

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

December 17, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD** held on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Pedrozo at 3:05 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Nelson Crabb, for Joan Faul
Tommy Jones (arrived at 3:10 p.m.)
Mike Nelson (arrived at 3:08 p.m.)
Jerald O'Banion
Joe Oliveira
John Pedrozo
Bill Spriggs
Daniel Varela

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Deidre Kelsey
Johnny Mays
Hub Walsh

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Katie Albertson, Merced County
Lan Bui, Price, Paige and Company
Tom Dumas, Caltrans District 10
David Dybas, Price, Paige and Company
Paul Fillebrown, County of Merced
Rod Ghearing, Merced County Transit
Brian Mimura, First 5 Merced County
Geoffrey Rabone, Merced Irrigation District

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
Christina Smith, Grant Program Manager
Candice Steelman, Public Information Officer

3. Oral Communications

Brian Mimura, First 5 Merced County, addressed Item 16 on the agenda. Mr. Mimura wanted to encourage the Governing Board to adopt the one-voice priorities that were listed in the item.

4. Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting

Director Crabb moved to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting.

Seconded by Director Varela.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Oral Report – Landfill Tonnage Revenue Update

Sam Chandler handed out a Tonnage to Date January 2006 – November 2009 chart and a 4-Year Tonnage Comparison November 2009 chart. Sam gave a brief review of the charts and reported that tonnage is continuing to decline. This item will be brought back in January to discuss ideas on how to increase tonnage.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD, THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:11 P.M.

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Robin Lamas
Administrative Assistant II

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

December 17, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY** held on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Pedrozo at 3:11 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Nelson Crabb, for Joan Faul
Tommy Jones
Mike Nelson
Jerald O'Banion
Joe Oliveira
John Pedrozo
Bill Spriggs
Daniel Varela

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Deidre Kelsey
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6. Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting

Director O'Banion moved to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Expansion of Service to UC Merced on Route 22

Rod Ghearing gave a brief review of the expansion of service to UC Merced on Route 22. He stated the new service would provide a much-needed connection between the UC Merced campus, downtown Merced and both the Transpo and Amtrak transportation hubs. The cost of this expansion will be funded by CMAQ funds, funds from UC Merced and from passenger fares.

Director Spriggs moved to approve the operation of the expanded Route 22 – UC Merced Shuttle Route as proposed.

Seconded by Director Jones.

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 3:15 P.M.

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Robin Lamas

Administrative Assistant II

MCAG GOVERNING BOARD

December 17, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS GOVERNING BOARD** held on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Pedrozo at 3:15 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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Mike Nelson
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John Pedrozo
Bill Spriggs
Daniel Varela

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF PRESENT

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Marjie Kirn, Deputy Executive Director
Robin Lamas, Administrative Assistant II
Christina Smith, Grant Program Manager
Candice Steelman, Public Information Officer

8. Oral Report – Citizens Advisory Committee

No Citizens Advisory Committee report was given this month.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Governing Board meeting
- b. Draft MCAG FY 2008/2009 Financial Audit
- c. Unmet Transit Needs – FY 09/10
- d. Resolution in Support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010
- e. Citizens Advisory Committee Membership

Director O'Banion moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Director Jones.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Information/Discussion Only

- a. Minutes of the December 9, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting
- b. Updated – Commercial Recycling Guide
- c. SB 375 Update and Implementation
- d. Letter of November 25, 2009 from Bill Lockyer, California State Treasurer
- e. FY 2010/2011 MCAG Overall Work Program Process

So noted.

11. Oral Report - Caltrans

Tom Dumas gave a brief report from Caltrans.

12. Highway 99 Business Plan

Matt Fell gave a review of the Highway 99 Business Plan. Matt stated Volume II of the Business Plan was the Financial Program. In Volume II it recommends each of the eight MPO's put a small amount of regional funding into a pool that would go towards priority projects for the Valley. This money would enable the MPO's to obtain additional funding for projects.

Director Nelson moved to accept the Highway 99 Business Plan.

Seconded by Director Crabb.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Atwater/Merced Expressway Update and Consultant Contract Amendment (Mark-Thomas)

Director Crabb moved to approve amending the Mark-Thomas & Company contract to include preparation of a Supplemental Project Report with an increase in the contract budget not to exceed \$22,680.

Seconded by Director Spriggs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Senate Bill 83

Marjie Kirn stated Senate Bill 83 would allow transportation-planning agencies to place a ballot measure before the voters of a county to authorize an increase in the vehicle registration fee up to ten dollars per year per vehicle for transportation-related projects and programs. The measure would only require a majority vote to go into effect.

After discussion by the Directors no motion was recommended.

The recommended action of pursuing a ballot measure to increase the Vehicle Registration Fees for transportation projects died due to lack of a motion.

15. Public Hearing – Draft Formal Amendment No. 14 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Marjie Kirn gave a brief review of the Draft Formal Amendment No. 14 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. A Public Hearing is required to hear comments from the public regarding the Draft Formal Amendment No. 14.

Public Hearing Opened: 3:33

Public Hearing Closed: 3:34

After a Public Hearing where no comments were received Director O'Banion moved to adopt Formal Amendment No. 14 to the 2009 FTIP adding the Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lump Sum and its associated projects and funding in FY 09/10 by Resolution No. 2009/12-17-01.

Seconded by Director Jones.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. One Voice Priorities

Candice Steelman gave a review of the One Voice Priorities as stated in the agenda.

Geoffrey Rabone, Merced Irrigation District, requested to speak at this time in regards to adding additional items to the priority list for One Voice. Mr. Rabone showed a video on the new Exchequer Dam Spillway Modification Project and requested the Board add to the federal priorities the MID Hydroelectric Re-licensing Renewal and Raising the Spillway at Exchequer Dam.

Director O'Banion moved to approve the state/federal One Voice priorities with the addition of the Atwater-Merced Expressway Project and the Streams Flood Control to the state priorities and the Atwater-Merced Expressway Project, MID Hydroelectric Re-licensing Renewal, Raising the spillway at Exchequer Dam and Streams Flood Control to the federal priorities.

Seconded by Director Crabb.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. 2010 Legislative Platform for the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors Policy Council

Candice Steelman stated that in 2008 the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies developed a legislative platform to express agreed-upon Valleywide positions. The platform was enhanced and expanded in 2009 with a few changes for 2010.

The Technical Review Board recommended:

Under "High Speed Rail" add – If the High Speed Rail route changes on the west side, restore the station for the west side, Santa Nella, Los Banos area, which was included in the original plan and supported by the Blueprint Planning process.

Under "Blueprint Planning" – Add to the first bullet point: Support consistent and ongoing funding in the state budget for the development, implementation, and update of regional blueprints, providing the programs do not limit local officials' land use authority.

Remove second bullet point, which says, "Support consistency with regional blueprints as a major factor in allocating bond funds from state agencies and in developing legislation and state policies on climate change."

Director Jones moved to approve and adopt the 2010 Legislative Platform of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies as presented with the changes.

Seconded by Director Crabb.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Executive Directors' Report

So noted.

19. 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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Robin Lamas
Administrative Assistant II