



Technical Review Board MINUTES

DATE

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in-person at the City of Gustine Council Chambers, 352 Fifth Street Gustine, CA and via webinar and was called to order by Chair Raul Mendez at 12:17 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 of Merced

MEMBERS ABSENT

Josh Pinheiro, City Manager of Los Banos

STAFF PRESENT

Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director
 Elizabeth Forte, Director of Planning and Programming**
 Kyle Loreto, Diversion Program Manager
 Natalia Austin, Senior Planner**
 Jose Perez, Assistant Transit 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 Phimmasone, Senior Planner
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
 Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist**
 Tara Rodriguez, Transit Analyst**
 Rene Gonzalez Ruiz, Accounting Manager**

OTHERS PRESENT

Ben Goldeen, Townsend Public Affairs**
 Hilda Sousa, Caltrans**
 Stephen Qualls, League of Cities
 Melanie Correa, City of Gustine
 Jamie Westervelt, City of Gustine
 Philip Mainolfi, HFH**

*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 February 16, 2023 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- v. MCAG newsletter – March 2023
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
- vii. Regional Housing Planning update
- viii. February Governing Board Summary

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

- i. TJPA monthly update

c. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority

- i. RWA monthly update

4. Consent calendar:

a. Merced County Association of Government

- i. Approve the draft minutes of the February 15, 2023 Technical Review Board meeting
- ii. Recommend the Governing Board approve FY 2022/23 budget amendment 2

b. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority

- i. Recommend the Governing Board approve FY 2022/23 budget amendment 1

Anna Nicholas asked about RWA revenue and expenditure variances as it related to the Oak Fire. Nav Bagri addressed her questions.

Dewayne Jones moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Anna Nicholas.

AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this time Chair Mendez indicated RWA items would be considered first.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

9. Action Items:

- a. Recommend the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for Organic Material Recycling Facility at Highway 59 Landfill

Philip Mainolfi of HFH presented information on the contract with Agromin to design, build and operate an organic material recycling facility at the Highway 59 landfill.

Christopher Lopez moved to recommend the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for an organic material recycling facility at the Highway 59 landfill.

Seconded by Lori Waterman.

AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Discussion Items:

- a. Landfill Tipping Fee rate study

As a follow up to the workshop last month, James Moore gave an update on the tipping fee rate increases for all the jurisdictions over the next 10 years. He invited TRB members to the Governing Board workshop on March 16th at 2:00pm, just prior to the regular Governing Board meeting.

Chair Mendez asked about background information pertaining to the rates set in 2011. Mr. Moore indicated that staff was unable to find this information in the records from that time.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

5. Action items:

- a. Recommend the Governing Board authorize a contract in the amount of \$89,948 with Stantec Consulting Services to prepare a Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan

Jose Perez presented information regarding the proposed contract with Stantec Consulting Services.

Lori Waterman moved to recommend the Governing Board authorize a contract in the amount of \$89,948 with Stantec Consulting Services to prepare a Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan

Seconded by Frank Quintero

AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Recommend the Governing Board adopt the 2023 One Voice regional policy platform

Mary-Michal Rawling presented the 2023 regional policy platform and explained that it was compiled based on the information sent in by the jurisdictions along with information from MCAG staff. She also indicated that delegation meetings would take place in-person and commence after the platform is adopted according to the schedule in the packet.

Lori Waterman shared a potential conflict for the April 13th delegation meeting due to a Cal Cities conference. Ms. Rawling made a note of the date and shared that the action taken on the item would not solidify the delegation meeting dates.

Lori Waterman moved to recommend the Governing Board adopt the 2023 One Voice regional policy platform.

Seconded by Christopher Lopez.

AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. Recommend the Governing Board adopt the Regional Transportation Plan Amendment 1, Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 3, and air quality conformity analysis

Elizabeth Forte summarized the item. There were no questions or discussion.

Dewayne Jones moved to recommend the Governing Board adopt the Regional Transportation Plan Amendment 1, Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 3, and air quality conformity analysis.

Seconded by Raul Mendez.

AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. Recommend the Governing Board adopt the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program 2.0 Draft Scoring Criteria

Meg Prince reviewed the details of the criteria used to score REAP 2.0 applications and the process to get the list approved by the State.

Frank Quintero asked if this is being discussed in regard to the SB 244 study. Ms. Prince indicated that HCD may provide funding for this work but that it is uncertain at this time. She will need to confirm this with state partners first.

Mr. Quintero stated that we need to push for that to happen; Lori Waterman concurred.

Christopher Lopez moved to recommend the Governing Board adopt the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program 2.0 draft scoring criteria.

Seconded by Anna Nicholas.

AYES: Raul Mendez, Frank Quintero, Dewayne Jones, Anna Nicholas, Lori Waterman, Christopher Lopez
NOES: None
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Discussion items:

- a. Overview of the draft FY 2023/24 budget

Nav Bagri and Elizabeth Forte presented an overview of the proposed draft MCAG budget for FY 2023/24.

Anna Nicholas asked for clarification on the use of member dues. Mr. Bagri clarified that member dues funded element 550, specifically all legislative advocacy efforts and related expenses.

- b. Multijurisdictional Housing Element Contract Amendment Update

This item was tabled.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

7. Action items:

None.

8. Discussion items:

None.

OTHER REPORTS

11. Executive Director's report

None.

12. Caltrans report

Hilda Sousa reviewed various grant opportunities, indicated they would be conducting OWP reviews, and that road maintenance crews will be busy in the field with the upcoming storms.

13. Oral report – League of California Cities update

Stephen Qualls presented a summary of Cal Cities current policy priorities.

14. Oral report - Jurisdictions

Raul Mendez welcomed Christopher Lopez to the TRB and indicated that the County EOC will be activated as of tomorrow. Anyone who would like to tour, and learn about, EOC operations and structure is welcome to contact him and set it up.

Lori Waterman inquired if The Bus will be providing free fares during an upcoming Green Week. Nav Bagri reviewed the upcoming free fare programs that The Bus is planning for the summer months as well as during the County Fair.

Frank Quintero reported that the City was getting information about flood preparations to the community. Also, Olive Garden is now open and Sprouts will open on March 24.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:55 p.m.

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