

**Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority**  
**Minutes of Board meeting on December 11, 2024**  
**Mountain House City Council Chambers**  
**251 E. Main Street, Mountain House, CA 95391**

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

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Melissa Hernandez at 2:04 p.m. Chair Melissa Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

***Members Present – In-Person***

Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop (*joined in item #4*)

Director David Haubert, Alameda County

Director David Hudson, City of San Ramon

Director John Marchand, City of Livermore

Director Michael McCorriston, City of Dublin

Director Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton

Director Jose Nuño, City of Manteca

Director Robert Rickman, County of San Joaquin

Director Julie Testa, LAVTA (*joined in item #3*)

Director Leo Zuber, ACE

Vice Chair Dan Wright, City of Stockton

Chair Melissa Hernandez, BART

***Members Present – Remote***

Director Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy

Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville

***Members Absent***

Director Bernice King-Tingle, Mountain House (*excused*)

**a. Recognitions – Outgoing Board Members and State Elected Officials**

Moved to Agenda Item # 6 Executive Director's Report

**3. Public Comments**

Public comments were heard from Pat Brandes and Vannie Dart.

**4. Consent Agenda – ACTION**

a. Minutes of October 23, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting

b. Treasurer's Reports for July, August, and September 2024

c. Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024

d. 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

e. Resolution R10-2024 – Reimbursement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad

Item b. was pulled by Director McCorriston. Directors discussed this item and had questions answered by Deputy Director Wil Ridder and Chief Financial Officer Tamara Edwards. There was no public comment.

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**Motion to approve Items 4a., c., d., and e.: Wright/Nuño**

**Aye :** Akinjo, Bedolla, Haubert, Hudson, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nuño, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright, Hernandez

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** King-Tingle

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to approve Item 4.b.: McCorriston/Wright**

**Aye :** Akinjo, Bedolla, Haubert, Hudson, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nuño, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright, Hernandez

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** King-Tingle

**Motion Passed**

**5. Approve Resolution R09-2024 Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director for Right of Way (ROW) Acquisition Activities – ACTION**

Executive Director/CEO Kevin Sheridan introduced Bob Morrison, Vice President of the Authority's real estate management consultant, Monument ROW. Morrison gave a presentation on the ROW and utility relocation delegation. Staff requested that the board adopt a resolution delegating authority to the Executive Director to negotiate and purchase all required real property interests for the Valley Link project based on one of the following proposed approval delegation methods:

1. Delegate approval authority to the Executive Director up to an Authority Board-approved budget amount for right of way and utility agreements.
2. The Authority Board approves all ROW and utility agreements on an individual basis.
3. Delegate approval authority to the Executive Director for all ROW and utility related items up to an Authority Board-approved budget amount except for Purchase and Sales Agreements greater than \$1 Million. The Authority Board approves all ROW and utility agreements greater than \$1 Million.

Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Roland LeBrun.

**Motion to approve Delegation Option #3: Wright/ Rickman**

**Aye :** Akinjo, Bedolla, Haubert, Hudson, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nuño, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright, Hernandez

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** King-Tingle

**Motion Passed**

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

Sheridan gave an update on the last month's activities. He highlighted the requirement for the project to have a Value Engineering Analysis as required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA). A panel was assembled of interested parties to determine options for project cost savings and to explore the feasibility of these options.

**Recognition – Outgoing Board Members and State Elected Officials**

**Outgoing Board Members**

Director Dan Wright, Stockton  
Director David Hudson, San Ramon  
Director Jose Nuno, Manteca

**Outgoing Board Chairperson**

Director Melissa Hernandez BART

**Acknowledgements of State Elected Officials**

Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman  
Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua

**7. Directors' Actions – Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests**

**a. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

**Motion to elect Director Robert Rickman as Chair:** Hernandez/Wright

**Motion to elect Director John Marchand as Vice Chair:** Haubert/Wright

**Aye :** Akinjo, Bedolla, Haubert, Hudson, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nuño, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright, Hernandez

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** King-Tingle

**Motion Passed**

**b. Discussion – Comments, Questions, and Agenda Requests**

Chair Rickman gave his gratitude to the outgoing board members and outgoing chair.

**8. Upcoming Meeting Details:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025, location to be TBD at 2 p.m.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned without objection at 3:17 p.m.