



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

DATE

Thursday, July 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the City of Atwater, Council Chambers, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, CA was called to order by Chair Alex McCabe at 3:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Director Alex McCabe, Chair
Director Daron McDaniel, Vice Chair
Director Rodrigo Espinoza
Director Lee Lor
Director April Hogue
Director Mike Murphy
Director Jerry O'Banion
Director Joe Oliveira
Director Lloyd Pareira
Director Jim Price
Director Mike Villalta

MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Nav Bagri, Finance Director
Stacie Dabbs, Deputy Executive Director
Matt Fell, Transportation Planning Manager
Eva Garibay, Public Program Specialist II
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel
Kristina Meraz, Human Resources/Risk Manager
Patrick Pittenger, Executive Director
Artis Smith, Transit Director
Brooks Stayer, Regional Waste Authority Director
Marty Yerrick, Landfill Operations Manager
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Natalie Espinoza, Intern for Supervisor, District 1
Jim McClellan, Atwater Police Department Chaplain

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Invocation

Chaplain Jim McClellan led the invocation.

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda

Director McDaniel moved to approve the July 19, 2018, MCAG Governing Board agenda.
Seconded by Director Pareira.

Ayes - Directors Hogue, McCabe, McDaniel, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

7. Minutes

- a. Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting for June 21, 2018
- b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board meeting for June 21, 2018
- c. Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board meeting for June 21, 2018

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

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes - Directors Hogue, McCabe, McDaniel, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Citizens Advisory Committee Report

No report was given.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

9. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update

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

- Tonnage Update
- Landfill Gas to Energy with UC Merced
- Billy Wright Phase 2 Expansion
- Soil Sales/Campus Parkway Project
- Scale House Improvements
- Additional lanes and scales
- Household Hazardous Waste Event – Saturday, July 21st, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

10. Emergency Repairs Report – Komptech Crambo 5000 (Shredder/Grinder)

Brooks Stayer gave an update on the repair status of the Komptech Crambo 5000 Shredder/Grinder stating that repairs have been made under warranty.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

At this time, Item 5 was taken out of order.

5. Recognition of Service – Rodrigo Espinoza

Chair McCabe presented Director Espinoza with a plaque of recognition of service for his time as Chair of the MCAG Governing Board.

11. 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, veterans and ADA eligible riders. Mr. Smith presented and discussed the following:

- Work on new transit facility progressing
- Measure V rides have increased
- Free water distribution on days that are issued a heat warning
- Radio Station – Live feed event at the Transpo on August 1st
- New Radio installation and training
- Transit Training Event with Director Lor
- Ridership Quality Assurance Oversight
- YARTS modified service in effect through Monday, July 23, 2018

12. Consent Agenda

- a. State Transit Assistance (STA) FY 2017/18 Claim for Quarter 3 Allocation and Authorization to submit future STA claims
- b. Authorization of Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program Grant Application and Program of Projects for Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Rural Transit Operating Expenses for Federal Fiscal Year 2019
- c. Approve Grant Application Submittal for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 FFY 2016/17

Director Price moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Director Lor.

Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Hogue, Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

13. Caltrans Report

Patrick Pittenger gave a brief update for Tom Dumas reporting on:

- a. Shanks Road Overpass for Director Espinoza
- b. Transitions of new pavement on Highway 59 for Director Pareira

14. Information/Discussion Only

- a. MCAG Newsletter – July 2018
- b. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events
- c. Dibs Vanpool Incentive Program
- d. Doing Business with Caltrans and the State of California – DBE Workshop Flyer
- e. Technical Review Board meeting minutes from July 11, 2018

So noted.

15. Consent Agenda

- a. MCAG Approval of State Transit Assistance FY 2017/18 Quarter 3 Allocation Distribution to the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County and the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System
- b. FY 2018-2020 Measure V Recipient Funding
- c. Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee Appointment – City of Atwater – Ronald Daugherty
- d. Proposed Budget Amendments Fiscal Year 2018-19
- e. Dibs Vanpool Project 2018-2019
- f. Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee – Karen Whipp

Director O'Banion moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Director Lor.

Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Hogue, Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price, Villalta

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Transportation Planning Update

Matt Fell gave the Transportation Planning update and reported on:

- RTP workshops that have been held
- RTP comment period has ended
- RTP and other documents coming back next month for approval

17. Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Matt Fell gave a brief report on the Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) stating that the FTIP is updated every two years and is a four-year list of financially constrained transportation projects which are federally funded or are required due to their regional significance.

18. Master Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement

Stacie Dabbs gave a brief report on the Master Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement stating that all feedback received from member agencies by the deadline date will be addressed and a final master draft template will go to the MCAG Governing Board for action in August.

Director Murphy stated that it is important to keep track of how regional money is allocated.

Director Villalta stated his approval of the repair work on Henry Miller Road and hopes that the repair will continue to the other side of the road as well.

OTHER REPORTS

19. Executive Director's Report

Patrick Pittenger reported on:

- Compensation Study – thanked the City of Los Banos, the County and the City of Merced
- ICAP - issues have been resolved, carryover funds available
- Valley Voice Planning
- Mutual Rescission of 2016 RTIF
- Finalizing accounting on RTIF
- Chair toured MCAG, both Landfills and the Transit Maintenance Facility

20. Directors' Report

Director Lor thanked Patrick Pittenger and transit staff for the Transit Training Event.

Director Espinoza stated that there has been an ongoing discussion regarding responsibility for the maintenance on Shanks Overpass.

Chair McCabe thanked staff for the opportunity to visit the offsite locations such as the Landfills and the new Transit Maintenance Facility.

Director Pareira stated he enjoyed attending the Gustine 4th of July Parade.

Director Price thanked everyone for attending the Governing Board meeting and was happy that the air conditioning is working.

25. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 2 cases

Closed Session reporting is that direction was given to staff.

26. CLOSED SESSION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

(Cal. Gov. Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Closed Session reporting is appointment of Stacie Dabbs as Interim Executive Director.

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

_____/s/
Joy Young
Administrative Assistant II