FTIP and the 2018 RTP; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 does not interfere with the timely implementation of the
Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 conforms to the applicable SIPs; and

WHEREAS, the documents have been widely circulated and reviewed by MCAG advisory
committees representing the technical and management staffs of the member agencies; representatives of
other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Merced County consistent with public participation process adopted by MCAG; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that MCAG adopts the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that MCAG finds that the 2019 FTIP Amendment 13 is in conformity with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments and applicable State Implementation Plans for air quality.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by MCAG this 19th day of March 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Merced County Association of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 19th day of March 2020.

Signed: Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
Merced County Association of Governments

Signed: Daron McDaniel, Chair
Merced County Association of Governments
ITEM 9
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2020

TO: Technical Review Board

FROM: Stacie Guzman, Executive Director

RE: Establish Free Fare Program for Fairs and Election Days

SUMMARY

As TJPA prepares its budget for fiscal year 2020-2021, staff is seeking direction from the board regarding whether or not to continue offering free fare days on select dates of the year and free shuttle service to the Merced County Fair in Merced. The historical funding source, LCTOP, is no longer available for this program. To continue providing these services, an additional funding source is needed to cover 1) lost farebox revenue, and 2) operational costs.

Staff is proposing a reduced program that focuses on providing free fixed route service countywide during both fairs (Los Banos and Merced), free shuttle service to the Merced County Fair (Merced), and free fixed route service countywide on up to two election days a year by utilizing Measure V Transit funding.

BACKGROUND

The first version of the Free Fare Program began in 2015-16 when TJPA received the first year of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding (LCTOP). This was a new program that had been created by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund generated by auction proceeds from the California Air Resources Board’s Cap-and-Trade Program. LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities.

The table below summarizes the previous 5 years of LCTOP funding by fiscal year, and outlines the amount received by year and how those funds were used. For the first 4 years, the Governing Board approved the use of the funds to provide free fare to all passengers on the fixed route system on a variety of days throughout the year. The number of free fare days and the specific dates varied year to year based on the amount of LCTOP funding received. Some years, as few as 20 free fare days were provided, and in its final year, the fixed route system was free to all for two summer months, both fair weeks, Dump the Pump week, and on Election day for a total of 88 free days. The LCTOP funds provided for the recovery of the farebox revenue that would have otherwise been collected from riders. During these programs, Measure V was not being charged for seniors, veterans and ADA eligible passenger fares.
LCTOP Funding Allocations and Approved Uses by Fiscal Year

<table>
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<tr>
<th>LCTOP Year</th>
<th>LCTOP Allocation</th>
<th>TJPA Budget Year*</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
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<tr>
<td>2014-2015</td>
<td>$90,933</td>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>Provided free passes to the general public for the fixed route system</td>
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<td>2015-2016</td>
<td>$271,109</td>
<td>2016-17</td>
<td>6 weeks of free bus service at various times of the year</td>
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<td>2016-17</td>
<td>$125,925</td>
<td>2017-18</td>
<td>20 days of free bus service including Free Fare to the Fair and Dump the Pump campaigns</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
<td>$350,260</td>
<td>2018-19</td>
<td>60 days of free bus service during summer months (July 1 – August 30, 2018); second action approved free fare days for Election Day, Customer Appreciation Day, both fairs in 2019 and Dump the Pump week 2019</td>
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<td>2018-19</td>
<td>$539,026</td>
<td>2019-20</td>
<td>Purchase and install an electronic fare collection system and associated computer systems on transit buses - $374,026; Various bus stop shelter improvements - $165,000</td>
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* TJPA Budget Year is the year the revenue was programmed and received

The LCTOP program prohibits the use of funding for the same purpose for more than three years. Therefore, TJPA was not able to utilize the FY 2018-19 LCTOP funding allocation to continue with the free fare program. Instead, those funds have been allocated to capital projects.

Cost of Previous Free Fare Program (Farebox Recovery and Shuttle Operational Costs)

**Farebox Recovery**
Fiscal Year 2018-19 was the last year LCTOP funded the full free fare program. The following represents the cost of the free fare days in terms of farebox recovery which totaled $354,354.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Free Fare Events FY 2018-2019</th>
<th>Days of Service</th>
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<td>Free Fare Summer Program</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>Countywide fixed route</td>
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<td>Merced County Spring Fair (LB)</td>
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<td>Select fixed routes only</td>
<td>$589**</td>
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<td>Merced County Fair (Merced)</td>
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<td>Dump the Pump Week*</td>
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<td>Countywide fixed route</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>88</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$354,354</strong></td>
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*includes several days into the following fiscal year

**Only local LB routes were free, not countywide

**Shuttle Operational Costs**
In addition to free fixed route service during fair week, a free shuttle service has historically been provided during the Merced County Fair in Merced. Last year, the operational cost for these shuttle services was $3,508. This service involved 4 shuttles that operated between various points in Merced, the Merced Transpo Center and the Merced County Fairgrounds for a total of 101 hours of service. Through a partnership with the Merced County Fair, riders were provided with the opportunity to purchase fair entrance tickets on the free shuttle at the advance-reduced price. This ticket discount and convenience of not needing to find or pay for parking are offered to incentivize ridership thereby contributing to reduce emissions from vehicles.
DISCUSSION – STAFF PROPOSAL

Due to the funding restrictions, staff recommends we do not continue the full free fare program that was offered in the past that consisted of more than 80 free fare days and required a farebox subsidy of more than $350,000. However, should the Governing Board be interested in continuing the program, staff recommends considering establishing a Free Fare to the Fairs/Election Day Program that will provide free fare on fixed routes countywide for the 5 days of each County Fair, shuttle service during the Merced County Fair in Merced, and countywide free fare for two election dates per year (primary and general). Staff proposes an annual allocation of $50,000 would be required to fund this program.

Proposed Free Fare Days
Staff proposes a total of 12 free fare days in FY 2020-21. Using the farebox totals from the last free fare year, the 12 free fare days below would require a farebox subsidy of $44,000.

- Merced County Spring Fair (5 days)
- Merced County Fair (5 days)
- Election Day (2 days)

Proposed Merced County Fair Shuttle Service (Merced Fair)
Staff proposes providing the same free shuttle service that has been provided during the Merced County fair. Previous shuttle service involved 4 shuttles that provided free service from various points to the Merced County Fairgrounds. This service does incur additional operational costs as they are new services that are not part of the established fixed route system. Last year, under the outgoing contractor, the cost of operating the shuttle service was $3,508. Based on the new contractor’s rate and assuming the same number of vehicles and hours of service, staff projects the cost of the shuttle service in FY 2020-21 as being $4,000.

How to Fund the Proposed Free Fair Program (Fare Subsidies and Shuttle Operational Costs)
There are several funding sources that might come to mind when considering how to fund the proposed free fare program. However, Measure V Transit Funding is the only funding source that is flexible and reliable enough to fund an established program and cover both the farebox subsidy and the shuttle operational costs from year to year. As mentioned, LCTOP was the funding source that started the free fare program. However, the program allows only three years of funding to be used on any one purpose.

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) is a program that has funded new transit service in the past but it also has a three-year program limit. Also, this program is intended for new or expanded service that can demonstrate emission reductions.

Local Transportation Funding (LTF) can be and is used for operational costs, but it cannot be used for farebox recovery. Therefore, only the shuttle service operational costs could be funded through LTF.

Measure V Transit funding is the most flexible of all funding sources for a farebox subsidy and shuttle operational costs. According to the Measure V Expenditure Plan (p.9), both the fare subsidy and shuttle service are eligible uses of these funds (emphasis added):

The goal of this [transit] funding category is to expand or enhance public transit services and programs. To accomplish this important goal, funding is provided to the transit agency within the County to expand transit services. Potential uses include but are not limited to:
- **New routes to enhance existing transit service**
- Low emission buses
- Bus shelters and other capital improvements
- Safer access to public transit services
- **Fare reduction or subsidies**
MEASURE V TRANSIT FUNDING SUMMARY

Revenue

Through December 31, 2019, Measure V has generated $2,561,037 in transit funding. This is 5% of the total Measure V revenue.

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*Includes April, May, June 2017
**Reflects revenue received through December 31, 2019

Expenditures

To date, the MCAG Governing Board has approved two purposes for the Measure V transit funding:

- Up to $225,000 per year to be used for farebox recovery for free fixed route service provided to all seniors, veterans and ADA eligible riders. Based on actual ridership, if funds remain unused at the end of the fiscal year, the excess funds will be returned to the unobligated funding account for Measure V Transit.
- $500,000 one-time match for grant funds to purchase zero-emission vehicles.

Of the amount that is set aside for the free fare program for veterans, seniors and ADA eligible passengers, whatever remains unused at the end of the fiscal year returns to the unobligated funding account. As a result, the actual expenditures of the fare subsidy program are less than what was obligated to the program. Here is a summary of the Measure V transit budget for fare subsidies by fiscal year and the actual expenditures based on ridership.

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*Expenditures as of December 31, 2019.

The remaining $139,217 is committed for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Based on ridership, any unused funds will be returned to unobligated Measure V transit funding at the end of the fiscal year.

Measure V Transit Funding Summary

As of December 31, 2019:

- Total Revenue = $2,561,037
- Total Allocated and Expended = $993,015
  - Free Fare Program - Expended = $353,798
  - Free Fare Program - Allocated = $139,217
One-Time Match for Bus Purchase = $500,000
- Unallocated / Uncommitted = $1,568,022

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Based on the previous expenditures summarized above and the ongoing annual commitment of up to $225,000 for the Free Fares for Seniors, Veterans and ADA Eligible riders, Measure V Transit funding has an unallocated annual revenue amount of $525,000. If this Free Fare to the Fairs/Election Day Program is established, the requested $50,000 annual commitment would reduce the unallocated annual budget from $525,000 to $475,000 per year.

**PAST ACTION TAKEN**

- **September 2018:** Governing Board approved the use of the remaining LCTOP funds from FY 2017-18 to provide free fare days on Election Day 2018, Customer Appreciation Day 2019, Merced County Spring Fair week 2019, Merced County Fair week 2019, and Dump the Pump week 2019.

- **March 2018:** Governing Board approved the use of LCTOP funding for FY 2017-18 to provide approximately 60 days of free bus service during the summer months (July 1 through August 20, 2018)

- **April/May 2017:** Governing Board approved utilizing $150,000 of Measure V Transit funding to provide free fixed route service to seniors, veterans and individuals with disabilities to begin July 1, 2017.

- **March 2017:** Governing Board approved the use of LCTOP funding for FY 2016-17 to provide approximately 20 days of free fixed route bus service at various times throughout the year, including the “Free Fare to the Fair” and “Dump the Pump” campaigns.

- **January 2016:** Governing Board approved the use of LCTOP funding for FY 2016-16 to provide approximately 6 weeks of free fixed route bus service at various times throughout the year.

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Recommend the MCAG Governing Board establish the Free Fare to Fairs/Election Day Program with an annual program budget of $50,000 to be funded through an annual allocation of Measure V Transit funding.
ITEM 11
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2020

TO: Technical Review Board

FROM: Eric Zetz, Director

RE: Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update

BACKGROUND

In order to keep the Technical Review Board (TRB) and Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (MCRWMA) Board informed, Director of MCRWMA Eric Zetz will provide a monthly update on the following RWA activities:

1) Tonnage Reports for February;
2) Landfill Gas to Energy Construction Manager at Risk update;
3) HWY 59 Landfill Phase 6B-1 update;
4) Community Cleanup & Household Hazardous Waste Events.

FISCAL IMPACT

None, for information only.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

ATTACHMENT

None.
ITEM 12
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2020

TO: Technical Review Board

FROM: Kyle Loreto, Diversion Program Manager

RE: Authorization of an Environmental Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy

SUMMARY

MCRWMA is seeking to adopt an Environmental Preferable Purchasing and Practices (EPPP) Policy. A Governing Board resolution adopting an EPPP policy is required to be eligible for the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recover (CalRecycle) Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grant Program (TCU).

BACKGROUND

CalRecycle offers the TCU grant program and its purpose is to pay for the cost of cleanup, abatement, or other remedial actions related to the disposal of illegally dumped California waste tires. Projects include the collection, removal, transportation, recycling, and disposal of California waste tires from illegal piles and areas where illegal dumping has occurred along public rights-of-way.

CalRecycle requires all grant applicants to have adopted an EPPP policy. Adoption of an EPPP policy will provide eligibility for the MCRWMA to apply for current and future grants. The adoption of an EPPP policy will also promote cost effectiveness in the purchase of products that minimize environmental impacts, institute practices that reduce waste, and promote recycled content products.

PAST ACTIONS TAKEN

October 2011: Governing Board adopted Resolution No.2011/10-20-02 authorizing an EPPP policy.

February 2018: Governing Board adopted Resolution No.2018/02/15-03 authorizing submittal of regional grant applications for all CalRecycle grants for which MCRWMA is eligible.

For more information regarding this staff report contact Kyle Loreto at kloreto@mcrwma.org or (209) 723-4481.
FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REQUESTED ACTION

Recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority adopt Resolution No. 2020/03-19-02 authorizing an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2020/03-19-02
EPPP Policy
RESOLUTION NO. 2020/03-19-02

RESOLUTION OF THE MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING POLICY

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 40000 et seq. authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), formerly known as the California Integrated Waste Management Board, to administer various Grant Programs (grants) in furtherance of the State of California’s (State) efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste generated in the State thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the application, awarding, and management of the grants; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, an applicant’s governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of CalRecycle grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board of Directors adopts an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (Attachment 1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is effective until rescinded by the Signature Authority and/or this Governing Body.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the Regional Waste Management Authority Board on March 19, 2020, by ___________________________ who moved its adoption, which motion was duly seconded by ___________________________ and which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:  AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE:

______________________________  ________________________________
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director  Daron McDaniel, Chairperson
Regional Waste Management Authority  Regional Waste Management Authority

DATE: __________________________
ATTACHMENT 1

ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING POLICY

1.0 STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority to:

- institute practices that reduce waste by increasing product efficiency and effectiveness,
- purchase products that minimize environmental impacts, toxics, pollution, and hazards to worker and community safety to the greatest extent practicable, and
- purchase products that include recycled content, are durable and long-lasting, conserve energy and water, use agricultural fibers and residues, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, use unbleached or chlorine free manufacturing processes, are lead-free and mercury-free, and use wood from sustainably harvested forests.

2.0 PURPOSE

This Policy is adopted in order to:

- conserve natural resources,
- minimize environmental impacts such as pollution and use of water and energy,
- eliminate or reduce toxics that create hazards to workers and our community,
- support strong recycling markets,
- reduce materials that are landfilled,
- increase the use and availability of environmentally preferable products that protect the environment,
- identify environmentally preferable products and distribution systems,
- reward manufacturers and vendors that reduce environmental impacts in their production and distribution systems or services,
- create a model for successfully purchasing environmentally preferable products that encourages other purchasers in our community to adopt similar goals.

3.0 SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 Source Reduction

3.1.1 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall institute practices that reduce waste and result in the purchase of fewer products whenever practicable and cost-effective, but without reducing safety or workplace quality.

3.1.2 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall purchase remanufactured products such as laser toner cartridges, tires, furniture, equipment and automotive parts whenever practicable, but without reducing safety, quality or effectiveness.

3.1.3 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall require all equipment bought after the adoption of this policy to be compatible with source reduction goals as referred to in this section (3.1), when practicable.

3.1.4 All buyers shall consider short-term and long-term costs in comparing product alternatives, when feasible. This includes evaluation of total costs expected during the time a product is owned, including, but not limited to, acquisition, extended warranties, operation, supplies, maintenance, disposal costs and expected lifetime compared to other alternatives.
3.1.5 Products that are durable, long lasting, reusable or refillable are preferred whenever feasible.

3.1.6 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority requests vendors to eliminate packaging or use the minimum amount necessary for product protection, to the greatest extent practicable.

3.1.7 Packaging that is reusable, recyclable or compostable is preferred, when suitable uses and programs exist.

3.1.8 Vendors shall be encouraged to take back and reuse pallets and packaging materials.

3.1.9 Suppliers of electronic equipment, including but not limited to computers, monitors, printers, and copiers, shall be required to take back equipment for reuse or environmentally safe recycling when the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority discards or replaces such equipment, whenever possible.

3.2 Recycled Content Products

3.2.1 All products for which the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established minimum recycled content standard guidelines, such as those for printing paper, office paper, janitorial paper, construction, landscaping, parks and recreation, transportation, vehicles, miscellaneous, and non-paper office products, shall contain the highest postconsumer content practicable, but no less than the minimum recycled content standards established by the U.S. EPA Guidelines.

3.2.2 Copiers and printers bought shall be compatible with the use of recycled content products.

3.2.3 In accordance with California Public Contract Code, Sec. 10409, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall purchase re-refined lubricating and industrial oil for use in its vehicles and other equipment, as long as it is certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API) as appropriate for use in such equipment.

3.2.4 When specifying asphalt concrete, aggregate base or portland cement concrete for road construction projects, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall use recycled, reusable or reground materials when practicable.

3.2.5 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall specify and purchase recycled content transportation products, including signs, cones, parking stops, delineators, and barricades.

3.2.6 All pre-printed recycled content papers intended for distribution that are purchased or produced shall contain a statement that the paper is recycled content.

3.3 Energy and Water Savings

3.3.1 Where applicable, energy-efficient equipment shall be purchased with the most up-to-date energy efficiency functions. This includes, but is not limited to, high efficiency space heating systems and high efficiency space cooling equipment.

3.3.2 When practicable, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall replace inefficient lighting with energy-efficient equipment.
3.3.3 All products purchased by the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority and for which the U. S. EPA Energy Star certification is available shall meet Energy Star certification, when practicable. When Energy Star labels are not available, choose energy-efficient products that are in the upper 25% of energy efficiency as designated by the Federal Energy Management Program.

3.3.4 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall purchase water-saving products whenever practicable.

3.4 Landscaping

3.5.1 All landscape renovations, construction and maintenance by the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority, including workers and contractors providing landscaping services for the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority, shall employ Bay-Friendly Landscaping or sustainable landscape management techniques for design, construction and maintenance whenever possible, including, but not limited to, integrated pest management, grasscycling, drip irrigation, composting, and procurement and use of mulch and compost that give preference to those produced from regionally generated plant debris and/or food waste programs.

3.5.2 Plants should be selected to minimize waste by choosing species for purchase that are appropriate to the microclimate, species that can grow to their natural size in the space allotted them, and perennials rather than annuals for color. Native and drought-tolerant plants that require no or minimal watering once established are preferred.

3.5.3 Hardscapes and landscape structures constructed of recycled content materials are encouraged. the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall limit the amount of impervious surfaces in the landscape, wherever practicable. Permeable substitutes, such as permeable asphalt or pavers., are encouraged for walkways, patios and driveways.

3.6 Toxics and Pollution

3.6.1 To the extent practicable, no cleaning or disinfecting products (i.e. for janitorial or automotive use) shall contain ingredients that are carcinogens, mutagens, or teratogens. These include chemicals listed by the U.S. EPA or the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health on the Toxics Release Inventory and those listed under Proposition 65 by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

3.6.2 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall purchase products and equipment with no lead or mercury whenever possible. For products that contain lead or mercury, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall give preference to those products with lower quantities of these metals and to vendors with established lead and mercury recovery programs.

3.7 Forest Conservation

3.7.1 To the greatest extent practicable, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall not procure wood products such as lumber and paper that originate from forests harvested in an environmentally unsustainable manner. When possible, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority shall give preference to wood products that are certified to be sustainably harvested by a comprehensive, performance-based certification system. The certification system shall include independent third-party audits, with standards equivalent to, or stricter than, those of the Forest Stewardship Council certification.
3.8 Agricultural Bio-Based Products

3.8.1 Vehicle fuels made from non-wood, plant-based contents such as vegetable oils are encouraged whenever practicable.

3.8.2 Paper, paper products and construction products made from non-wood, plant-based contents such as agricultural crops and residues are encouraged whenever practicable.

4.0 PRIORITIES

4.1 The health and safety of workers and citizens is of utmost importance and takes precedence over all other policies.

4.2 The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority has made significant investments in developing a successful recycling system and recognizes that recycled content products are essential to the continuing viability of that recycling system and for the foundation of an environmentally sound production system. Therefore, to the greatest extent practicable, recycled content shall be included in products that also meet other specifications, such as chlorine free or bio-based.

4.3 Nothing contained in this policy shall be construed as requiring a department, purchaser or contractor to procure products that do not perform adequately for their intended use, exclude adequate competition, or are not available at a reasonable price in a reasonable period of time.

4.4 Nothing contained in this policy shall be construed as requiring the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority, department, purchaser or contractor to take any action that conflicts with local, state or federal requirements.

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 The Executive Director shall implement this policy in coordination with other appropriate jurisdiction personnel.

5.2 Successful bidders shall certify in writing that the environmental attributes claimed in competitive bids are accurate. In compliance with State law, vendors shall be required to specify the minimum or actual percentage of recovered and postconsumer material in their products, even when such percentages are zero.

5.3 Upon request, buyers making the selection from competitive bids shall be able to provide justification for product choices that do not meet the environmentally preferable purchasing criteria in this policy.

5.4 Purchasers shall include businesses certified by the Bay Area Green Business Program in requests for products and services.

5.5 Vendors, contractors and grantees shall be encouraged to comply with applicable sections of this policy for products and services provided to the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority, where practicable.

6.0 EFFECTIVE DATES

This policy shall take effect on April 1, 2020.