



**MCAG Governing Board  
Transit Joint Powers Authority Board  
Regional Waste Management Authority Board**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE**

**Thursday, January 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at the Merced County Admin Building, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA and via zoom was called to order by Chair Pareira at 3:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Director John Cale  
 Director Rodrigo Espinoza\*\*  
 Director Tom Faria  
 Director April Hogue  
 Director Daron McDaniel  
 Director Pat Nagy  
 Director Lloyd Pareira, Chair  
 Director Josh Pedrozo  
 Director Matthew Serratto, Vice Chair\*

**MCAG STAFF PRESENT**

Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director  
 Christine Chavez, Transit Manager\*\*  
 Stacie Guzman, Executive Director  
 Emily Haden, Legal Counsel\*\*  
 Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing and Contracts Manager\*\*  
 Kyle Loreto, Diversion Programs Manager\*\*  
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager\*\*  
 Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manger\*\*  
 Daisy Zaragoza, Procurement and Reporting Analyst\*\*

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Juan Aguilar  
 Director Scott Silveira

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Rene Gutierrez, Citizens Advisory Committee  
 Marlon Regisford, Caltrans District 10 \*\*

\*arrived after roll call

\*\*attended via zoom

## 1. Call to order

- a. Roll call
- b. Pledge of allegiance
- c. Invocation

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Director Hogue led the pledge of allegiance. Chair Pareira led the invocation.

## 2. Approval of agenda

Director Cale moved to approve the January 20, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting agenda. Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Espinoza, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 3. Public comment

No public comments were received prior to the meeting and no public comments were received during the meeting.

## 4. Caltrans Report

Marlon Regisford presented the Caltrans report via webinar and discussed the following topics:

- State 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget
- Bridge repair funding
- Personnel changes at state level – California State Transportation Agency Acting Secretary Elissa Konove
- Personnel changes at Caltrans – Chief Deputy, Michael Keever and Deputy Director for Sustainability, Tony Dang
- Directors Policy 37 - complete streets to include bike and pedestrian features for all new transportation projects moving forward
- State sponsored non shop project initiation document
- Clean California, SAM program up and running for litter removal and beautification
- Local grant program, February 24, 2022 deadline for the Clean California local grant program
- Projects in the area – traffic signal installation in Los Banos
- Concerns on lane adjustment on SR 99 – Caltrans will continue to look into this project

Chair Pareira asked for the traffic count for all of the highways in Merced County and stated his concerns with costs for small businesses within neighborhoods that are state mandated.

Director Pedrozo wanted to thank Caltrans for looking into the Le Grand exit issue and asked for an update.

Director Nagy stated that the City of Gustine is ready to move forward and are just waiting on the encroachment permit from Caltrans.

Director Faria thanked Caltrans for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street junction completion and voiced concern with lighting issues on Mercy Springs Road stating a fatality had occurred.

**5. Citizens Advisory Committee report**

Rene Gutierrez presented the Citizens Advisory Committee report.

**6. Information items:**

- a. **Merced County Association of Governments**
  - i. MCAG Governing Board revised calendar – 2022
  - ii. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
  - iii. Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Technical Review Board meeting
  - iv. MCAG newsletter – 2021 Year in Review
  - v. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
  - vi. Transportation Planning and Measure V update
  - vii. FY 21/22 Quarter 2 Governing Board Summary
- b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**
  - i. TJPA monthly update
- c. **Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority**
  - i. RWA monthly update

So noted.

At this time, Items 8a-8e will be heard out of order prior to Item 7ai-7aiv.

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**8. Action items:**

- a. Approve the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program Priorities

Stacie Guzman summarized the request to approve the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program priorities.

Director Faria moved to approve the ten transportation planning priorities for Fiscal Year 22/23.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Espinoza, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Accept the Merced County Association of Governments Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021

Nav Bagri summarized the request to accept the Merced County Association of Governments Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Director Pedrozo moved to accept the Merced County Association of Governments Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Espinoza, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c. Accept the Measure V Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021

Nav Bagri summarized the request to accept the Measure V Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Director Nagy moved to Accept the Measure V Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Espinoza, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- d. Authorize the formation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Steering Committee and the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Advisory Committee

Stacie Guzman summarized the request to authorize the formation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Steering Committee and the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Advisory Committee and is seeking a volunteer for the RTP/SCS committee.

Directors Faria and Pedrozo volunteered to serve on the RTP/SCS Committee.

Director Hogue moved to authorize the formation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment Steering Committee and the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Espinoza, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- e. Approve 2022 Appointments to Regional Boards and Commissions

Stacie Guzman summarized the requests to approve the 2022 appointments to regional boards and commissions.

Director McDaniel moved to approve and appoint the incumbents on the Regional Boards and Commissions list with changes to the CalVans Board noting Director Nagy as the board member and Director Faria as the alternate.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Espinoza, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Consent calendar:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. Approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 MCAG Governing Board, Transit Joint Powers Authority board, and the Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting
- ii. Authorize Executive Director to execute contract amendment No. 2 for the Dibs vanpool project
- iii. Affirm adoption of Resolution No. 2021/10-21-03 authorizing the MCAG Governing Board and all of its subordinate committees to hold virtual meetings in accordance with AB 361
- iv. Reappoint City representatives to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Citizens Advisory Committee

Director McDaniel moved to approve consent calendar.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. Discussion items:**

- a. Highway 99 Summit

Stacie Guzman stated that Caltrans is partnering with the eight councils of government in the San Joaquin Valley to organize and host a State Route 99 Summit on March 3-4, 2022 at the Tulare Ag Center to discuss the importance of the 99 corridor and how to complete the necessary improvements in light of the state's new policies around its climate goals. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in-person participation at the summit will be limited but virtual participation options will be available.

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

**10. Action items:**

- a. Authorize the Executive Director to exercise the remaining two option years in the existing CAD/AVL contract with Syncromatics in an amount not to exceed \$58, 556 annually

Nav Bagri summarized the request to authorize the Executive Director to exercise the remaining two option years in the existing CAD/AVL contract with Syncromatics in an amount not to exceed \$58, 556 annually.

Director Nagy moved to Authorize the Executive Director to exercise the remaining two option years in the existing CAD/AVL contract with Syncromatics in an amount not to exceed \$58,556 annually.

Seconded by Director Cale.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. Discussion items:**

None.

## MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY-

### 12. Action items:

- a. Accept the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021

Nav Bagri summarized the request to Accept the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021

Director Cale moved to accept the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Seconded by Director Faria.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 13. Discussion items:

- a. Household Hazardous Waste and Community Clean-up Event Calendar for 2022

Stacie Guzman presented the Household Hazardous Waste and Community Clean-up Event Calendar for 2022.

## OTHER REPORTS

### 14. Executive Director's report

Stacie Guzman presented the Executive Director's report and discussed the following topics:

- Thanked County staff and Emily Haden for stepping in and assisting in the facilitation of the Governing Board meeting
- Thank you to Director Faria and Director Pedrozo for volunteering to serve on the RTP/SCS committee
- February – schedule for the Joint Powers Authority agreement
- February – construction contract for remodel of the Transit Administration Building
- Phase 1 of the bus shelter installations to begin this summer
- Mask mandate still in effect for anyone riding the bus
- Clean California program – exploring partnerships
- Next meeting is February 17, 2022 here at the county and thank you to the county for hosting

### 15. Directors' report

Director Hogue asked about the Emergency Call Box funding and would like information regarding distribution of the funding. Stacie Guzman stated that there are funds accumulated in the SAFE program and staff will give an update on this in March.

Director Cale stated for everyone to stay safe during this flu season.

Director Faria thanked everyone for attending the City-County Dinner and hoped they enjoyed the dinner. He also noted the Merced Symphony will be performing on Friday night.

Chair Pareira wanted to thank MCAG staff for all of their hard work during the pandemic.

**19. Adjournment**

Chair Pareira adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.**

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Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II