

# MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

October 16, 2008

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD** held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:00 P.M.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Kathleen Crookham  
Joan Faul  
Tommy Jones (arrived at 3:21 p.m.)  
Deidre Kelsey  
Johnny Mays  
Jerald O'Banion  
Joe Oliveira  
Gurpal Samra

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Pedrozo  
Mike Nelson  
Bill Spriggs

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kome Ajise, Caltrans District 10 Director  
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff  
Joy Gort, MCAG staff  
Robert Haden, Legal Counsel  
Larnold Jones, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Scott Johnston, Merced County Solid Waste  
Marjie Kirn, MCAG staff  
Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Christina Smith, MCAG staff  
Dean Wilson, Citizens Advisory Committee

### **3. Public Comment**

None.

### **4. Minutes of the August 21, 2008 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting**

Director Faul moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2008 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting.

Seconded by Director Samra.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Options for Utilizing and Selling Landfill Gas**

Scott Johnston gave a brief review of the RFP and the proposals that are being presented to the board.

Director Samra moved to authorize:

- a. The Solid Waste Division, on behalf of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board, to release the Highway 59 Landfill Gas Utilization Project RFP; and
- b. Authorize the Executive Director of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board to enter into a contract with a Consultant to assist with proposal evaluations and contract negotiations.

Seconded by Director Crookham.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. Fiscal Year 2008/09 First Quarter Report**

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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Joy Gort  
Administrative Assistant I

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

**October 16, 2008**

## **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY** held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:07 P.M.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Kathleen Crookham  
Joan Faul  
Tommy Jones (arrived at 3:21 p.m.)  
Deidre Kelsey  
Johnny Mays  
Jerald O'Banion  
Joe Oliveira  
Gurpal Samra

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Pedrozo  
Mike Nelson  
Bill Spriggs

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kome Ajise, Caltrans District 10 Director  
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff  
Joy Gort, MCAG staff  
Robert Haden, Legal Counsel  
Larnold Jones, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Scott Johnston, Merced County Solid Waste  
Marjie Kirn, MCAG staff  
Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Christina Smith, MCAG staff  
Dean Wilson, Citizens Advisory Committee

### **7. Minutes of the September 18, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting**

Director Kelsey moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County.  
Seconded by Director Crookham.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Subcommittee on Bus Fares and Bus Service Recommendation for Resolving the Transit Budget Issues for FY 2008-2009**

Larry Shankland gave a report on the current budget shortfall issues and presented possible options for dealing with the transit budget shortfall.

After discussion by the Board, Director O'Banion moved to:

- a. Request MCAG to reallocate the balance of FY 2008-2009 Local Transportation Funds in the amount of \$993,987 to the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County; and
- b. Direct Transit staff to evaluate existing fares and return in 30 days with fare options.

Seconded by Director Faul.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. Minutes of the October 1, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Subcommittee for Bus Fares and Bus Service**

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY, THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:24 P.M.**

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Joy Gort  
Administrative Assistant I

## **MCAG GOVERNING BOARD**

**October 16, 2008**

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS GOVERNING BOARD** held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:24 P.M.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Kathleen Crookham  
Joan Faul  
Tommy Jones (arrived at 3:21 p.m.)  
Deidre Kelsey  
Johnny Mays  
Jerald O'Banion  
Joe Oliveira  
Gurpal Samra

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Pedrozo  
Mike Nelson  
Bill Spriggs

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kome Ajise, Caltrans District 10 Director  
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff  
Joy Gort, MCAG staff  
Robert Haden, Legal Counsel  
Scott Johnston, Merced County Solid Waste  
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Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”  
Christina Smith, MCAG staff  
Dean Wilson, Citizens Advisory Committee

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

Dean Wilson gave the Citizens Advisory Committee report.

**11. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of the September 18, 2008 Governing Board meeting
- b. Master Agreement with Caltrans

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. Information Only**

- a. Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Technical Review Board meeting
- b. RHNA Approval Letter
- c. Regional Transportation Impact Fee Report
- d. Technical Overview of SB 375
- e. Atwater/Merced Expressway Update
- f. The Economic Impact of the California High-Speed Rail in the Sacramento/Central Valley Area
- g. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Self-Help Counties Coalition – Focus on the Future

So noted.

**13. Oral Report - Caltrans**

Kome Ajise gave a brief report from Caltrans.

**14. Citizens Advisory Committee Membership**

Director Samra moved to appoint Melissa Kelly-Ortega as the Citizen-at-Large representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Director Faul.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**15. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Valleywide Scenario Update**

So noted.

**16. Fourth Year (FY 08/09) California Regional Blueprint Grant Application**

Marjie Kirn stated that Fresno COG will be submitting the Fourth Year Blueprint Grant Application and will also become the lead agency for the Blueprint process.

Director O'Banion moved to support the submittal of a Fourth Year San Joaquin Valley Region Blueprint Grant Application to Caltrans by October 10, 2008 by Resolution No. 2008/10-16-02.

Seconded by Director Jones.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**17. Local Transportation Funds (LTF)**

Marjie Kirn stated this is the action to shift the LTF funds back to transit and gave an overview of what the remaining balance would be over the next three quarters.

Director Samra moved to shift \$993,987 in LTF funds back to transit to cover the budget shortfall of \$993,987.

Seconded by Director O'Banion.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**18. San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study**

So noted.

**19. Anna M. Fuentes Memorial Scholarship**

Jesse Brown and MCAG staff is requesting the support and approval of the Governing Board for the establishment of a post-secondary education scholarship program in memory and tribute to Anna Fuentes. Staff feels this is fitting and appropriate as it reflects Anna's collegiate achievements having received Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees.

After discussion by the Board, Director Samra moved to direct and authorize the Executive Director of MCAG to prepare the draft documentation for the Anna M. Fuentes Memorial Scholarship and return that documentation to the Governing Board within 60 days.

Seconded by Director Crookham.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**20. Executive Directors Report**

So noted.

**21. Directors Report**

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MCAG GOVERNING BOARD  
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:05 P.M.**

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