

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRRA)
Minutes of Special Board meeting on May 11, 2022 via Zoom Teleconference

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

The meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Chair Veronica Vargas at 2:01 p.m. Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Members Present

Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy
Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca
Director David Hudson, San Ramon
Director Brittni Kiick (Livermore), LAVTA (*Joined during #5*)
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART (*Joined during #4*)
Director Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton
Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin County
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Dan Wright, City of Stockton
Director Bob Woerner, City of Livermore
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Director David Haubert, Alameda County

3. **Public Comments**

Public comment was made by April Quintanilla and Adrian Brandt.

4. Consent Agenda – **ACTION**

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of May 11, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Report for April 2022.
- c. Resolution R13-2022 Declaring that Agency meetings will continue to be held via teleconference

Motion: Hudson/Stepper

Aye: Cantu, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Vargas, Woerner, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: Akinjo, Wright

Absent: Haubert, Kiick

Motion Passed

5. **Presentation on Link21 Program – INFORMATION**

Link 21 Director Sadie Graham and Capitol Corridor Manager Camille Tsau shared a presentation on the goals and objectives of the program and answered questions from members of the board. Executive Director Sheridan emphasized that while the program is still in the planning stages it is important to ensure all current and planned systems are considered in order to ensure a seamless

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integration of the rail network for passenger rail. Public comment was heard from Vaughn Wolfe and Adrian Brandt.

6. Approve Final Budget Fiscal Year 2023 – ACTION

Executive Director Kevin Sheridan shared the final budget. He highlighted some changes made based on comments on the draft budget presented at the April board meeting. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

Motion: Zuber/King-Tingle

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert

Motion Passed

7. Federal Funding Update – INFORMATION

Chair Vargas announced that the Valley Link project reached a key milestone when, on May 26, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the Valley Link initial operating segment (IOS) into Project Development of the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program. She thanked all current and past directors, Senators Padilla, Congressmen Harder, McNerney, DeSaulnier and Swalwell for their contributions to helping the agency attain this goal. Deputy Director Wil Ridder outlined, per FTA standards, a number of key tasks that the agency will be required to complete so that the FTA can rate the project and allow the agency to secure funding. Staff met with FTA for a kick off meeting. Ridder thanked FTA staff for their timely review and approval of the request to enter into the CIG program. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

8. Executive Director’s Report – INFORMATION

Sheridan gave an oral report from San Diego, where he was attending the 2022 American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Rail Conference. Sheridan highlighted some of the key features on the conference, among them zero-emission vehicles and technology advances. Sheridan then gave the floor to Legislative Advocate Gus Khouri who gave a legislative update on the State budget and the options Valley Link has for funding. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment

9. Directors’ Discussion

Director Hudson urged members to attend the upcoming Air & Waste Management Association meeting, June 27-30th in San Francisco. Director King-Tingle thanked Vargas and Hernandez for all the work to promote the project and expressed how much she though the project contributed to the continued growth and expansion of the Mountain House community.

10. Next Meeting

July 13, 2022 at 2 p.m. via teleconference

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned without objection at 3.43 p.m.