



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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the Merced County Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA and was called to order by Chair Pareira at 3:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Director April Hogue  
Director Deborah Lewis for Director Tom Faria \*\*  
Director Daron McDaniel  
Director Pat Nagy  
Director Lloyd Pareira, Chair  
Director Scott Silveira

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Juan Aguilar  
Director John Cale  
Director Rodrigo Espinoza  
Director Josh Pedrozo  
Director Matthew Serratto, Vice Chair

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Dennis Agar, Caltrans District 10  
Elizabeth Forte, TCAG staff \*\*  
Rio Gonzalez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability  
Marlon Regisford, Caltrans District 10  
Shane Smith, Citizens Advisory Committee  
Nick Jensen, Citizen \*\*

**MCAG STAFF PRESENT**

Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director  
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager  
Xavier Garcia, Staff Services Analyst I \*\*  
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director  
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel  
Kristina Hernandez, HR and Risk Management Manager  
Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant  
Kyle Loreto, Diversion Programs Manager \*\*  
Navneet Mattu, Staff Services Analyst I \*\*  
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing and Contracts Manager  
Adam Perez, Multimedia Specialist  
Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager  
Ty Phimmason, Senior Transportation Planner \*\*  
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager  
Rene Ruiz, Accounting 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 present. Eric Zetz led the invocation. Emily Haden led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. Approval of agenda**

Director Silveira moved to approve the MCAG Governing Board meeting agenda for Thursday, May 19, 2022.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Hogue, Lewis, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Silveira**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. Public comment**

No public comments were received.

**4. Caltrans Report**

Dennis Agar and Marlon Regisford presented the Caltrans report and discussed the following topics:

- Had the opportunity to attend the SJV Policy Conference along with Marlon Regisford
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the pedestrian HAWK system in Hilmar was held on May 17, 2022
- Annual Caltrans Workers Memorial held in April for its fallen workers
- Governor Newsome budget revision meant to accelerate funding allocations for infrastructure
- California Transportation Commission has released the call for applications for the Active Transportation Program and applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sustainable Transportation Planning grant application guide is available on the Caltrans website
- Let's change this to that - education campaign is underway
- Maintenance team made improvements on the northbound shoulder on SR 59 but wants to coordinate with Chair Pareira to identify specific problem areas
- Caltrans is working on signage for Le Grand exit on Hwy 99 with Caltrans District 6
- Staff is working on the request regarding lighting on Main Street in Livingston

1

Chair Pareira thanked Dennis Agar and Caltrans for their efforts.

Director Hogue asked for a status update on a sidewalk project on Valeria off of Highway 33. This project is connected to two elementary schools and the timeline has been moving slowly.

Director Silveira would like an update on the Highway 59 and the Mariposa Creek Bridge project at the next meeting.

Director McDaniel thanked Dennis Agar for his contribution at the side bar meeting regarding Hwy 99 at the CTC Reception in Fresno.

Chair Pareira mentioned that a constituent mentioned that there are three sites in Gustine that are in need of a HAWK system.

Rio Gonzalez stated that community members have been asking that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Gerard Avenue and Highway 59.

**5. Citizens Advisory Committee report**

Shane Smith presented the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) report.

**6. Information items:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. Transportation Planning and Measure V update
- ii. Revised MCAG Governing Board calendar – 2022
- iii. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- iv. Draft minutes of the May 11, 2022 Technical Review Board meeting
- v. MCAG newsletter – May 2022
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
- vii. Central California Travel Survey
- viii. Quarterly Report on Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Board approved contracts
- ix. SB 1410 (Caballero) Application of Vehicle Miles Traveled Support Letter
- x. State Legislation Report
- xi. State Clearinghouse - Revised Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the University Vista Project

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

- i. TJPA monthly update
- ii. Quarterly Report on Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County (TJPA) Board approved contracts

**c. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority**

- i. RWA monthly update
- ii. Quarterly Report on Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (RWA) Board approved contracts

So noted.

**7. Consent calendar:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. Approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022, Transit Joint Powers Authority Board, Regional Waste Management Authority Board, and the MCAG Governing Board meeting
- ii. Adopt Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 12
- iii. Authorize the execution of the agreement for services between YARTS and MCAG for a period of one year from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

- iv. 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
- v. Action on Personal Injury Claim – Jose Manuel Zamudio Melgarejo
- b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**
  - i. Approve the Low Carbon Transit Operation Program Allocation Request for FY 2021/22
  - ii. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County and Merced College for student transportation services

Director McDaniel moved to approve consent calendar.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Hogue, Lewis, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Silveira**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

### **8. Action items:**

- a. Adopt Final FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Budget

Nav Bagri summarized the request to adopt the Final FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Budget.

Director Silveira moved to adopt the FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Budget for the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Hogue, Lewis, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Silveira**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year base contract with two, one-year options for Public Transit Security Guard Services in an amount not to exceed \$712,191 with the selected vendor, Good Guard Security, Inc.

Christine Chavéz summarized the request to Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year base contract with two, one-year options for Public Transit Security Guard Services in an amount of \$712,191 with the selected vendor, Good Guard Security, Inc.

Director Nagy moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year base contract with two one-year extension option for public transit security guard services in the amount of \$712,191 with the selected vendor, Good Guard Security, Inc.

Seconded by Director Hogue.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Hogue, Lewis, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Silveira**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Discussion items:

None.

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

10. Action items:

- a. Approve the selection of Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Preferred Scenario

Stacie Guzman summarized the request to approve the selection of the Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Preferred Scenario.

Director Silveira moved to select the preferred RTP/SCS Scenario 3, as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Director Hogue.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Hogue, Lewis, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Silveira**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Authorize a contract amendment with Trinity Consultants, Inc. for on-call professional air quality planning and conformity support services for a total contract amount of \$54,000

Stacie Guzman summarized the request to authorize a contract amendment with Trinity Consultants, Inc. for on-call professional air quality planning and conformity support services for a total contract amount of \$54,000.

Director McDaniel moved to authorize a contract amendment with Trinity Consultants, Inc. for on-call professional air quality planning and conformity support services for a total contract amount of \$54,000.

Seconded by Director Silveira.

Roll call vote:

**AYES – Directors Hogue, Lewis, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Silveira**

**NOES – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Discussion items:

- a. Draft I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Study

Stacie Guzman summarized the Draft I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Study and stated that the study explored zero-emission freight options along the Interstate 5 corridor in the valley.

- b. Merced County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) funding and eligible uses

Stacie Guzman summarized the Merced County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) funding and eligible uses.

## MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY-

### 12. Action items:

None.

### 13. Discussion items:

- a. Draft Operating, Capital, and Fleet Budget Fiscal Year 2022/23 Presentation

Nav Bagri and Eric Zetz presented the Draft Operating, Capital, and Fleet Budget Fiscal Year 2022/23 for review and discussion.

- b. SB 1383 Organic Waste Process or Transfer Request for Proposals

Eric Zetz summarized the SB 1383 Organic Waste Process or Transfer Request for Proposals for review and discussion.

## OTHER REPORTS

### 14. Executive Director's report

Stacie Guzman discussed the following topics:

- Thanked Chair Pareira and Director McDaniel for attending the CTC reception and for the excellent conversations with Caltrans
- Thanked the Directors that participated in the One Voice program and reminded all that the debrief will be May 27, 2022 at the Tarmac
- Announced the YARTS earmark presented in Washington D.C. was selected by Congressman Costa, as well as the City of Atwater for the water distribution enhancement project and the City of Gustine for the Broadband equity and expansion project
- Announced that the Policy Conference had a recognition effort for valley leaders that were lost over the course of the pandemic and Jerry O'Banion was one of the leaders recognized

### 15. Directors' Reports

Director Silveira thanked Stacie for her leadership and for the direction that the Governing Board is heading due to her great leadership. He also stated that the One Voice trip was successful and that he thinks it is important to leave an impression with agencies and staffers.

Director McDaniel thanked Stacie and stated that the One Voice program was a success, and the unity of the group was amazing, and everyone was able to support each other's priorities and really came together as one voice. Townsend did a wonderful job, and the trip was excellent.

Director Nagy thanked staff for their work on the One Voice program and noted it seemed like one of the more productive trips in a while.

Director Hogue stated that Dos Palos is moving forward with their new City Manager, and we are getting quite a few sidewalk projects done except for Valeria Street. She stated that it is nice to see everyone moving forward and working together on a list that can be accomplished. She also stated that last week

Dos Palos held a walk-a-thon to donate to the scholarship fund for Dos Palos High School and raised \$3000.

Director Lewis stated that she was happy to be at the Governing Board meeting and that the groundbreaking ceremony for the police department went well earlier today and she is excited and looking forward to seeing that building go up.

**16. Adjournment**

Chair Pareira adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

**There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II