

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF THE BUTTE COUNTY **ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS APRIL 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 Stone called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nathan Wilkinson Councilmember City of Biggs Doug Teeter Supervisor District 5 Chuck Reynolds Mayor City of Oroville Ray Borges Councilmember City of Gridley Bill Connelly Supervisor District 1 Jody Jones Mayor Town of Paradise

Alex Brown Alternate City of Chico

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Randall Stone Mayor City of Chico Debra Lucero Supervisor District 2 Tami Ritter Supervisor District 3 Steve Lambert Supervisor District 4

## STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark **Executive Director** Andy Newsum **Deputy Director** Ivan Garcia **Transportation Programming Specialist** Regional Analyst Brian Lasagna Jim Peplow Senior Planner Victoria Proctor Administrative Assistant Sara Muse Associate Senior Planner Julie Quinn Chief Fiscal Officer

### OTHERS PRESENT

Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans Linda Furr, League of Women Voters, Butte County

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call 2.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from the March 28, 2019 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
- **4.** Approval of Final 2018/19 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities and County
- 5. Approval of Amendment #3 to the 2018/19 Overall Work Program & Budget
- 6. Approval of Amendment to BCAG Personnel Policies

On motion by Board Member Wilkinson and seconded by Board Member Reynolds the Consent Agenda was approved, with Board Member Alternate Brown abstaining.

#### ITEMS FOR ACTION

## 7: Approval of BCAG Public Participation Plan

Staff presented to the Board an overview of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and its requirements for BCAG to prepare and update a Public Participation Plan (PPP) prior to the development of the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). There was general discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the nature of the PPP and its implementation. Staff also requested authorization to make any necessary technical corrections/modifications to ensure timely state and federal submittal.

On motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Wilkinson, the BCAG PPP was unanimously approved.

## 8: Butte County Association of Governments Formal Opposition to Legislative Changes to the Active Transportation Program

Staff informed the Board that there are two current proposed changes to legislation by the Bay Area and Orange County representatives that threaten the funding levels for rural counties including Butte to compete for the Active Transportation Program funding. SB 152, proposed by Senator Beall, and AP 1402, proposed by Assembly Member Petrie-Norris were detailed by Staff for the Board and there was general discussion about the impact these bills would have on funding.

The Board and Staff spoke about where the bills are in the current legislative process, as well as the potential impact this would have on funding for special pedestrian projects. Staff requested authorization to write letters of opposition to these bills in the name of BCAG and the Board. Board Member Connelly requested a very tersely worded letter to emphasize dissatisfaction with the proposed changes.

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One motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Alternate Brown, the formal opposition was unanimously approved.

#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

# 9: California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 375) – California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2018 Progress Report

Staff presented the Board with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2018 Progress Report, which effects the preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The report detailed that California is not on track to meet the reductions expected under SB 375, with emissions from statewide passenger vehicle travel per capita increasing rather than decreasing.

There was general discussion between Staff and the Board regarding the contents of the report and how that impacts the programs Butte County is able to provide, and various funding sources.

## 10: Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Free Fare Day Promotion

Staff informed the Board that under the FY 2016/17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant, funds were set aside to assist marketing and promotion of the B-Line system. As part of that marketing and promotion, Free Fare Days were chosen at key points in the year.

Staff detailed the previous uses of Free Fare Days, including in the aftermath of the Camp Fire, and decided to mark the six months passing since the fire with two more additional Free Fare Days on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. In an effort to further promote the days, B-Line entered a bus in the Pioneer Days Parade prior to the selected days.

There was general discussion about the Free Fare Day Promotion between the Board and Staff.

#### ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

### 11: There were no items from the floor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

#### Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk Butte County Association of Governments 5/23/19 H