

**Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
Minutes of Board Meeting on October 23, 2024
Dublin City Council Chambers
100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Melissa Hernandez at 2:03 p.m. Chair Melissa Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call of Members and Confirmation of Quorum**

Members Present - In-Person

Director David Haubert, Alameda County (*joined in item #3*)

Director David Hudson, San Ramon

Director Bernice King-Tingle, Mountain House

Director John Marchand, City of Livermore

Director Michael McCorriston, City of Dublin

Director Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton

Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville

Director Leo Zuber, ACE

Chair Melissa Hernandez, BART

Members Present – Remote

Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop

Director Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy (*joined during item #3*)

Director Jose Nuño, City of Manteca

Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin

Vice Chair Dan Wright, City of Stockton

Members Absent

Director Julie Testa, LAVTA

3. **Adjourn to CLOSED SESSION** at 2:05 p.m.

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) (Existing Litigation): Alameda County Taxpayers' Association et al. v. Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG2111026

4. **Reconvene to OPEN SESSION** at 2:36 p.m.

5. **Public Comments:**

Public comment was heard from Vannie Dart

6. **Consent Agenda – ACTION**

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

a. Minutes of September 18, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting

b. Preliminary Treasurer's Report for June 2024

Directors did not discuss this item. There was no public comment.

Motion: Haubert/Zuber

Aye: Akinjo, Bedolla, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nuno, Rickman, Stepper, Zuber, Wright

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Testa

Motion Passed

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7. **Approve Adoption of Resolutions R08-2024 and R09-2024 Regarding Certification of the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for and Project Approval of the Valley Link Rail Project with Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program required by the California Environmental Quality Act. – ACTION**

Executive Director Kevin Sheridan introduced AECOM's Vice President for Rail and Transit Jen McNeil Dhadwal, who presented the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR). AECOM Senior Environmental Planner Michael Kay provided details about technical studies including the public outreach efforts performed for the FSEIR and the 2021 Final Environmental Impact. The Authority's Director of Rail Engineering and Operations Bill O'Hair provided details regarding the project's construction of various features (structures, tracks, etc.). Sheridan confirmed that the team would continue to provide updates to the public and work with local jurisdictions for station area development and features including the layover facility at Mountain House. Staff recommends that the board adopt resolutions to:

- Certify the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR); and
- Adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) documents and approve the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Valley Link Rail Project.

Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from: Tatiana Brif, Vannie Dart, Steve Riley of the City of Livermore, and Roland LeBrun. Emailed comments were also received from Roland LeBrun, Alex Clifford of San Joaquin Regional Transit District, and Brent Smith, of the City of Livermore.

Motion: Zuber/Hudson

Aye: Akinjo, Bedolla, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nuno, Rickman, Stepper, Zuber, Wright,

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Testa

Motion Passed

8. **Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION**

Executive Director/CEO Sheridan thanked the work of the board members and the staff. He also thanked the board members for their continued support including last month when we had our second lunch and learn in San Joaquin County which had a fantastic turn out. It is always helpful to be able to educate the public. Staff plans more outreach in Mountain House and surrounding areas during the facilities design process. Sheridan advised that the Authority will make every effort to ensure a successful project with a facility that is safe and environmentally friendly.

Executive Director Sheridan thanked MTC who voted today on an additional \$3 million in funding.

9. **Directors Discussion – Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests**

Director King-Tingle acknowledged Sheridan's response to making information available to the public.

10. **Upcoming Meeting Details** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Mountain House Chamber, 251 East Main Street, Mountain House, CA 95391

11. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned without any objections at 3:54 p.m.