



Technical Review Board MINUTES

DATE

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in-person at the Merced County Association of Governments, Conference room, 369 West 18th Street, Merced CA and via webinar and was called to order by Chair Raul Mendez at 12:14 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jami Westervelt for Anna Nicholas, City Manager of Gustine
Raul Mendez, CEO of County of Merced, Chair
Dewayne Jones, City Manager of Dos Palos
Lori Waterman, City Manager of Atwater
Scott McBride for Stephanie Dietz, City Manager of Merced
Stacy Souza Elms for Josh Pinheiro, City Manager of Los Banos**

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher Lopez, Interim City Manager of Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT

Ellie Hamm, City of Merced Intern
Stephen Qualls, California League of Cities

MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director
Alexandra Arroyo, Procurement Specialist**
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
James Moore, Regional Waste Authority Director
Kristina Hernandez, HR & Risk Management Manager**
Meg Prince, Senior Planner**
Myrissa Bravo, Multimedia Specialist**
Daisy Zaragoza, Procurement and Planning Specialist**
Tara Rodriguez, Staff Services Analyst**
Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager**
Xavier Garcia, Assistant Planner**
Mauricio Torres, Associate Planner**
Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist
Natalia Austin, Senior Planner
Maria Ceja

*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.

The quorum stated Stacy Souza Elms would be participating virtually for 'just cause' per AB 2449.

2. **Public comment**

No public comments were received.

Chair Mendez asked for a moment of silence In memory of the Livingston Police Department Chief Chuck Hale who unexpectedly passed away this week.

At this time Chair Mendez indicated Stephen Qualls with the League of Cities would be presenting Item 13.

13. **Oral report**

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

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 April 20, 2023 MCAG Governing Board Meeting
- v. MCAG newsletter – May 2023
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
- vii. Regional Housing Planning update
- viii. April Governing Board Summary
- ix. Quarterly report on MCAG Board approved contracts
- x. Letter of Support for High-Speed Rail Federal-State Partnership Application
- xi. Letter of Support for San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Federal-State Partnership Application
- xii. MCAG/Measure V 4th Quarter 2022 Sales Tax Update

b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**

- i. TJPA monthly update
- ii. Quarterly report on TJPA Board approved contracts

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

- i. RWA monthly update
- ii. Quarterly report on RWA Board approved contracts

So noted.

4. **Consent calendar:**

a. **Merced County Association of Government**

- i. Approve the draft minutes of the April 12, 2023 Technical Review Board meeting
- ii. Recommend the MCAG Governing Board authorize the execution of the agreement for services between YARTS and MCAG

b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**

None.

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

None.

Dewayne Jones moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Lori Waterman.

AYES: Raul Mendez, Scott McBride, Jami Westervelt, Dewayne Jones, Lori Waterman, Stacy Souza Elms

NOES: None

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MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

5. **Action Items:**

None.

6. **Discussion Items:**

a. Housing and homelessness forum in June

Stacie Guzman discussed options for the presentation during the Board's housing and homelessness forum i scheduled immediately prior to the June 15, 2023 Governing Board Meeting at 2:30 pm.

b. 2023 Measure V Implementation Plan Update

Stacie Guzman gave a brief overview of the proposed process and schedule for the development and adoption of the 2023 Measure V Implementation Plan that must be updated by the end of this calendar year. MCAG staff are proposing a five-year programming period consistent with state and federal programming practices for both east side and west side regional projects.

Jami Westervelt inquired about interest being earned cumulatively throughout the years with Nav responding to her question.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

7. Action Items:

None.

8. Discussion Items:

- a. Draft FY 2023/24 Operation and Capital budget

Nav Bagri presented an overview of the proposed draft FY 2023/24 Operation and Capital budget. The items discussed were the increase in budgeted expenditures, farebox revenue, and increase in Operation and Maintenance Contract Services. New capital budgets for FY 2023/24 include the replacement of 13 cutaway replacements for fixed-route, paratransit, and Micro Bus Services.

There were no questions or discussion.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

9. Action Items:

None.

10. Discussion Items:

- a. Draft FY 2023/24 Operation and Capital budget

James Moore presented an overview of the proposed draft FY 2023/24 Operation and Capitol budget. Increases in expenditures include staff salaries, equipment, fuel cost, professional services, and California state solid waste fees.

Chair Mendez inquired if the COLA was the same as in the Transit budget with Stacie Guzman responding affirmatively.

Jami Westervelt asked for clarification on the tonnage increases with Mr. Moore stating tonnage volume will likely continue to increase across the industry regardless of the economic environment.

OTHER REPORTS

11. Executive Director's report

Stacie Guzman provided the following updates:

- Billy Wright landfill tour scheduled for May 19 at 11:00 am
- Measure V roadshow is still ongoing
- Measure V yard signs are available for jurisdictions to use
- Thanked everyone who participated in One Voice for a successful trip
- SB 244 agreements with jurisdictions are being developed
- Gave an update on the TJPA project with UC Merced regarding system consolidation

12. Caltrans report

None.

14. Oral report - Jurisdictions

Lori Waterman invited board members and MCAG staff including The Bus to attend the City of Atwater's Town Hall meeting that will be held May 30th at the Atwater Community Center from 4:00-6:00 pm. Also, on July 1st the City of Atwater will be switching over to Mid-Valley Disposal as their hauler. Lastly, Ms. Waterman thanked MCAG staff for the One Voice trip.

Jami Westervelt stated her appreciation to MCAG for attending the city's council meeting and announced the new council member for the City of Gustine is Blake Giles.

Chair Mendez acknowledged MCAG staff for the successful One Voice trip. The County of Merced will be hosting a series of town halls in the coming weeks.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:45 p.m.