



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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE

Thursday, June 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the County of Merced, Admin Building, 3rd Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA and via webinar was called to order by Chair Hogue at 3:04 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Director John Cale
Director Tom Faria
Director April Hogue, Chair
Director Daron McDaniel
Director Pat Nagy
Director Lloyd Pareira, Vice Chair*
Director Josh Pedrozo
Director Matthew Serratto

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Juan Aguilar
Director Rodrigo Espinoza
Director Scott Silveira

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Dennis Agar, Caltrans District 10
Marlon Regisford, Caltrans District 10
Ursula Stock, Citizens Advisory Committee

MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Nav Bagri, Finance Director
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
Matt Fell, Deputy Director - Planning
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel
Kristina Hernandez, HR & Risk Management Manager
Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing and Contracts Manager
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

*arrived after roll call

1. Call to order

- a. Roll call
- b. Pledge of allegiance

Chair Hogue called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Chair Hogue led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of agenda

Director McDaniel moved to approve the June 17, 2021 MCAG Governing Board meeting agenda. Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Public comment

None.

4. Citizens Advisory Committee report

Ursula Stock gave the Citizens Advisory Committee report and stated that the new Chair for FY 2021-2022 is Shane Smith.

5. Information items:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. MCAG Governing Board revised calendar - 2021
- ii. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- iii. Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Technical Review Board meeting
- iv. MCAG newsletter – June 2021
- v. Transportation Planning and Measure V updates
- vi. Coalition Letter to Support Additional Funding for Climate Friendly Transportation Programs in the 2021-22 State Budget
- vii. Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure

b. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority

- i. RWA monthly update

c. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

- i. TJPA monthly update

So noted.

6. Consent calendar:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. Approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 MCAG Governing Board, Transit Joint Powers Authority Board, and the Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting
- ii. Adopt Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Distribution
- iii. Adopt Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 2
- iv. Approve FY 20-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment 2

b. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority

- i. Authorize contract for janitorial services for a base term of three years with two, one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$155,568

c. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

- i. Approve request to release surplus property for donation to member agencies, and/or sale to the public

Director Cale moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2021-22

Director McDaniel moved to nominate and appoint Director Pareira as Chair and Director Serratto as Vice-Chair for FY 2021-22.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

8. Action items:

- a. Approve MCAG's Other Programs Budget FY 2021/22

Nav Bagri summarized the request to approve the MCAG Other Programs Budget for FY 2021/22.

Director Pedrozo moved to approve the MCAG Other Programs Budget for FY 2021/22.

Seconded by Director Faria.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Approve FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (OWP) amendment

Matt Fell summarized the request to approve the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (OWP) amendment.

Director Pareira moved to approve an amendment to the Overall Work Program 2021-22 to include \$200,000 to prepare a regional bike plan and a J-59/North Highway 59 study.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Form an Executive Director Performance Evaluation Subcommittee

Stacie Guzman presented a proposed subcommittee composition for the Board's consideration that would meet and provide a performance evaluation for the Executive Director.

Director McDaniel moved to appoint Directors Hogue, Pareira, McDaniel, Silveira, and Aguilar to a subcommittee of the Board for the purpose of meeting with and providing a performance evaluation for the Executive Director.

Seconded by Nagy.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Proposed Agenda item for consideration – Creation of a Subcommittee to discuss homelessness

Stacie Guzman stated that the proposed agenda item is being presented to consider whether there is a majority consensus to expend staff time on the issue and to have actionable next steps considered at a future meeting.

Director Pedrozo stated his desire to take a regional approach to address homelessness. He suggested this could be facilitated at a time when the Board is already scheduled to meet so that members can utilize the forum to share information and to discuss the issue.

After a lengthy discussion, Director Faria moved to place an item on the July Governing Board agenda to consider beginning the Governing Board meetings at 2:30 p.m. once every quarter for the purpose of discussing the issue of homelessness.

Seconded by Director Serratto.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: Director Nagy

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion items:

b. Caltrans report

Dennis Agar reported on Caltrans statewide effort to return to office and stated that the return to office plan would be ready in September. Mr. Agar also stated that efforts will continue to address danger zones and fire lines will be updated as we encounter extreme weather. Mr. Agar stated that Caltrans will focus on litter removal and beautification in California and are looking forward to working with the county and the cities in regard to the Clean California initiative.

Marlon Regisford gave the Caltrans report and discussed the following:

- Thanked MCAG staff for a well put together Overall Work Program and looks forward to future coordination
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee start up
- California State Rail Plan draft in progress
- Calls for Applications – Transit Intercity Rails Capital Funding Project
- Calls for Applications – Federal Aviation Administration

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY-

10. Action items:

- a. Adopt Final FY 2021/22 Operating, Fleet, and Capital Budget

Nav Bagri summarized the request to adopt the final FY 2021/22 Operating, Fleet, and Capital Budget.

Director Faria moved to adopt the FY 2021/22 Operating, Fleet, and Capital Budget.

Seconded by Director Pedrozo.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Property Damage and Personal Injury Claim – Michael Buckley

Kristina Hernandez summarized the request to enter into an agreement to extend the amount of time the Board has to act on this claim in order to thoroughly investigate the reported incident.

Director Cale moved to enter into an agreement, pursuant to Government Code Section 912.4(b), with the claimant to extend the amount of time the Board has to act on this claim in order to thoroughly investigate the incident, obtain estimated costs, and allow for the Agency's insurance provider to complete their investigation. Subsequently, staff can present to the Board an appropriate recommendation based on the results of said investigations.

Seconded by Director Faria.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Cale, Faria, Hogue, McDaniel, Nagy, Pareira, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Discussion items:

None.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

12. Action items:

None.

13. Discussion items:

None.

OTHER REPORTS

14. Executive Director's report

Stacie Guzman presented the Executive Director's report and discussed the following topics:

- Tire Amnesty event – July 3rd in Los Banos
- Free fares on the bus for residents going to cooling centers during the present heatwave
- Introduction of Assistant Transit Manager, Skyler Summers
- Thanked Chair Hogue for her leadership especially in a pandemic, and welcomed incoming Chair, Director Pareira, and incoming Vice-Chair, Director Serratto
- Introduction of MCAG staff members present

15. Directors' report

Director Faria thanked staff for the work with The Micro Bus on the westside.

Director Nagy thanked Chair Hogue for her leadership during the pandemic and for mastering Zoom meetings.

Director Pareira thanked everyone for the nomination and thanked Stacie Guzman for her attention to detail.

Director Hogue thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chair and stated that she enjoyed the experience.

CLOSED SESSION

16. Public comment

None.

Closed Session opened at: 4:20 p.m.

17. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

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

Title: Executive Director

Closed session ended at 4:23 p.m.

18. Report from Closed Session

Emily Haden reported out from the closed session meeting and stated that the Board unanimously approved entering into an employment agreement with the Executive Director on the terms reported out of closed session at the May 2021 MCAG Governing Board meeting.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

_____/s/

Joy Young
Administrative Assistant II

