



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

**DATE**

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the City of Merced, Council Chambers, 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA was called to order by Chair Jerry O'Banion at 3:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Director April Hogue  
Director Daron McDaniel  
Director Mike Murphy  
Director Jerry O'Banion  
Director Joe Oliveira  
Director Lloyd Pareira  
Director Jim Price  
Director Mike Villalta

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Rodrigo Espinoza, Chair  
Director Lee Lor  
Director Alex McCabe, Vice Chair

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Jose Delgadillo, Citizens Advisory Committee Representative  
Tom Dumas, Transportation Planner, Caltrans, Dist. 10  
Darrell Fonseca, City Manager of Dos Palos  
Dominic Farinha, Congressman Costa's Office Representative

**MCAG STAFF PRESENT**

Nav Bagri, Finance Director  
Stacie Dabbs, Deputy Executive Director  
Blake Dunford, Assistant Planner  
Matt Fell, Transportation Planning Manager  
Eva Garibay, Public Program Specialist II  
Nadia Gonzalez, Financial Services Manager  
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel  
Jennifer Halpin, Diversion Programs Manager  
Dariana Lua, Assistant Transit Manager  
Patrick Pittenger, Executive Director  
Artis Smith, Transit Director  
Brooks Stayer, Regional Waste Authority Director  
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Invocation**

Artis Smith led the invocation.

**3. Roll Call**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Director McDaniel moved to approve the May 17, 2018, MCAG Governing Board agenda.  
Seconded by Director Price.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta  
Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**6. Minutes**

- a. Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board meeting for April 19, 2018
- b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board meeting for April 19, 2018
- c. Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting for April 19, 2018

Director McDaniel moved to approve the minutes of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board, the Transit Joint Powers Authority and the Regional Waste Management Authority meeting.

Seconded by Director Price.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta  
Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Citizens Advisory Committee Report**

Jose Delgadillo gave the Citizens Advisory Committee report and presented Patrick Pittenger with a photo collage of the 2018 One Voice trip to Washington D.C.

## **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**8. Caltrans Report**

Tom Dumas gave the Caltrans report and distributed the CTP 2050 Fact Sheet. Mr. Dumas reported on:

- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
- Local Partnership Competitive Program
- Planning Grant for 152
- Resubmit Pioneer Grant

Patrick Pittenger stated that the north bound Highway 99 Livingston Widening project received funding from the TCEP Program and from STIP. Mr. Pittenger stated that this project should go out to bid next spring.

## 9. Consent Agenda

- + a. 2017 FTIP Amendment 13 to Program 2018 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), 2016 SHOPP Changes, and Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Updates
- + b. YARTS/MCAG Annual Agreement for Services Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019
- + c. Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2018-19 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget

Director Oliveira moved to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Director Price.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 10. Information/Discussion Only

- a. MCAG Newsletter - May 2018
- b. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events
- c. Regional Transportation Plan Open House Flyers
- d. Technical Review Board meeting minutes from May 9, 2018

So noted.

## 11. Transportation Planning Update

Matt Fell gave the Transportation Planning update which included the Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan – Open House Schedule:

- Wednesday, May 23, City of Merced, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 24, City of Los Banos, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 30, City of Livingston, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 31, Planada, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Director Oliveira asked that we remember Gustine when scheduling workshops on the Westside.

## 12. 2018 One Voice Debrief

Stacie Dabbs reported on the 2018 One Voice trip stating this was the largest group the program has had. Ms. Dabbs thanked Citizens Advisory Committee Representative, Jose Delgadillo for attending the trip. Ms. Dabbs thanked Directors Oliveira, Villalta and McDaniel for their attendance on the 2018 One Voice trip. Ms. Dabbs noted that although the size of the delegation enabled three strike teams to attend several meetings at the same time, the size proved to be challenging in other areas. Ms. Dabbs stated it was a great trip overall and the debrief led to good discussions on how to better the program next year.

## 13. Measure V Implementation Update

Stacie Dabbs gave the Measure V Implementation update stating that payments received have been above projections and that the Measure V Regional Committee meetings have taken place with a similar recommendation from both committees to set aside 20% for future leveraging opportunities and in identifying a group of projects for the first Implementation Plan.

**14. Amendment to the 2016 ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Measure Expenditure Plan**

Stacie Dabbs reported on the Amendment to the 2016 ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Measure Expenditure Plan noting that over the course of the first year of implementing the expenditure plan, staff identified the need to clarify the authority and role of the Governing Board in establishing baseline general fund expenditures for transportation purposes related to the Maintenance of Effort requirements for recipients of Local Projects revenue. Ms. Dabbs stated the need in clarifying the Governing Board's authority to grant exemptions for unusual one-time expenditures.

Director McDaniel moved to approve the proposed Measure V Expenditure Plan as amended.  
Seconded by Director Murphy.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Director Pareira asked about the title of the 2016 ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Measure Expenditure Plan. Ms. Dabbs responded that basically the title has stayed as it to preserve the voter approved verbiage to assist the public when addressing the approved plan.

**15. Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies Update**

Blake Dunford gave an update on the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies stating that staff is currently working on a new contract and noted that SAFE is funded through vehicle registration fees within Merced County. Mr. Dunford stated that the revenue was designed to fund a completed call box system along State Routes 99 and 152 and Interstate 5 and there is a surplus of funds.

Mr. Dunford stated that staff is currently looking into options on how to use the funds with some possibilities listed below:

- Freeway Clean Up Program
- Freeway Service Patrol
- Call Box Upgrades to 4G or 5G
- Intelligent Traffic Systems

Mr. Dunford noted that staff will conduct public outreach with the final option list sometime after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

**16. MCAG Financial Report for July 2017 - March 2018 (Unaudited)**

Nav Bagri gave an update on the MCAG Financial Report for July 2017- March 2018 stating that the 2015/16 ICAP has been approved which released funding that was frozen pending approval. Mr. Bagri stated that the funds could now be spent down in our current year.

**17. Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) and SB 1 Local Partnership Program (LPP) Options**

Patrick Pittenger reported on the Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) and SB 1 Local Partnership Program (LPP) options stated that all seven jurisdictions have rescinded the RTIF agreement and adopted the 2016 project list.

Director McDaniel moved to direct staff to work with the jurisdiction's chief administrative officers to develop a plan that outlines funding allocations to jurisdictions by funding type.

Seconded by Director Murphy.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

### 18. Oral Report – Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update

Artis Smith gave the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update stating that ridership is up with the Measure V funding that offers free rides for seniors and veterans. Mr. Smith stated that there will be free service during the Merced County Fair, June 6-10 on all fixed routes throughout the countywide service area. Mr. Smith presented and discussed the following:

- Fixed Route Service
- Deviated Fixed Route Service
- Dial-a-ride Service
- Paratransit Service
- Breakdown of Ridership
- Passenger Ridership – current and goals set to achieve

### 19. Authorization to Increase the Operations and Maintenance Facility Contract Change Order Amount

Artis Smith gave an update on the request to increase the Operations and Maintenance Facility contract change order amount stating it is to address significant shortcomings and design issues that have been identified to make changes during construction phase to minimize additional costs. Mr. Smith noted that the input of a transit facility specialist was obtained through an existing construction management contract with VSCE, Inc. whose input identified functionality changes that needed to be implemented to ensure that the TJPAMC would have a facility that functions well and operates safely. Mr. Smith stated expected costs associated with pending change orders will approach the allowed threshold and other potential changes will result in exceeding the current allowable threshold.

Director Murphy moved authorize the Executive Director to execute change orders up to a total of 20% of the original Contract.

Seconded by Director Pareira.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Director Villalta stated that there were questions and concerns at the Technical Review Board meeting and asked if their questions have been answered. Mr. Smith stated that their questions have been answered.

### 20. Purchase of Radio Equipment and Installation

Dariana Lua gave an update on the purchase of radio equipment and installation stating that the current system is outdated and needs to be upgraded.

### 21. Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2018/19 Operating and Capital Budget

Nav Bagri gave an update on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018/19 for operating and capital.

Director Hogue moved to approve the FY 2018/19 Operating and Capital Budget.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**22. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Financial Report for July 2017 - March 2018 (unaudited)**

Nav Bagri gave a brief update on the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Financial Report for July 2017 - March 2018.

## **MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**23. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update**

Brooks Stayer gave the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority update on:

- Billy Wright Landfill Phase 2b Construction
- Landfill Gas to Energy with UC Merced
- Soil Sales/Campus Parkway Project
- Landfill Compaction – discussed airspace and density

**24. Quarterly Diversion Programs Update**

Jennifer Halpin gave an update on the quarterly diversion programs discussing:

- CalRecycle Site Visits
- AB341 MCR
- AB1826 MORE
- Diversion at Community Clean-up sites
- Mattress Recycling
- TDA Grant Award

**25. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Financial Reports**

Nadia Gonzalez gave a brief update on the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Financial Reports stating that they are meeting projected revenue.

**26. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Budget Amendments**

Nadia Gonzalez gave an update on the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Budget Amendments stating that revenue projections are up although the operating expenses are also up, staff feels they are in line with the projected revenue increases.

Director Pareira moved to:

- a. Increase facility fee disposal revenue to \$15.5 million; and
- b. Increase solid waste fees to \$630,000.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**27. Proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 Operating Budget, 2018/19 Capital Project Overview, and 2018/19 Fleet Budget**

Nadia Gonzalez gave a brief update on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 Operating Budget, 2018/19 Capital Project Overview, and 2018/19 Fleet Budget.

Director Oliveira moved to:

- a. Approve the FY 2018/19 Operating Budget;
- b. Approve the increases and reductions to existing projects, and the allocation of additional Funds to new projects as presented in the Capital Project Overview; and
- c. Approve the FY 2018/19 Fleet Budget.

Seconded by Director Pareira.

**Ayes – Directors Hogue, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## OTHER REPORTS

**28. Executive Director’s Report**

Patrick Pittenger reported on:

- Progress on Pavement Management System
- Final Layout for Transit Building Remodel
- 2018 One Voice Trip – thanked participants
- Measure V
- Progress with Regional Project Committees

**29. Directors’ Report**

Director Oliveira encouraged everyone to remember Memorial Day and invited them to attend a ceremony in Gustine at the cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Director Price invited everyone to attend Castle for a Memorial Day weekend that includes remote control aircraft and open cockpit day. Director Price also invited everyone to the City of Atwater’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations that include activities at Ralston Park and concludes with fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Castle with Mike Hammer and the Nails and Daniel Castro. Director Price mentioned the Amtrak Early Morning Express stating that it is a great way to get to meetings in Sacramento.

Director Villalta encouraged everyone to attend a ceremony on Memorial Day and stated that the National Cemetery will hold their ceremony on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Los Banos will hold their ceremony on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Director Murphy stated that there would be a lot of activity in Bob Hart Square this weekend with the Mayor’s Bike Ride and the Burgers and Brews event. Director Murphy stated that he was able to attend the Valley Policy Conference and a discussion was held on Passenger Rail and Merced had at least three times the ridership than other areas.

Director Pareira invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Winton Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. with more activities following at the Winton VFW Hall.

Director McDaniel encouraged everyone to ride the YARTS Bus on Memorial Day Weekend as they are offering free rides.

Director Hogue invited everyone to the Eagle Field Drag Races and stated that the Dos Palos High School will host their Hall of Fame night. Director Hogue mentioned that there are Roller Derby teams available for those who would like to join. Director Hogue mentioned graduation ceremonies coming up and that she will be able to sign the National Anthem at the ceremony.

Emily Haden invited everyone to attend the Merced County Fair on June 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.

**30. CLOSED SESSION**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
(Cal. Gov. Code Sec. 54957(b)(1))

Action reported from Closed Session:  
Staff direction was given.

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Joy Young  
Administrative Assistant II