



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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE**

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the Merced Civic Center, Council Chambers, 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA and was called to order by Chair Pareira at 3:05 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 Matthew Serratto, Vice Chair\*

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Juan Aguilar  
Director Josh Pedrozo  
Director Scott Silveira

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Tom Dumas, Caltrans District 10  
Ursula Stock, Citizens Advisory Committee

**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  
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager  
Skyler Summers, Assistant Transit Manager  
Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist  
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II  
Eric Zetz, RWA Director

\*arrived after roll call

\*\*attended via zoom

**1. Call to order**

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

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present. Eric Zetz led the invocation. Chair Pareira led the pledge of allegiance.

At this time, Chair Pareira requested information items are heard out of order to allow time for a quorum to be present.

**3. Public comment**

No public comments were received.

**4. Caltrans Report**

Tom Dumas presented the Caltrans report and discussed the following topics:

- California Natural Resources are accepting applications for proposals for the environmental enhancement mitigation program through June 3, 2022 with workshops on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>
- California Transportation Commission has released an open call for the Active Transportation Program and applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup>
- California Transportation Commission recently approved work for Highway 152 in Los Banos
- Federal Highway Administration has a low emissions vehicle program called 5339c program
- Federally funded RAISE grant is available, and you can find more information on the website at: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>
- Federal Highway Administration noticed funding for the National Scenic Byways program

Stacie Guzman thanked Tom Dumas and Caltrans for their quick response to the constituent concern about protruding signage on Highway 59.

Chair Pareira stated that North Highway 59 still has shoulder issues that need to be addressed.

Director Espinoza thanked Caltrans and asked them to not forget about the J Hawk system in Planada.

**2. Approval of agenda**

Stacie Guzman stated that staff would like to pull item 8a from the agenda.

Director Espinoza moved to approve the April 21, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting agenda, as amended by the Executive Director.

Seconded by Director Faria.

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

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Citizens Advisory Committee report**

Ursula Stock presented the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) report.

Chair Pereira thanked Ms. Stock for giving the CAC report.

**6. Information items:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. Transportation Planning and Measure V update
- ii. MCAG Governing Board calendar – 2022
- iii. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- iv. Draft minutes of the April 13, 2022 Technical Review Board meeting
- v. MCAG newsletter – April 2022
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
- vii. Quarterly Governing Board summary
- viii. Dibs Quarterly Activity report
- ix. North Lathrop Station Support Letter
- x. High Speed Rail Support Letter
- xi. State Legislature Budget Request Letter for State Route 99 Gap Closures
- xii. Assemblyman Carlos Villapudua \$2.7B Transportation budget Augmentation Request

**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.

**7. Consent calendar:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. Approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022, Transit Joint Powers Authority Board, Regional Waste Management Authority Board, and the MCAG Governing Board meeting
- ii. Approve the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 2
- 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. Adopt Resolution 2022/04-21-05 in support of YARTS' application for a Congressional Member Designated Project
- v. Amend the composition of the Highway 99 Subcommittee

**b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**

- i. Approve FY 2021/22 Capital Budget Amendment No. 1 to include FY 2019/20 Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) funds to purchase seven (7) new buses

Director Espinoza moved to approve consent calendar.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

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

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**8. Action items:**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**9. Discussion items:**

a. Draft Operating and Capital Draft Budget FY 2022/23

Christine Chavez and Nav Bagri presented the Draft Operating and Capital Draft Budget for FY 2022/23 and discussed the following:

- Budget Accomplishments for FY 2021/2022
- FY 2022/2023 Draft Budget Summary
- Draft Operating Expenditure FY 2022/2023
- Capital Expenditures

## **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**10. Action items:**

a. Approve the 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget

Nav Bagri summarized the request to approve the 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

Director Nagy moved to approve the FY 22/23 Overall Work Program and budget for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Award the 2022 Anna Maria Fuentes scholarship recipient

Mary-Michal Rawling summarized the request to award the 2022 Anna Maria Fuentes scholarship recipient.

Director Faria moved to award the 2022 Anna Maria Fuentes scholarship to Livingston High School senior Emily Solorio.

Seconded by Director Espinoza.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. Discussion items:**

- a. Active Transportation Program Cycle 6

Stacie Guzman summarized the Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 and stated that the California Transportation Commission has announced the call for projects and applications are due by June 15, 2022.

**MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY-**

**12. Action items:**

- a. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for the purchase and startup of Low NOx Flare in the amount of \$695,348 with Perennial Energy, LLC, and authorize the related amendment to the FY 21/22 budget

Eric Zetz summarized the request to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for the purchase and startup of a Low NOx Flare in the amount of \$695,348 with Perennial Energy, LLC, and authorize the related amendment to the FY 21/22 budget.

Director McDaniel moved to:

1. Approve the FY 21/22 budget amendment, moving \$800,000 from CIP No. 80012 to CIP No. 800060 for the purchase of an Air District compliant low-NOx flare at the Highway 59 Landfill; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for the purchase and startup of an Air District compliant Low-NOx flare in the amount of \$695,348 with the selected vendor, Perennial Energy, LLC.

Seconded by Director Serratto.

**AYES: Directors Cale, Espinoza, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Pareira, Serratto**

**NOES: Director Nagy**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for SB 1383 Reporting Tool in the amount of \$175,500 for a total of three years with MSW Consultants

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Director McDaniel moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for SB 1383 reporting tool in the amount of \$175,500 for a total of three years with the selected vendor, MSW Consultants.

Seconded by Director Serratto.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c. Act on Personal Injury Claim – Michael Buckley

Emily Haden summarized the request to act on a personal injury claim for Michael Buckley and asking for an extension until October 24, 2022.

Director McDaniel moved to extend the agreement to extend time to act on the claim, pursuant to Government Code Section 912.4(b), in order to allow time to continue to investigate the incident, obtain estimated costs, and allow for the Agency's insurance provider to determine how best to proceed. Subsequently, staff can present to the Board an appropriate recommendation based on the results of said investigation.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. Discussion items:**

None.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**14. Executive Director's report**

Stacie Guzman discussed the following topics:

- Thanked everyone for coming out to the City-County Dinner on April 12, 2022 and thanked staff for their efforts on the event
- Discussed virtual options and the logistics behind holding hybrid meetings while on a rotating schedule. She received direction that meetings through the end of the year will be held at the County Chambers or MCAG due to the ability to accommodate virtual meetings
- Community Workshop on RTP/SCS that includes aspects of RHNA for public participation on April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the MCAG office and via zoom
- One Voice trip will be held May 4-5, 2022
- Introduced Griselda Villa as our new Public Program Specialist
- Thanked Skyler Summers for his dedication and hard work and stated that Skyler will be leaving the agency
- Summarized the AB 285 report recommendations that are driving recent legislation

**15. Directors' Reports**

Director Hogue asked if the jurisdiction and/or Transit will be held in non-compliance if the chips for the electric buses are not available, and staff cannot purchase new electric buses. Christine Chavez stated that they are in the beginning planning stages so far and more discussions will follow.

Director Faria stated that the Los Banos Fair will return this year April 27 – May 1, 2022.

Director Nagy stated that the City of Gustine will be looking for a new City Manager as Doug Dunford is retiring.

Chair Pareira stated that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District had the same discussion on the delay in production of trucks and this can impact the region.

**16. Adjournment**

Chair Pareira adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

**There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.**

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Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II