

TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2010

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board, held at the City of Dos Palos, City-County Building, 1546 Golden Gate Avenue, Dos Palos, California, was called to order at 12:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Bramble, City of Merced
Paul Fillebrown for Larry Combs, Merced County
Darrell Fonseca, City of Dos Palos
Steve Rath, City of Los Banos
Greg Wellman, City of Atwater

MEMBERS ABSENT

Margaret Silveira, City of Gustine
Richard Warne, City of Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT

Carrie Bowen, California High Speed Rail Authority
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff
Sam Chandler, Merced County Solid Waste
John Gedney, Caltrans District 10
Rod Ghearing, Merced County Transit
Joy Gort, MCAG staff
Marjie Kirn, MCAG staff
Stephen Qualls, California League of Cities
Candice Steelman, MCAG staff
William J. Washburn, Provost & Pritchard

2. Oral Communication

Candice Steelman requested that an additional item be added to the agenda regarding One Voice Priorities. The Technical Review Board agreed by consensus to add the item to the agenda following Item 18.

3. Oral Report – High Speed Rail Briefing

Carrie Bowen from the High Speed Rail Authority distributed a map of the Merced to Fresno Section of Alternatives recommended to be carried forward, as well as, updates on the San Jose to Merced Section and the Merced to Fresno Section. She gave a brief update and answered questions from the Technical Review Board.

4. Minutes of the December 9, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting

Darrell Fonseca moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting.

Seconded by Greg Wellman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY BOARD

5. Minutes of the December 17, 2009 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting

So noted.

At this time, Jesse Brown requested that an item be added to the agenda.

Greg Wellman moved to add an item to the agenda following Item 9.

Seconded by Paul Fillebrown.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Oral Report – Landfill Tonnage Revenue Update

Sam Chandler gave an update on current Landfill Tonnage Revenue.

7. Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant

Darrell Fonseca moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board:

a. Approve Resolution No. 2010/01-21-03 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority to sign the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant application including the amendments; and

b. Authorize the Merced County Department of Public Works to submit the application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Revenue Requirements and Program Plans to Comply with Rate Covenant in Future Fiscal Year

Sam Chandler gave an overview of Revenue Requirements and Program Plans to Comply with the Rate Covenant in the future. In his presentation, Sam Chandler gave examples of both Short and Medium Term actions that could generate additional revenue that could be used to be in compliance with the “Rate Covenant”.

9. Negotiate Disposal Agreements with Golden By-Products, Inc., for the Disposal of Tire Processing Residual

Sam Chandler gave an update on Golden By-Products, Inc., for the Disposal of Tire Processing Residual and the benefits of the agreement.

Greg Wellman moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board:

- a. Authorize the Executive Director of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority to negotiate a Disposal Agreement with Golden By-Products, Inc., for the disposal of tire processing residual; and
- b. Authorize the Executive Director of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority to sign a Contract Disposal Agreement with Golden By-Products, Inc.

Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9a. Move Forward to Revise the Solid Waste Facility Fee Schedule and Set a Public Hearing for March 18, 2010

Greg Wellman moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board:

- a. Move forward to revise the Solid Waste Facility Fee Schedule, Sections 3.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 6.1; and
- b. Set a Public Hearing date for March 18, 2010

Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

There are no Transit Joint Powers Authority items for this month.

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10. Caltrans Report

John Gedney gave a brief report from Caltrans and distributed a handout regarding the Status of Projects in Merced County.

11. Information/Discussion Only

- a. Minutes of the December 17, 2009 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- b. Regional Transportation Impact Fee Report
- c. 2008/2009 Financial Audit Management Comment Letter
- d. California High-Speed Rail – Project –Level Environmental Work
- e. Status of Regional Road Projects for Merced County

- f. TRIP Report
- g. Applegate Road Interchange Flyer – final version

So noted.

12. Citizens Advisory Committee Membership

The Technical Review Board requested that this item be moved forward to the MCAG Governing Board for approval and that additional background information on the applicant to be provided to the MCAG Governing Board.

13. California High-Speed Rail Authority Working Group Between Merced and Sacramento

Greg Wellman moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the MOU between the listed parties as stated in the MOU.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Support for the California High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility Site at Castle and Authority to Submit Proposal

After a discussion, the Technical Review Board requested additional verbiage to be added to Resolution No. 2010/01-21-01.

Darrell Fonseca moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 2010/01-21-01 to support the High-Speed Rail Maintenance Facility for Merced County and the High-Speed Rail Station in the City of Merced with amendments including support for the “Henry Miller Road/Avenue 24” San Jose to Merced Alignment and the Alignment “A2” from Merced To Fresno.

Seconded by Greg Wellman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account Program (PTMISEA)

Marjie Kirn gave an overview of the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account Program (PTMISEA).

Steve Rath moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the PTMISEA Program Expenditure Plan for submittal to the Caltrans Department of Mass Transportation.

Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Draft

Marjie Kirn gave an overview of the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Greg Wellman moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) programming priorities as detailed in the 2010 RTIP Programming – Merced County spreadsheet by Resolution No. 2010/01-21-02 for submittal to the California Transportation Commission in the 2010 RTIP no later than February 12, 2010.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Merced County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (MCSAFE) Program

Marjie Kirn gave an update on the Merced County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (MCSAFE) Program and requested direction from the Technical Review Board.

Darrell Fonseca moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board establish a MCSAFE subcommittee to evaluate and recommend possible service enhancements to the Merced County SAFE program.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Legislative Update

Candice Steelman gave an update on several legislative issues in the valley.

18a. One Voice Priorities

Candice Steelman presented the Technical Review Board with the One Voice Priorities with an option to approve three additional priorities.

Steve Rath moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the ranking of the One Voice priorities for the 2009-2010 program without adding the three additional priorities, therefore keeping the initial decision of the Steering Committee intact.

Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

Ayes: Steve Rath, Darrell Fonseca

Noes: John Bramble

Abstained: Greg Wellman.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Oral Report – ARRA Project Status

Marjie Kirn gave an update of the ARRA Project Status.

20. Oral Report – League of California Cities Update

Stephen Qualls gave an update on current legislative issues. The Technical Review Board was appreciative of Stephen Qualls for hosting the meeting.

21. Oral Report - Jurisdictions

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:25 P.M.