

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
Minutes of Board meeting on June 12, 2024

Mountain House CSD Board Chambers
251 East Main Street, Mountain House, CA 95391

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

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Melissa Hernandez at 2:02 p.m. Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Present - In-Person

Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Vice Chair Dan Wright, City of Stockton
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director David Hudson, San Ramon
Director Bernice King-Tingle, Mountain House
Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin
Director Leo Zuber, ACE

Members Present - Remote

Director Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy
Director Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Julie Testa, LAVTA

Members Absent

Director David Haubert, Alameda County
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore Excused
Director Jose Nuño, City of Manteca

3. **Public Comments**

Public comment was heard from Roland Lebrun.

4. **Consent Agenda – ACTION**

Motion to approve all items on Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes of April 10, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Treasurer's Reports for February 2024
- c. Resolution R04-2024 Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
- d. Resolution R05-2024 to Extend Terms of Employee Agreements
- e. Submission of Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Funding Request

Directors discussed this item, requesting amendment to 4.c. the expenditure approved at the April board meeting for the Real Estate Consultant Project Manager contract which had not been included. There was no public comment. The motion was restated as follows:

Motion to approve all items on consent as revised.

Motion: Stepper/2nd Rickman

Aye: Akinjo, Bedolla, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, Nibert, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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Absent: Haubert, Marchand, Nuño

Motion Passed

5. **Approve Resolution R06-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Negotiate a Contract for Alternative Delivery Support Services – ACTION**

Deputy Director, Wil Ridder requested that the Board authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and enter a Professional Services with AECOM for Alternative Delivery Support Services (ADSS), in a form approved by legal counsel, for a not-to-exceed amount of 600,000 for a three-year base term with up to two additional one-year term options, for on-call services.

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

Motion: Zuber/ 2nd Hudson

Aye: Akinjo, Bedolla, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, Nibert, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert, Marchand, Nuño

Motion Passed

6. **Equity Community Engagement Update – INFORMATION**

Director of Policy, Planning and Environment; Marianne Payne gave an update on the status of the Authority's equity and community engagement efforts. She reminded everyone of the three components of the engagement efforts: 1. design of the framework to determine where and who our potential riders are; 2. to design a community engagement plan specifically geared towards these riders; and 3. to implement new and innovative methods of outreach. She noted that staff have been out in the community. The most recent events included Tracy's Earth Day showcase and the Los Positas College's Climate Fair. Both events were opportunities to highlight the Valley Link project's sustainability efforts and hear from commuters and the community at large.

Payne discussed some of the other ongoing work like the Travel Shed Analysis, that will provide information on the origins and destinations of commuters in the travel shed area. The Authority has also created and distributed a survey to gain more data on travel throughout the Altamont corridor. The survey has been distributed to all the jurisdictions within the project area via the Authority's website, social media, community sites and through community-based organizations. Authority staff is very happy with the response on the survey to-date.

Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

7. **Environmental Update – INFORMATION**

Environmental consultant Diane Cowin gave a detailed presentation outlining some historical milestones and the status of the environmental process. The project has completed the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and staff is looking forward to the potential certification of the Final SEIR in the Fall.

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Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Roland LeBrun, John Tocchini, Wendy Tocchini, Tatiana Brif, Janice Karle, and Linda Garcia. Cowin and Executive Director/CEO Sheridan addressed some of the comments. Cowin advised that all of the comments received from residents via the Draft SEIR comments would be addressed specifically in the Final SEIR.

8. **State Legislative Update – INFORMATION**

State Legislative Consultant Gus Khouri gave a comprehensive update of ongoing legislative activity relevant to the Valley Link project. He discussed the overall State Budget and outlined a number of bills that the Authority is following – SB 1068 (Eggman), SB 1031 (Weiner and Wahab) and SB 904 (Dodd). Directors discussed this item. Public comment heard from Roland Lebrun.

9. **Executive Director’s Report – INFORMATION**

Executive Director/CEO Kevin Sheridan thanked the public for their comments. He reiterated the need to support SB 1031 to get the bill passed and how important it is to ensure there is a fair process for the distribution of funds. Sheridan advised that there will be some changes to the Board of Directors at the next board meeting. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

10. **Directors’ Discussion - Comments, Questions, and Agenda Request**

There was no discussion or public comment.

11. **Upcoming Meeting Details:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024, at Livermore Public Library Community Room, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

12. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned without any objections at 3:40 p.m.