

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
JULY 25, 2019**

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Board of Directors. A digital recording of the actual meeting is available at BCAG's office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA.

Board Member Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Lambert	Supervisor	District 4
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Nathan Wilkinson	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Randall Stone	Mayor	City of Chico
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Jody Jones	Mayor	Town of Paradise

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Ray Borges	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Chris Devine	Planning Manager
Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant
Sara Muse	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans  
Linda Furr, League of Women Voters  
Steve Schoonover, Chico E-R

Johan Castellanos, Action News Now Telemundo

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from the May 23, 2019 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of FY 2019/20 Preliminary Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims

On motion by Board Member Lambert and seconded by Board Member Teeter the Consent Agenda was approved with Board Member Stone abstaining from Item 3.

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **5: Public Hearing and Approval of Proposed Fare Increase for Butte Regional Transit Fixed Route and Paratransit Services**

Staff informed the Board that they have conducted the public outreach and comment process regarding a passenger fare increase and requested the Board open a public hearing as the final step of the process of increasing fares.

Board Member Ritter asked if Staff had received a letter from the Disability Action Center about the increase, as it was sent to several board members. Staff informed her that they had not received that letter but that most of the comments about the increase were positive and accepted that this was needed in order to keep service operational. There was general discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the necessities of the fare increase as well as accessibility issues for low-income residents relying on complementary paratransit services. Staff explained that this increase is only 17% and is only taking place because it is projected that without it farebox recovery will be 17% below what is needed in the 2019/20 fiscal year, which will jeopardize TDA funding in the future.

The Board opened a public hearing and there was no comment from the members of the public who were present. The Board then closed the public hearing and voted on the fare increase for the fixed route and paratransit services.

On motion by Board Member Teeter and seconded by Board Member Lambert, proposed fare increase for Butte Regional Transit fixed route and paratransit services was unanimously approved.

**6: Request by Assemblyman Gallagher to Provide Letter of Support for Housing Infrastructure Funding in Chico**

Staff informed the Board that Assemblyman Gallagher is spearheading an effort to secure funding for the widening of Bruce Road in Chico. Staff requested that the Board approve a letter of support for the assemblyman's efforts.

There was general discussion between Staff and the Board regarding the specifics of the assemblyman's efforts to secure \$15 million in funding for the widening project, as well as the housing projects that this infrastructure improvement would enable. The improvements would trigger construction of 350 single family homes and between 150-200 affordable housing units in Chico.

On motion by Board Member Stone and seconded by Board Member Teeter, Assemblyman Gallagher's request for a letter to support housing infrastructure funding in Chico was unanimously approved.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7: Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) Update**

Staff presented the Board with an update on the Butte Regional Conservation Plan, which has been in development on behalf of the Cities of Biggs, Gridley, Chico, and Oroville, the County of Butte, Caltrans District 3, Western Canal Water District, Richvale Irrigation District, Biggs West Gridley Water District, and Butte Water District.

The final BRCP and EIS/EIR were submitted to the state and federal agencies at the end of June 2019. Staff showed the Board a short video outlining the plan for the public, which was positively received. There was general conversation between the Board and Staff regarding potential savings and impacts of the plan.

**8: Draft Policy Element for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)**

Staff informed the Board that it needs to update the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by December 2020. Because of this necessary update, staff is adding in a policy element regarding emergency preparedness.

There was general discussion about the oversight that goes into creating the RTP and SCS and the Transportation Advisory Committee that provides feedback for these policies. Board Member Ritter suggested adding emergency response personnel to the TAC in order to create a more realistic and better policy regarding emergency preparedness.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**9: There were no items from the floor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM.

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*  
*Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk*  
*Butte County Association of Governments*

*VP*  
*8-22-19*