

# **MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

**January 15, 2009**

## **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD** held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at the City of Dos Palos, Council Chambers, 1546 Golden Gate Avenue, Dos Palos, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:03 P.M.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Joan Faul  
Johnny Mays  
Mike Nelson  
Jerald O'Banion  
Joe Oliveira  
John Pedrozo (arrived at 3:05 pm)  
Joe Sousa (for Tommy Jones)  
Bill Spriggs  
Daniel Varela  
Hub Walsh (arrived at 3:05 pm)

### **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Deidre Kelsey

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ken Baxter, Caltrans District 10  
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff  
John Carlisle, City of Merced  
Matt Fell, MCAG staff  
Lori Flanders, MCAG staff  
Darrell Fonseca, City of Dos Palos  
Robert Haden, Legal Counsel  
Flip Hassett, United Way of Merced County  
Scott Johnston, Merced County Solid Waste  
Larnold Jones, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Marjie Kirn MCAG staff  
Robin Lamas, MCAG staff  
Herb Opalek, Merced Rescue Mission  
Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Candice Steelman, MCAG staff

### **3. Oral Communications**

Jesse Brown recognized Scott Johnston, Deputy Director Merced County Public Works for Solid Waste, who is retiring at the end of January, for all of the hard work he has done for the Solid Waste division.

Chair Oliveira welcomed the new MCAG Director Hub Walsh.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of the October 16, 2008
- b. Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant Application

Director Nelson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Director Mays.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force meeting**

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD, THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:07 P.M.**

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Robin Lamas

Administrative Assistant II

## **TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY**

**January 15, 2009**

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY** held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at the City of Dos Palos, Council Chambers, 1546 Golden Gate Avenue, Dos Palos, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:07 P.M.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Joan Faul  
Johnny Mays  
Mike Nelson  
Jerald O'Banion  
Joe Oliveira  
John Pedrozo  
Joe Sousa (for Tommy Jones)  
Bill Spriggs  
Daniel Varela  
Hub Walsh

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Deidre Kelsey

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ken Baxter, Caltrans District 10  
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff  
John Carlisle, City of Merced  
Matt Fell, MCAG staff  
Lori Flanders, MCAG staff  
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Herb Opalek, Merced Rescue Mission  
Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Candice Steelman, MCAG staff

**6. Minutes of the December 18, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting**

Director Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Economic Stimulus Project Request from Caltrans – Re: Purchase of 15 Low Floor Buses**

Larry Shankland gave a review of the Economic Stimulus Project request from Caltrans. Transit staff has included the purchase of 15 low floor buses, in conjunction with a piggyback bid with San Mateo County Transit (SAMTRANS), in the subject request from Caltrans. Staff stated that a waiver from SAMTRANS needed to be signed in order to get the 15 bus project “stimulus timeline” ready.

Director O’Banion moved to authorize the Executive Director sign and return the waiver to SAMTRANS for the 15 buses.

Seconded by Director Spriggs.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Public Hearing – Review and Possibly Adopt Fare Increases for “The Bus” – Merced County Transit**

Larry Shankland gave a review of the proposed new fare increases for “The Bus” – Merced County Transit. A Public Hearing is required to allow interested persons the opportunity to provide input and testimony to the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board.

Public Hearing Opened: 3:15 pm

Public Hearing Closed: 3:16 pm

No comments were received during the public hearing period.

After a public hearing, where no comments were heard, Director Nelson moved to pass a resolution to adopt the fare structure as proposed effective February 2, 2009.

Seconded by Director Mays.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. Authorize Filing a Three-Year Grant Application for “The Children Ride Free” Program from Merced County First 5 Commission**

Director Faul moved to authorize “The Bus” – Merced County Transit staff to apply for funds under the new First 5 Three-Year Grant cycle (2009-2011) to continue “The Children Ride Free” program on “The Bus” and authorize the Executive Director to sign all necessary grant documents and contracts.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY, THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:27 P.M.**

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Robin Lamas

Administrative Assistant II

## **MCAG GOVERNING BOARD**

**January 15, 2009**

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS GOVERNING BOARD** held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at the City of Dos Palos, Council Chambers, 1546 Golden Gate Avenue, Dos Palos, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:27 P.M.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Joan Faul  
Johnny Mays  
Mike Nelson  
Jerald O'Banion  
Joe Oliveira  
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Joe Sousa (for Tommy Jones)  
Bill Spriggs  
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#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Deidre Kelsey

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

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Candice Steelman, MCAG staff

#### **10. Oral Report – Citizens Advisory Committee**

There was no Citizens Advisory Committee report given this month.

**11. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of the December 18, 2008 Governing Board meeting
- b. Filming Governing Board meetings in the City of Los Banos
- c. Auditing Services FY 2008/2009
- d. 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #2, Formal Amendment No. 3 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and the associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis
- e. FY 2008-2009 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claims
- f. Letter of Support – CTC Commissioner Kirk Lindsey

Director O'Banion moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrected resolution for Item 11d as stated.

Seconded by Director Nelson.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. Oral Report – San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust**

There was no San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust report available this month.

**13. Oral Report - Caltrans**

Ken Baxter gave a brief report from Caltrans.

**14. Minutes of the January 14, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting (to be handed out at the meeting)**

So noted.

**15. Continuum of Care**

Lori Flanders gave an overview of the Continuum of Care program. MCAG has the role of coordination of the Continuum of Care program for Merced County. Following Lori Flanders overview, Dr. Herb Opalek, Director of the Merced Rescue Mission, recommended that MCAG establish an action-oriented countywide task force on homelessness to immediately address the provision of overnight shelter for the homeless for this year and next year as well as provide leadership in the preparation of a 10-year plan. The proposed task force would include selected representatives from the City of Merced, Merced County, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and representatives from each district of the county. Formal action to implement this task force will be scheduled for the February 19, 2009 Governing Board meeting.

**16. One Voice State and Federal Policy Platforms**

Director O'Banion moved to approve:

- a. The One Voice 2009 State and Federal Policy Platforms with the recommendation to change the verbiage in the State Policy Platform to include the option to apply for an exemption of the CEAQ process in regards to the High Speed Rail; and
- b. The One Voice 2009 State and Federal Priorities, with staff's recommendation.

Seconded by Director Sousa.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**17. Executive Directors Report**

So noted.

**18. Directors Report**

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MCAG GOVERNING BOARD  
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:46 P.M.**

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Robin Lamas  
Administrative Assistant II