

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

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 Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Steve Lambert	Supervisor	District 4
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Randall Stone	Mayor	City of Chico
John Busch	Board Alternate	City of Biggs
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
Bruce Johnson	Board Alternate	City of Gridley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Quintin Crye	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Angela Thompson	Councilmember	City of Biggs

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Wallace, Fehr & Peers
Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans District 3
Lace Atencio, Transdev

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from the August 27, 2020 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4. Approval of Amendment #2 for the 2020/21 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget and Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA)**
- 5. Approval of the Project List for the FY 2020/21 California State of Good Repair (SGR) Program**
- 6. Approval for BCAG Executive Committee to Work with Executive Director on Annual Evaluation and Employment Agreement Extension**

Board Member Connelly requested a moment of silence to remember those whose lives were lost in the wildfires before voting on the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Lucero, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

There were no items for action.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7: Update on Post Camp Fire Study

Staff reminded the Board that BCAG is preparing the Post Camp Fire Regional Population & Transportation Study to analyze regional population, housing, employment, and traffic patterns for pre and post Camp Fire time periods. Staff has been working with consultants from Fehr & Peers to complete this study.

Mike Wallace from Fehr & Peers remotely joined to give a presentation of study progress and what the numbers currently look like for population, housing, employment and traffic changes since the fire. The presentation detailed an overall decrease in traffic across the county due to the sharp decrease in traffic in Paradise and Magalia, which counterbalanced the increases in traffic in the cities in Butte County. Since survivors of the Camp Fire did not all stay within Butte County, there was relocation data for the surrounding counties as well. Those that stayed in Butte County primarily moved to Chico, and data shows that there was a drop in home ownership and a shift towards renting during this time. He also discussed how businesses had a decrease of almost 20% in the year following the Camp Fire.

After his presentation, the Board and Staff had a general discussion of the numbers with Mr. Wallace. There were a few specific questions about some of the terms used in the

study, however user error had to be factored in so a precise definition of some of the terms cannot be ascertained. This item was presented for information only.

8: 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Development

Staff presented the status on the development of the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The 2021 FTIP is required to be adopted by the Board and submitted to Caltrans by March 1, 2021. Its purpose is to identify all transportation-related projects that require federal funding or other approval. Staff provided a timeline for the 2021 FTIP, as well as a breakdown of funding estimates that are being used within the document.

There was general conversation between Staff and the Board regarding the current state of the FTIP, with questions specifically regarding the nature of these funds. These are funds earmarked for transit projects, not studies related to transportation. This item was presented for information purposes only.

9: Butte Regional Transit 4th Quarter 2019/20 Progress Report

Quarterly, Staff presents the Board with a progress report on how Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) is faring in terms of farebox recovery, customer satisfaction, and safety concerns for each of the four types of service. Staff detailed to the Board how the fourth quarter of the 2019/20 fiscal year was impacted by the shelter in place order from March 2020 and the CARES Act signing from that same month.

Ridership across the board was down significantly during this period including during the seven weeks of free fares we were able to offer due to the CARES Act. As a result, we did not meet the farebox recovery ratio for the whole fiscal year in three out of the four types of transit offered. The Board asked if there will be a penalty for not meeting farebox this year, and Staff is unsure since most transit agencies are suffering the same problem due to COVID-19.

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Attest:

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

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