



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

WORKSHOP and REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE

Thursday, September 15, 2022

The workshop of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Merced County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA was called to order by Chair Serratto at 2:33 p.m. The regular board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Director John Cale
Director Rodrigo Espinosa
Director Tom Faria **
Director April Hogue
Director Pat Nagy
Director Josh Pedrozo, Vice Chair**
Director Matthew Serratto, Chair

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Juan Aguilar
Director Daron McDaniel
Director Lloyd Pareira
Director Scott Silveira

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

John Ceccoli, Human Services Agency
Stephanie Dietz, City of Merced
Juan Martinez, United Way
Marlon Regisford, Caltrans District 10
Alicia Rodriguez, Resident
Stacy Souza Elms, City of Los Banos**
Alex Steinberger, Cascadia Partners **
Paul Villarreal Jr., Citizens Advisory Committee**

MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Alexandra Arroyo, Procurement Specialist I **
Natalia Austin, Senior Planner
Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
Elizabeth Forte, Director of Planning and Programming
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel
Kristina Hernandez, HR and Risk Management Manager**
Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant **
Kyle Loreto, Diversion Programs Manager
Ty, Phimmasone, Senior Planner
Meg Prince, Senior Planner
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
Tara Rodriguez, Staff Services Analyst I
Kuljit Singh, Accounting Manager
Mauricio Torres, Assistant Planner
Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist **
Marty Yerrick, Interim RWA Director
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II
Daisy Zaragoza, Procurement and Reporting Analyst**

*arrived after roll call

**attended via zoom

WORKSHOP

1. Call to order

- a. Roll call

At this time, Chair Serratto called the meeting to order and asked that roll call be taken. A quorum is not required for the workshop portion of the meeting.

2. Public comment

None.

3. Discussion on Regional Homelessness and Housing

John Ceccoli presented information about policies and programs related to addressing homelessness and discussed the Governor's 100-day challenge to permanently house 100 children and youth in safe and stable housing. Mr. Ceccoli introduced Merced City Manager, Stephanie Dietz. Ms. Dietz presented the Housing update and discussed several housing projects that are currently underway or awaiting funding.

REGULAR MEETING

4. Call to order

- a. Roll call
- b. ~~Invocation~~
- c. Pledge of allegiance

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Director Nagy led the pledge of allegiance.

5. Approval of agenda

Director Cale moved to approve the MCAG Governing Board meeting agenda for Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Espinosa, Faria, Hogue, Nagy, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Public comment

Transit Manager Christine Chavez introduced Tara Rodriguez, Staff Services Analyst I in the transit department.

7. Caltrans Report

Marlon Regisford presented the Caltrans report and discussed the following topics:

- Clean California Program is accessible on District 10 webpage at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-10/district-10-programs/clean-california>

- Maintenance Deputy Director Mauricio Serrano will be leaving and a temporary Deputy Director will be appointed
- Caltrans has completed the first Clean California project in the state
- Continuously looking at state and federal funds that are released for opportunities for local jurisdictions
 - Strategic Growth Council Regional Climate Collaborative grant opportunity – applications due October 7th
- Last call for letters of support for the Reconnecting Communities Program
- Tracking the State Active Transportation Program
- Looking at augmented funds for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program
- Local improvements – State Route Highway 59 and Gerard intersection improvement project

Director Espinosa thanked Mr. Regisford for the update on the State Route Highway 59 and Gerard intersection improvement project and stated that signalization at that intersection would be the best option.

Director Espinosa stated that the community of Planada would like signalization instead of a roundabout in their community.

Director Espinosa stated the Livingston southbound Winton Parkway exit has an area that had caught on fire and the burned debris is still there and needs to be cleaned up.

Director Espinosa stated that the last crossing going northbound in Santa Nella near the truck stop there is a large pothole that needs to be filled.

Director Espinosa stated that Highway 59 past the fairgrounds is in need of repair and is really rough right now.

Director Nagy stated that some of his constituents received letters regarding their property on Highway 140 and asked if there was a project happening there. Mr. Regisford stated he would look into the matter and follow up with Director Nagy.

Chair Serratto asked about signage on SR 99 being removed during construction. Mr. Regisford stated he will look into the matter and follow up with Chair Serratto.

8. Citizens Advisory Committee report

Paul Villarreal Jr. presented the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) report.

9. Information items:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. Transportation Planning and Measure V update
- ii. MCAG Governing Board calendar – 2022
- iii. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- iv. Draft minutes of the September 14, 2022 Technical Review Board meeting will be distributed after the meeting via email
- v. MCAG newsletter – September 2022
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule

- vii. Regional Housing Planning update
- b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**
 - i. TJPA monthly update
- c. **Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority**
 - i. RWA monthly update

So noted.

10. Consent calendar:

- a. **Merced County Association of Governments**
 - i. Approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 MCAG Governing Board, Transit Joint Powers Authority Board, and the Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting
 - ii. Affirm adoption of Resolution No. 2021/10-21-03 authorizing the MCAG Governing Board and all of its subordinate committees to hold virtual meetings in accordance with AB 361
- b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**
 - i. Act on Personal Injury Damage Claim – Jessica Leanne Saunders
- c. **Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority**
 - i. Act on Extension of Personal Injury Claim – Michael Buckley

Director Espinosa moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Director Nagy.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Espinosa, Faria, Hogue, Nagy, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

11. Action items:

- a. Recommend adoption of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology – Option 1C

Natalia Austin summarized the request to adopt the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology – Option 1C and introduced Alex Steinberger of Cascadia Partners. Mr. Steinberger presented the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology and discussed next steps and the recommended Option 1C.

Director Hogue moved to adopt by resolution the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology – Option 1C.

Seconded by Director Espinosa.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Espinosa, Faria, Hogue, Nagy, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Recommend the COVID Relief Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding /Local Transportation Fund Swap

Elizabeth Forte summarized the request to approve the COVID Relief Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding /Local Transportation fund swap.

Director Nagy presented to the Board, other fund distribution options that were based on methods that were different than by population by way of a chart.. He stated that he would like to make a modified motion and asked staff to bring back the terms of distribution at a future meeting.

Director Nagy moved to approve the \$1,234,325 CRRSAA RSTP/LTF swap and authorize distribution of the LTF to the jurisdictions, removing the population distribution formula from the draft resolution. Seconded by Director Cale.

Roll call vote:

AYES – Directors Cale, Espinosa, Faria, Hogue, Nagy, Pedrozo, Serratto

NOES – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Discussion items:

- a. Unmet Transit Needs FY 2023-2024

Mauricio Torres presented the Unmet Transit Needs FY 2023-2024 update.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

13. Action items:

None.

14. Discussion items:

None.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY-

15. Action items:

None.

16. Discussion items:

- a. SB 1383 Organic Waste Processing or Transfer Request for Proposal

Kyle Loreto presented the SB 1383 Organic Waste Processing or Transfer request for proposal and discussed next steps in the planning process.

OTHER REPORTS

17. Executive Director's report

Stacie Guzman discussed the following topics:

- Comments on the draft JPA are due on Monday, September 19, 2022 to legal counsel
- Director Cale, Director McDaniel, Elizabeth Forte and Stacie Guzman will travel to Washington D.C. for the Valley Voice Program
- October marks RWA's 50th anniversary at the Highway 59 Landfill and the CAC, TRB and Governing Board meetings will be held at the Administrative Building at the Landfill
- Memorial bench dedication will take place prior to the Governing Board meeting in memory of longtime friend and colleague Jerry Lawrie
- November 17th will be the grand opening for Transit building downtown
- More information regarding policies and different types of funding will be on a future agenda
- Community Clean-up events in Winton and Los Banos
- Reminder to not dispose of batteries or items that have batteries in them as they are a fire hazard at the landfills

Director Espinosa asked about clean-up events in Planada and Le Grand.

18. Directors' Reports

Director Hogue stated that she was invited to attend a state outreach event discussing the \$100 Billion Infrastructure for regional projects and suggested the smaller jurisdictions to come together for a regional solution for smaller cities to get the fix for infrastructure that they need.

Director Nagy stated that SB 1681 will give jurisdictions more time to prep for SB 1383 compliance.

Director Nagy stated that he attended the League of California Cities conference in Long Beach and one of the vendors at the conference offers residential recycling that offers payment for recycled materials.

Director Pedrozo stated that former Representative Jeff Denham will attend the Valley Voice program to advocate for transportation issues. He also stated that he agrees with Director Hogue about coming together regionally in a combined effort to get issues heard.

Chair Serratto stated he had the opportunity to attend an event with former Mayor Villaraigosa and he also stated that regionally coming together and advocating is important.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, Chair Serratto adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

/s/
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II