

TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board, held at the City of Gustine, Public Library, 205 6th Street, Gustine, California, was called to order at 12:13 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Bramble, City of Merced
Darrell Fonseca, City of Dos Palos
Margaret Silveira, City of Gustine
Steve Rath, City of Los Banos
Dee Tatum, County of Merced (arrived at 12:20)
Charlie Woods for Greg Wellman, City of Atwater

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Warne, City of Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Chandler, Merced County Solid Waste
Matt Fell, MCAG staff
Paul Fillebrown, Merced County Public Works
Rod Ghearing, Merced County Transit
John Gedney, Caltrans District 10
Joy Gort, MCAG staff
Rich Green, MCAG staff
Marjie Kirn, MCAG staff
Stephen Qualls, California Cities
Gregory Stangl, Phoenix Energy

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Minutes of the August 12, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting

Margaret Silveira moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting with corrections to Item 8 stating Darrell Fonseca moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County hold a public hearing to consider the implementation of a .50-cent fare for all passengers less than six years of age (except for infants-in-arms) in the event that the ARRA funds are unavailable.
Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY BOARD**

4. Information/Discussion Only

- a. Minutes of the August 20, 2009 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting
- b. Update – Phoenix Energy Proposed Biomass Plant
- c. Fiscal Year 2008/09 Tire Amnesty Activity

Gregory Stangl gave a brief overview of the Phoenix Energy proposed Biomass Plant.

5. 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.

Darrell Fonseca moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board 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 Margaret Silveira.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Oral Report – Landfill Tonnage Revenue Update

Sam Chandler distributed a handout displaying a 4-year tonnage comparison and gave an update of current tonnage rates.

7. Pacific Gas and Electric Public Utilities Easement

Steve Rath moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board:

- a. Approve 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 Margaret Silveira.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

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

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8. Caltrans Report

John Gedney gave a brief report from Caltrans and asked if anyone had questions or concerns that they would like for him to take back to Caltrans.

9. Information only

- a. Minutes of the August 20, 2009 MCAG Governing 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
- f. Paperless Agenda

So noted.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Memorandum of Understanding, Budget, and Scope of Work – Revised 2009
- b. California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Project-Level Environmental Work
- c. Annual Pavement Management (PM) Report - Final
- d. Re-Determination of Air Quality Conformity
- e. FY 2008/2009 Budget Revision – 06/30/2009
- f. 2009 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference

The Technical Review Board accepted the items on the consent agenda by consensus.

11. County Wide Population Forecast Options

Matt Fell gave an overview of past population forecast and how they compared with current population trends and asked the Technical Review Board to choose an option below:

- A. States that this slowdown was part of the normal course of events – growth slows down, growth speeds up – and there will be a speed-up of growth in the future that will counter-act this slowdown.
- B. States that this slowdown was not the normal slowdown, but that it is also a temporary effect, and that growth will continue as predicted, just from a lower base point.

Margaret Silveira moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board select Option B for the countywide population forecast.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Proposition 84 Funds for Model Development

Marjie Kirn gave an overview of the Proposition 84 Funds for Model Development that included the timeline for deciding how to allocate this funding.

Charlie Woods moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board concur with the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors recommendation regarding Proposition 84 funding distribution and modeling development.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. MCAG GIS Users Group Report

So noted.

MERCED DATA SPECIAL SERVICES

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

Dee Tatum moved to recommend the MDSS Board of Directors approve the policy and procedures.

Seconded by Darrell Fonseca.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Oral Report – League of California Cities Update

Stephen Qualls distributed a handout and gave a report on current legislative issues.

16. Oral Report - Jurisdictions

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:18 P.M.