

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
AUGUST 26, 2021**

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 9:01 a.m. at the BCAG Conference Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4

**MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
John Busch	Councilmember	City of Bigg
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
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**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Lance Atencio, Transdev  
David Harden

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2021 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Amendment #1 to the 2021/22 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget and Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA)
5. Approval to Reinstate Emergency Paid Sick Leave Related to COVID-19

On motion by Board Member Teeter and seconded by Board Member Lucero, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **6: Approval of Letter of Support to California Energy Commission for a Renewable Hydrogen Production Facility in Paradise**

In May of 2021, Staff was made aware of a grant application being worked on for the construction of a fuel grade hydrogen production facility in Paradise. Since hydrogen fuel cells are most cost effective when produced in close proximity to the fueling location, a plant of this nature would allow BCAG to explore hydrogen powered zero emission vehicles rather than solely electric vehicles as part of the Zero Emissions Rollout Plan.

There was discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the specific wording of the letter. Board Member Busch objected to the terminology of “biomass” as this harkens back to unsustainable power plants of the past, and potential for disaster. Board Member Lucero led a discussion revolving around the location and requested that the location in the letter not be specified to Paradise, but rather generalized to somewhere within Butte County.

On motion by Board Member Teeter, and seconded by Board Member Ritter, the Letter of Support to California Energy Commission for a Renewable Hydrogen Production Facility in Butte County was unanimously approved.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **7: 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Development**

Staff updated the Board on the development of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The RTIP is updated every two years and is due to be adopted again by December 15, 2021 for the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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There was general discussion between Staff and the Board about specific projects that are in consideration. Staff made sure to note that this is the first year that we do not need to program any funds for the State Route 70 improvements. Those funds have all been programmed and the project is underway. Specifics of projects under consideration for inclusion was not available, but Staff knows of at least one in Chico and a few in Gridley that might be included in the RTIP.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no items from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*

9/23/21

VP