



## Technical Review Board MINUTES

### DATE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, in-person at the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County, Conference room, 357 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA and via webinar and was called to order by Chair Raul Mendez at 12:11 p.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Anna Nicholas, City Manager of Gustine\*\*  
 Raul Mendez, CEO of County of Merced, Chair  
 Christopher Lopez, Interim City Manager of Livingston\*\*  
 Dewayne Jones, City Manager of Dos Palos  
 Lori Waterman, City Manager of Atwater  
 Frank Quintero for Stephanie Dietz, City Manager Merced  
 Stacy Souza Elms, Interim City Manager of Los Banos\*\*

### MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

### STAFF PRESENT

Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director  
 Elizabeth Forte, Director of Planning and Programming  
 Stacie Guzman, Executive Director  
 Natalia Austin, Senior Planner  
 Kristina Hernandez, HR and Risk Management Manager\*\*  
 Mauricio Torres, Associate Planner  
 Alexandra, Arroyo, Procurement Specialist I\*\*  
 Xavier Garcia, Assistant Planner\*\*  
 Meg Prince, Senior Planner\*\*  
 Daisy Zaragoza, Procurement and Reporting Analyst\*\*  
 James Moore, Regional Waste Authority Director  
 Ty Phimmason, Senior Planner  
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager  
 Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist\*\*  
 Angelina Linan, Administrative Assistant I\*\*

### OTHERS PRESENT

Ben Goldeen, Townsend Public Affairs\*\*  
 Hilda Sousa, Caltrans\*\*

\*Arrived after roll call

\*\* Attended via Zoom

**1. Call to order/roll call**

Chair Raul Mendez called the meeting to order and asked that roll call be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**2. Public comment**

No public comments were received.

**3. Information items:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. Transportation Planning and Measure V update
- ii. Technical Review Board meeting calendar – 2023
- iii. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- iv. Draft minutes of the January 19, 2023 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- v. MCAG newsletter – February 2023
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
- vii. Regional Housing Planning update
- viii. January Governing Board Summary
- ix. Quarterly report on Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Board approved contracts

**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.

**4. Consent calendar:**

**a. Merced County Association of Government**

- i. Approve the draft minutes of the December 14, 2022, Technical Review Board meeting

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

- i. Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution authorizing RWA to submit and administer grants from CalRecycle

Dewayne Jones moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Lori Waterman.

**AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Stacy Souza Elms, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### 5. Action items:

- a. Recommend the Governing Board adopt by resolution the FY 2023/24 Finding of Fact and approve the Unmet Transit Needs FY 23/24 Analysis and Recommendations report

Mauricio Torres summarized the Unmet Needs process for FY 2023/24, the findings of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and the Unmet Transit Needs FY 23/24 Analysis and Recommendations report, including the proposal to add early morning service to Planada.

Lori Waterman moved to recommend the Governing Board adopt by resolution the FY 2023/24 Finding of Fact and approve the Unmet Transit Needs FY 23/24 Analysis and Recommendations report

Seconded by Frank Quintero

**AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Stacy Souza Elms, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Recommend the Governing Board adopt 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program amendment 2 to program Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects

Ty Phimmasone summarized the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program amendment 2 to program Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects.

Lori Waterman moved to recommend the Governing Board authorize the Governing Board adopt 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program amendment 2 to program Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects.

Seconded by Dewayne Jones.

**AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Stacy Souza Elms, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 6. Discussion items:

- a. One Voice 2023- Planning Session 2

Mary-Michal Rawling presented an update on the One Voice 2023 Planning Session 2. Ben Goldeen of Townsend Public Affairs provided a federal legislative update. The members then provided brief descriptions of their policy priorities for 2023.

- b. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and 2023 Federal Transportation Implementation Program amendment update

Elizabeth Forte summarized the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and 2023 Federal Transportation Implementation Program amendment update. She mentioned that the amendment will be presented to the Governing Board for approval on March 16, 2023.

- c. FY 23-24 Budget considerations for member agencies

Stacie Guzman summarized the FY 23-24 Budget considerations for member agencies including implementation of a member dues increase which will take effect July 1, 2023. Local Transportation Funding will not be allocated by formula to jurisdictions for local streets and roads in FY 2023-24 and the jurisdictions will be invoiced for the remaining balance for the Multijurisdictional Housing Element.

- d. Update on Brown Act meeting requirements

Mary-Michal Rawling presented an update on the Brown Act meeting updates outlined in AB 2449.

## TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

**7. Action items:**

None.

**8. Discussion items:**

None.

## MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

**9. Action items:**

None.

**10. Discussion Items:**

- a. FY 23-24 Budget considerations for member agencies

Stacie Guzman reviewed FY 23-24 Budget considerations for member agencies and discussed the following topics:

- Recyclables Transportation and Processing Contract has current costs of \$64.95/ton to \$68.72/ton with an automatic increase per existing contract with CARTS/Caglia. The affected jurisdictions are City of Merced, Merced County and City of Atwater.
- Organics DBO Contract has a current cost for green waste of \$10.50/ton. Brush and wood costs are \$21.00/ton. On July 1, 2023 costs will increase to \$56.00/ton. There is a pending contract with Agromin. The affected jurisdictions will be the City of Merced, Merced County, and private haulers at the Billy Wright and Highway 59 landfills.
- RWA Tipping Fee (Municipal Solid Waste only) has a current cost of \$31-43/ton. This will increase by 10 percent. This change will affect all customers.

## OTHER REPORTS

**11. Executive Director's report**

March 8, 2023 Technical Review Board Meeting with be held in the City of Gustine.

**12. Caltrans report**

So noted.

**13. Oral report – League of California Cities update**

No report provided.

**14. Oral report - Jurisdictions**

No reports provided.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:06 p.m.**

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