

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

September 24, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD** held on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at the City of Los Banos, Council Chambers, 520 J Street, Los Banos, California, was called to order by Vice-Chair Faul at 3:01 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joan Faul
Tommy Jones
Johnny Mays
Mike Nelson
Jerald O'Banion
Joe Oliveira
Bill Spriggs
Daniel Varela
Hub Walsh

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Deidre Kelsey
John Pedrozo

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ken Baxter, Caltrans
Norm Donovan, Los Banos Planning Commission
Mike Evanhoe, Gray-Bowen and Associates
Mark Fachin, City of Los Banos
Paul Fillebrown, County of Merced
Paula Fitzgerald, City of Los Banos
Bill Gray, Gray-Bowen and Associates
Tim Lee, WMH Corporation
Stephen Hammond, Los Banos Planning Commission
Tom Mello, Los Banos Planning Commission
Elaine Post, City of Los Banos
Stacy Souza, City of Los Banos
Greg Stangl, Phoenix Energy
Darrell Vice, VTA
Dean Wilson, Citizens Advisory Committee

STAFF PRESENT

Jesse Brown, Executive Director
Sam Chandler, Merced County Solid Waste

Matt Fell, Senior Planner
Robert Haden, Legal Counsel
Marjie Kirn, Deputy Executive Director
Robin Lamas, Administrative Assistant II
Ty Phimmasone, Planner
Candice Steelman, Public Information Officer

3. Oral Communications

None

3a. Oral Presentation – Route 152 Trade Corridor Project

Mike Evanhoe and Darrell Vice gave an oral presentation on the Route 152 Trade Corridor Project. The study will evaluate highway improvements and financing strategies that could benefit the movement of goods in the corridor. An update will be sent to the Board early in 2010 with the study results.

4. Minutes of the August 20, 2009 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting

Director O'Banion moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2009 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting.
Seconded by Director Mays.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Information/Discussion Only

- a. Landfill Tonnage Revenue Update
- b. Fiscal Year 2008/09 Tire Amnesty Activity

So noted.

6. Contract Negotiations for the Highway 59 Landfill Gas Utilization Project

Sam Chandler gave a review of the contract negotiations for the Highway 59 Landfill Gas Utilization Project. Sam stated that the evaluation committee selected DTE Biomass Energy, Inc. to develop the project.

Director Jones moved to authorize the Deputy Director of Merced County Department of Public Works to commence with contract negotiations for the Highway 59 Landfill Gas Utilization Project.
Seconded by Director Oliveira.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Update – Phoenix Energy Proposed Biomass Plant

Sam Chandler stated that the Solid Waste Department had been in communications with Mr. Greg Stangl with Phoenix Energy. The negotiations were terminated due to possible risk factors with the project and the limited financial benefits.

After discussion between the Directors, Greg Stangl, and Sam Chandler, the Directors requested Jesse Brown have staff review this item with Mr. Stangl and return the item back at a later date for action.

8. Pacific Gas and Electric Public Utilities Easement

Director Nelson moved to approve:

- a. The resolution granting the public utilities easement deed to Pacific Gas and Electric; and
- b. Authorize the Chairman of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board to sign the easement deed.

Seconded by Director Jones.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD, THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:51 P.M.

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Robin Lamas
Administrative Assistant II

MCAAG GOVERNING BOARD

September 24, 2009

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9. Oral Report – Citizens Advisory Committee

Dean Wilson gave the Citizens Advisory Committee report.

10. Recognition of Service – Director Oliveira

Director Faul recognized Director Oliveira for his services as Chair of the MCAG Governing Board.

11. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the August 20, 2009 Governing Board meeting
- b. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Memorandum of Understanding, Budget, and Scope of Work – Revised 2009
- c. California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Project-Level Environmental Work
- d. Re-Determination of Air Quality Conformity
- e. FY 2008/2009 Budget Revision – 06/30/2009
- f. Proposition 84 Funds for Model Development

Director Mays moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Director O'Banion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Information/Discussion Only

- a. Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting
- b. Unmet Transit Needs Concept Report
- c. Status - 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
- d. Regional Transportation Impact Fee Report
- e. Fall Policy Conference

So noted.

13. Oral Report – San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust

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

14. Oral Report - Caltrans

Ken Baxter gave the report from Caltrans.

15. Countywide Population Forecast Options

Matt Fell stated that as a part of developing the new Regional Transportation Plan staff is reviewing and updating the regional growth forecast. Usually the Department of Finance population figures are used for the forecast however due to the economic downturn, staff feels the figures should be scaled down to better represent the slowdown in growth.

Director Nelson moved to approve selection “Option B” for the countywide population forecast.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Presentation – Annual Pavement Management (PM) Report - Final

Director Nelson moved to approve the final Annual Pavement Management Report.

Seconded by Director O’Banion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. 2009 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference

Director Mays moved to approve the out of state travel for those attending the National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Seconded by Director Spriggs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Oral Report – High Speed Rail ARRA Project Submittal

So noted.

MERCED DATA SPECIAL SERVICES

19. Merced Data Special Services (MDSS) Policies and Procedures

Director O’Banion moved to approve the policy and procedures.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Executive Directors' Report

Jesse Brown handed out the Executive Directors' report.

21. Directors Report

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MCAG GOVERNING BOARD
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:42 P.M.**

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Robin Lamas
Administrative Assistant II