



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

**DATE**

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the City of Gustine, Council Chambers, 352 Fifth Street, Gustine, CA was called to order by Chair Alex McCabe at 3:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Director Alex McCabe, Chair  
Director Rodrigo Espinoza  
Director Deborah Lewis for Mike Villalta  
Director Michael McGlynn for April Hogue  
Director Joe Oliveira  
Director Josh Pedrozo for Mike Murphy  
Director Jim Price

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Lee Lor  
Director Daron McDaniel, Vice Chair  
Director Jerry O'Banion  
Director Lloyd Pareira

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Jose Delgadillo, CAC Representative  
Tom Dumas, Caltrans, District 10  
Joanne Lamas, Senator Cannella's Office  
Hilda Sousa, Caltrans, District 10

**MCAG STAFF PRESENT**

Nav Bagri, Finance Director  
Stacie Dabbs, Executive Director  
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  
Kristina Meraz, Human Resources/Risk Manager  
Artis Smith, Transit Director  
Brooks Stayer, Regional Waste Authority Director  
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Invocation**

Director McGlynn led the invocation.

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Stacie Dabbs asked that Item 14 be removed from the agenda.

Director Price moved to approve the September 20, 2018, MCAG Governing Board agenda noting the removal of Item 14 from the agenda.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Public Comment**

None.

6. **Minutes**

a. Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting for August 16, 2018

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board meeting for August 16, 2018

c. Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board meeting for August 16, 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 Oliveira.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Citizens Advisory Committee Report**

Jose Delgadillo gave the Citizens Advisory Committee report and congratulated Stacie Dabbs on her appointment as Executive Director.

8. **CLOSED SESSION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

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

Closed Session reporting is the employment agreement for Stacie Dabbs as Executive Director with a contract term of three years.

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### 9. Caltrans Report

Tom Dumas introduced Hilda Sousa and stated that Ms. Sousa will be the representative for our area. Hilda Sousa gave the Caltrans report and gave an update on the following:

- a. Request for prayers for employee killed on the job site
- b. SR-33 Paving and rumble strip work complete, performing shoulder backing now
- c. Sustainable Communities Planning Grants applications due November
- d. Highway 59 Left Turn Lane Construction
- e. SR59 from Black Rascal Canal to Oakdale Rd – Temporarily in suspension for an electrical CCO
- f. SR 59/Mission Avenue left turn lane currently in construction

Director Price asked about the deceleration lane at the Applegate exits and wanted to know if the northbound lane is in the que with the southbound lane. Tom Dumas stated that he will check on the status to see if the northbound exit is in the que.

Director Espinoza stated his concern for how the maintenance responsibility is determined for overpasses in Merced County especially the Shanks Overpass as there have been issues with determining who is the lead on maintenance issues.

Ms. Sousa stated that the Customer Service Request (CSR) online tool is a fast way to get projects in the que and allows for follow up and feedback to the requestor.

### 10. Information/Discussion Only

- a. MCAG Newsletter – September 2018
- b. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events

So noted.

### 11. Transportation Planning Update

Matt Fell gave a brief report on:

- Campus Parkway Progress
- Pavement Management System is progressing, staff holding training session for jurisdictions
- CMAQ – Call for projects to include in FTIP

### 12. Adopt the Measure V 2018 Implementation Plan

Stacie Dabbs stated that no changes have been made and that the public hearings have been held. Ms. Dabbs stated that a comment letter is attached, and that staff has responded to the letter. Ms. Dabbs is asking for the adoption of the 2018 Measure V Implementation Plan.

Director Oliveira moved to adopt the 2018 Measure V 2018 Implementation Plan.  
Seconded by Director Price.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 13. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Policy Update

Matt Fell gave an update on the CMAQ Policy stating the deadline for applications will be December 31, 2018.

Director Price moved to:

- a. Adopt the updated Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Policies and Procedures;
- b. Direct Staff to release the CMAQ Call for Projects; and
- c. Program CMAQ funds to subsequent phases of five previously approved projects.

Seconded by Director Espinoza.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item 14 was pulled from the agenda.

### 15. Authorize the Information Technology Services Agreement Amendment

Nav Bagri gave a brief update on the Information Technology Services agreement amendment stating that the need to switch from gold package to platinum package is based on the additional need at the new Transit Operations and Maintenance facility.

Director Pedrozo moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Apex agreement to increase the contract amount by \$50,000.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 16. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of State Transit Assistance FY 2017/18 Quarter 4 Distribution and Claim Forms
- b. Adoption of the 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 15: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- c. Approval of State of Good Repair (SGR) FY 2017/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation Claim Forms and Distribution to TJPA and YARTS

Director Price move to approve the Consent Agenda with the approval of Item 16c being contingent on approval of the Transit Joint Powers Authority Item 19.

Seconded by Director Espinoza.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

### 17. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update

Artis Smith gave the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update and discussed the following:

- Measure V rides have increased
- Electric Bus Event – September 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the MCAG Office

Director Espinoza stated that the free rides being offered is a great benefit to the public.

**18. Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) Project Modification Request for FY 2017-18 Allocation**

Artis Smith gave an update on the LCTOP Project and discussed the additional days that are being requested to add to the current list.

Director Espinoza moved to authorize the additional free bus service events for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Free-fare program FY 2018-19.

Seconded by Director Price.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**19. Submittal of State of Good Repair (SGR) FY 2017/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation Claim to MCAG**

Matt Fell gave an update on the submittal of the SGR FY 2017/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation claim to MCAG stating that the Transit Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Governing Board is required to submit a claim for to MCAG requesting distribution of funds and MCAG's Governing Board is required to take action by formal resolution on the TJPA and YARTS claim forms and authorize the distribution of the funds.

Director Oliveira moved to:

- a. Submit the SGR FY 2017/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation Claim Form, in the amount of \$127,000.27; and
- b. Authorize the submittal of all future SGR claim forms to MCAG.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

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

Brooks Stayer gave the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority update and reported on the following topics:

- Tonnage/P&L
- MSW Magazine Article
- Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project/UC Merced Meeting
- Current Landfill Gas System/Volume Estimate
- Blower Repair Status
- Soil Sales
- Ascent Contract (EIR/CEQA Consultants)
- Phase 2B Construction/Liner at Billy Wright Landfill

Director Price asked Brooks Stayer how he was able to reduce operating costs. Brooks Stayer stated a reduction in staff and staff operated heavy equipment reduced operating costs.

Director Pedrozo wanted to give the Landfill staff a compliment and stated that they have wonderful customer service.

## 21. Quarterly Diversion Programs Update

Jennifer Halpin presented the Quarterly Diversion Programs update and discussed:

- Tire Derived Aggregate Project at Highway 59 Landfill
- Grants Programs – Oil Payment Program and Tire Cleanup Program
- Annual Report to CalRecycle
- Tire Site in Ballico – under new ownership
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events – September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Los Banos and October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Highway 59 Landfill
- Change in recycling - China has strict contamination policy and is no longer taking our recycling

Director Lewis stated that we should have instructional events in the schools for young aged children for any new ways to recycle and to reduce the contamination in the recycling that is happening now.

## 22. Authorize Update of Resolution to Administer CalRecycle Payment Programs

Jennifer Halpin gave an update on the CalRecycle Payment Program stating that the resolution attached is for reporting authority for an indefinite amount of time while the agenda action states five years. Ms. Halpin requested the Board to consider indefinitely as their motion.

Director Oliveira moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the RWA to submit and administer regional grants and payment programs from CalRecycle indefinitely.

Seconded by Director Price.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 23. Authorization to Negotiate Payment for Surplus Soil Removal at the Highway 59 Landfill

Brooks Stayer gave an update on the negotiation for payment of surplus soil at the Highway 59 Landfill.

Director Price moved to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and approve payment of up to \$2.00/yd<sup>3</sup> for soil removal from Hwy 59 Landfill Phase 6 for 36 months.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**24. Authorization to Proceed with the Highway 59 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Improvements**

Brooks Stayer gave an update on the

Director Espinoza moved to:

- a. Authorize Landfill GCCS Improvement Project;
- b. Allocate an additional \$1,100,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to Capital Project Account #800045;
- c. Authorize Authority staff to prepare construction specifications and bid documents; and
- d. Authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with the most responsible bidder for construction of the Highway 59 Landfill GCCS Improvements.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lewis, McCabe, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pedrozo, Price**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## OTHER REPORTS

**25. Executive Director's Report**

Stacie Dabbs reported on:

- Valley Voice Trip – attended with Directors McDaniel and Villalta
- One Voice – planning process underway
- Focus on the Future Conference – October 28-30, 2018 in Indian Wells, CA
- Measure V Implementation Plan – jurisdictions will need to execute their funding agreements

**26. Directors' Report**

Director Oliveira invited everyone to the City of Gustine's Trunk or Treat event on October 31, 2018.

Director Espinoza stated his concern and commitment to bring sidewalks to communities that do not have sidewalks. Director Espinoza encouraged everyone to ride the train as the San Joaquins can get you into Sacramento earlier now.

Director Lewis congratulated Stacie Dabbs on her appointment as Executive Director.

Director Price asked if signal synchronization is a CMAQ funded project and asked if it would be practical to add it as a county wide project if so.

Director McCabe invited everyone to the Livingston Sweet Potato Festival on September 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. with free Punjabi food and dancing.

Director McGlynn thanked the City of Gustine for hosting the MCAG Governing Board meeting.

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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Joy Young  
Administrative Assistant II