



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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE

Thursday, June 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the Merced County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA and was called to order by Chair Pareira at 2:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Director John Cale
Director April Hogue*
Director Deborah Lewis for Director Tom Faria
Director Pat Nagy
Director Lloyd Pareira, Chair
Director Josh Pedrozo
Director Scott Silveira
Director Matthew Serratto, Vice Chair *
Director Maria Soto for Director Juan Aguilar

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Rodrigo Espinoza
Director Daron McDaniel

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

John Ceccoli, HSA/Navigation Center
Rachel Cotton, Cascadia Partners **
Tom Dumas, Caltrans District 10
Jose Moran, City of Livingston
Marlon Regisford, Caltrans District 10 **
Paul Runge, Cascadia Partners **
Shane Smith, Citizens Advisory Committee
Lori Waterman, City of Atwater
Jami Westervelt, City of Gustine **

MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Alexandra Arroyo, Procurement Specialist I **
Natalia Austin, Associate Planner
Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel
Kristina Hernandez, HR and Risk Management Manager**
Kyle Loreto, Diversion Programs Manager **
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Procurement Manager
Adam Perez, Multimedia Specialist
Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
Mauricio Torres, Assistant Planner **
Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist **
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II
Daisy Zaragoza, Procurement and Reporting Analyst**
Eric Zetz, RWA Director

*arrived after roll call

**attended via zoom

WORKSHOP

1. Call to order

- a. Roll call

At this time, Chair Pareira called the meeting to order and asked that roll call be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public comment

None.

3. Discussion on Regional Homelessness and Housing

John Ceccoli presented information about policies and programs related to addressing homelessness and discussed the Governor's 100-day challenge to permanently house 20 individuals in safe and stable housing and assist 25 individuals on a pathway to safe and stable housing.

REGULAR MEETING

4. 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. Joy Young led the pledge of allegiance.

5. Approval of agenda

Director Silveira moved to approve the MCAG Governing Board meeting agenda for Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Public comment

No public comments were received.

7. Caltrans Report

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

- Tragedy occurred for a Caltrans worker and their family and just wanted to remind everyone of the 'move over' law; Caltrans is asking the public to be better about obeying this law for the safety of all workers on the roadways

- Federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program and the call for projects is underway with a deadline of June 30, 2022
- Federal program Safe streets and roads for all will have funding available over the next five years and will fund local and regional initiatives to prevent roadway deaths
- SR 33 in Gustine request of HAWK signals are being considered
- SR 59 in Merced request of shoulder repair/improvement – Caltrans staff have been working on this issue
- SR 59 and Mariposa Creek in Merced project construction will start in fall of 2024

Chair Pareira will work with Director Nagy regarding the HAWK signal request in Gustine and will contact Caltrans staff to set up a meeting.

Chair Pareira stated that a constituent mentioned that a green arrow would help relieve congestion build up at the intersection of V and 13th street where the start of Highway 140 begins.

Director Silveira wanted to follow up on a previous request for a right-hand turn lane at Centinela Blvd. in Santa Nella and wanted to let Caltrans know that local funding is being put into this project.

Stacie Guzman indicated there are upcoming projects using CMAQ funding so that they will be on Caltrans' radar

8. Citizens Advisory Committee report

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

9. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2022-23

Stacie Guzman gave a brief overview of the history of the chair rotation.

Director Nagy moved to nominate and appoint Director Serratto as Chair for FY 2022-23.
Seconded by Director Cale.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director Silveira moved to nominate and appoint Director Pedrozo as Vice Chair for FY 2022-23.
Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. 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 June 8, 2022 Technical Review Board meeting
- v. MCAG newsletter – June 2022
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
- vii. 2022 One Voice program 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.

11. Consent calendar:

- a. **Merced County Association of Governments**
 - i. Approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022, Transit Joint Powers Authority Board, Regional Waste Management Authority Board, and the MCAG Governing Board meeting
 - ii. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment for multi-location information technology support and maintenance services in the amount of \$295,906.24 for two years with Apex Technology Management, Inc.
 - iii. Approve the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Distribution
 - iv. Authorize City of Merced’s Petition to Form the Downtown Property-Based Business Improvement District (PBID)
 - v. 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
 - vi. Approve the Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement – City of Los Banos, Pacheco Boulevard (SR-152) Regional Path project
 - vii. Approve the Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement – County of Merced, Henry Miller Avenue project
 - viii. Approve the Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement – County of Merced, Atwater-Merced Expressway, Phase 1B project
 - x. Approve the Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement – County of Merced, State Highway 33 and Centinella Drive Right Hand Turn Lane project
 - xi. Approve the Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement – County of Merced, Whitworth Road Rehabilitation project
 - xii. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for a Transportation Demand Management Program in the amount of \$320,000 for a total of two years with Dibs (San Joaquin Council of Governments)
 - xiii. Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee Appointments
- b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**
 - i. City of Merced’s Petition to Form the Downtown Property-Based Business Improvement District (PBID)

Director Nagy moved to approve consent calendar.

Seconded by Director Serratto.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira
NOES – None
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

12. Action items:

- a. Approve the Transit Route Schedule and Service Revisions

Christine Chavez summarized the request to approve the Transit Route Schedule and Service Revisions.

Director Nagy moved to approve the transit route schedule and service revisions and direct staff to conduct the Title VI compliant outreach and public hearing prior to service implementation.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Discussion items:

None.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

14. Action items:

- a. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for a Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in the amount of \$236,380 for a total of two years with Fehr & Peers

Natalia Austin summarized the request to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for a Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in the amount of \$236,380 for a total of two years with Fehr & Peers.

Director Silveira moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for a Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in the amount of \$236,380 for a total of two years with the selected vendor, Fehr & Peers.

Seconded by Director Cale.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Approve MCAG's Other Programs Budget for FY 2022/23

Nav Bagri summarized the request to approve the MCAG Other Programs Budget for FY 2022/23.

Director Silveira moved to approve MCAG's Other Programs Budget for FY 2022/23.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Procure state transportation lobbying services

Mary-Michal Rawling summarized the request to procure state transportation lobbying services.

Director Pedrozo moved to direct staff to procure state transportation lobbying services in addition to federal lobbying services.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for Regional Housing Trust Fund Administration and Financing Study and Housing Consortium Framework in the amount of \$89,000 with RSG, Inc.

Stacie Guzman summarized the request to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for Regional Housing Trust Fund Administration and Financing Study and Housing Consortium Framework in the amount of \$89,000 with RSG, Inc.

Director Silveira moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for a Regional Housing Trust Fund Administration and Financing Study and Housing Consortium Framework in the amount of \$89,000 with the selected vendor, RSG, Inc.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Soto, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Discussion items:

a. Presentation – Proposed 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology

Natalia Austin introduced Rachel Cotton and Paul Runge of Cascadia Partners prior to their presentation of the Proposed 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology.

b. Presentation – Draft Merced County Short Range Transit Plan 2022-2027

Christine Chavez presented the Draft Merced County Short Range Transit Plan 2022-2027.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY-

16. Action items:

- a. Adopt Operating, Capital, and Fleet Final Budget Fiscal Year 2022/23

Eric Zetz summarized the request to adopt the Operating, Capital, and Fleet Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

Director Nagy moved to adopt the FY 2022/23 Operating, Capital, and Fleet Budget for the Regional Waste Management Authority.

Seconded by Director Serratto

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Hogue, Lewis, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto, Silveira

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Discussion items:

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

Eric Zetz summarized the SB 1383 Organic Waste Process or Transfer Request for Proposals and discussed next step options.

OTHER REPORTS

18. Executive Director's report

Stacie Guzman discussed the following topics:

- Thanked Chair Pareira for this service as chairman over the last year and congratulated Directors Serratto and Pedrozo for their election to Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2022-2023, respectively
- Announced that Elizabeth Forte will be joining the team in July as the Director for Planning and Programming
- Reminder that comments on the JPA draft are due July 6th to legal counsel
- Announced the following draft documents that are available for public review and on the MCAG website and in hard copy at MCAG:
 - Draft 2022 RTP/SCS and DEIR (ends August 4, 2022)
 - Draft FTIP
 - Draft Air Quality conformity document for FTIP and RTP/SCS (ends August 4, 2022)
- Wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day

19. Directors' Reports

Director Lewis shared with the Board a by-invitation-only event held by the Federal Bureau of Reclamation as they are celebrating 120 years with the B.F. Sisk Dam Safety Modification Project groundbreaking.

Director Pedrozo shared with the Board the impact that the One Voice trip has on the committees that the group meets with. He stated that while at a conference in Alaska, Merced County was cited as a model for other counties attending the conference.

Director Serratto thanked Chair Pareira for his leadership as chairperson and thanked him for providing well run meetings over the last year.

Chair Pareira asked that information be passed to the Technical Review Board regarding SB 1383 and asked that the topic be brought up about suing the state from an environmental standpoint as it will cause more pollution from additional vehicles on the road transporting this waste which will increase climate change.

20. Adjournment

Chair Pareira adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II