

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 25, 2019

Acronyms for Butte County Association of Governments

ACRONYM	MEANING
AB	Assembly Bill
ACOE	Army Corps of Engineers
AFR	Accident Frequency Ratio
APS	Alternative Planning Strategy
AQMD	Air Quality Management District
ARB	Air Resource Board
AVL	Automatic Vehicle Location
BCAG	Butte County Association of Governments
CALCOG	California Association Council of Governments
CARB	California Air Resource Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality
CON	Construction
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTIPS	California Transportation Improvement Program System
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game
DOT	Department of Transportation
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EMFAC	Emissions Factors
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
FY	Fiscal Year
GARVEE	Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Program
GhG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIC	Geographical Information Center
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positional Satellite
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
IIP	Interregional Improvement Program
IPG	Intermodal Planning Group
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement
LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
LTF	Local Transportation Fund
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NAAQS	National Air Quality Standards
NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (Also NOAA Fisheries)

ACRONYM	MEANING
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (Also NMFS)
OWP	Overall Work Program
PA&ED	Project Approval & Environmental Document
PDT	Project Development Team
PEER	Permit Engineering Evaluation Report
PL	Federal Planning Funds
PPH	Passengers Per Revenue Hour
PLH	Public Lands Highway
PPM	Planning Programming & Monitoring
PPNO	Project Programming Number
PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Estimates
PSR	Project Study Report
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account
PUC	Public Utilities Code
R/W	Right of Way
RFP	Request for Proposals
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RHNP	Regional Housing Needs Plan
RIP	Regional Improvement Program
RTAC	Regional Target Advisory Committee
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SCEA	Sustainable Community Environmental Assessment
SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
SDP	Strategic Deployment Plan
SHOPP	State Highway Operation Protection Program
SSTAC	Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
STA	State Transit Assistance
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee
TAOC	Transit Administrative Oversight Committee
TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TE	Transportation Enhancements
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TPP	Transit Priority Project
TSGP	Transit Security Grant Program
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UTN	Unmet Transit Needs
WE	Work Element



BCAG Board of Directors

July 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.



BCAG Board Room

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100
Chico, CA 95928

Live Stream

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time the item is taken up by the Board of Directors. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair, state your name and address for the record, and keep remarks brief.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – *If Any*

ITEMS FOR ACTION

5. Public Hearing and Approval of Proposed Fare Increase for Butte Regional Transit Fixed Route and Paratransit Services (Attachment) – **Jim**
6. Request by Assemblyman Gallagher to Provide Letter of Support for Housing Infrastructure Funding in Chico (Attachment) - **Jon**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7. Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) Update (Attachment) - **Chris**
8. Draft Policy Element for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (Attachment) - **Ivan**

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

9. Members of the public may present items to the BCAG Board of Directors, but no action will be taken other than placement on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

10. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2019, **at the BCAG Board Room.**

*Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to items of the business referred to on the agenda are on file at the office of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG).
Persons with questions concerning agenda items may call BCAG at (530) 809-4616.*

Any handouts presented by speakers are to be distributed to the Board by the Clerk of the Board.

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #3



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAY 23, 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 9:00 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
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Randall Stone	Mayor	City of Chico
Ray Borges	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Jody Jones	Mayor	Town of Paradise

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
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STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
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

- Lance Atencio, Transdev
- Ron Bushman, Transdev
- Cristina Russell, Transdev
- Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans
- Richard Harrimon, Northern California Environmental Defense Contractor

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Linda Furr, League of Women Voters

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from the April 25, 2019 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4. Approval of 2019/20 Final Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments**
- 5. Approval of Resolution 2018/19-19 Authorizing BCAG's 2019/20 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 Intercity Bus Program Application**

On motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Wilkinson the Consent Agenda was approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

6: Approval of BCAG's 2019/20 Overall Work Program & Budget

Staff presented to the Board the final 2019/20 Overall Work Program & Budget for review, comments, and approval. The 2019/20 OWP & Budget identifies twenty-six specific work elements that address State and Federal Planning requirements, regional transportation planning needs, capital projects and mitigation, and public transit administration, operations and planning.

Board Member Lucero had questions specific to grant funding and how the funding process currently works, and Staff was able to adequately answer her questions regarding funding sources. There was further general discussion about the contents of the OWP and funding process between Staff and the Board.

On motion by Board Member Wilkinson and seconded by Board Member Stone, the 2019/20 Overall Work Program & Budget was unanimously approved.

9: Approval of Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Final 2019/20 Budget, Service Plan and Resolution 2018/19-17

Board Members Ritter and Connelly requested that the Board move the B-Line Final 2019/20 Budget and Service Plan to be approved before Item 7, the Contract with Transdev. Staff agreed and presented the Board with the proposed budget for the 2019/20 fiscal year.

There was general comment between Staff and the Board regarding the budget breakdown including the cost increases, cost decreases, and funding sources. There

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was also discussion about the decreasing ridership problem that is nationally known and alternative ideas about transit in Butte County.

There was a public comment by Richard Harrimon congratulating Board Member Jones on her handling of PG&E and Paradise since the Camp Fire in November. He had questions about B-Line's potential use of electric buses to help mitigate costs. Staff informed him that we are already underway to purchase electric buses and convert our fleet to electric.

There was an additional public comment from Linda Furr detailing a historical push from 2007/2008 to get people to use the bus by using historians and geologists to provide information about the area the buses travel through.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Stone, the Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Final 2019/20 Budget, Service Plan, and Resolution 2018/19-17 was unanimously approved.

7: Approval of Contract with Transdev to Provide Administration, Operations and Maintenance Services for Butte Regional Transit

Staff started to present the contract information before Item 7 was removed until after Item 9, then re-presented the contract with Transdev to provide administration, operations, and maintenance services for Butte Regional Transit. Staff detailed that this is the only proposal that was received by BCAG after the Request for Proposals in December 2018. There was general discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the specifics of the contract and why rates are fluctuating the way that they are.

On motion by Board Member Stone and seconded by Board Member Lucero, the Contract with Transdev was approved unanimously.

8: Approval of the 2019/20 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment & Findings

Staff informed the Board that each year BCAG must identify any public unmet transit needs that may exist in Butte County in order to receive state funding. This is done by holding public forums throughout the County and soliciting comments from riders via phone, letters, comment cards, and social media.

The assessment was reviewed by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) which found that there are no unmet transit needs in Butte County that are reasonable to meet.

There was general conversation and discussion between the Board and Staff regarding how many riders participated in this assessment and fact gathering effort, and what this specifically means for funding in the area.

On motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Stone, the 2019/20 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment & Findings was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10: Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) Update

Staff provided a progress report for the Butte Regional Conservation Plan to the Board. There was general discussion about the BRCP between Staff and the Board. Staff detailed the current tentative schedule for the completion and implementation of the BRCP to meet with federal guidelines. Board Member Wilkinson requested that there be public access to the draft document, and Staff informed him that it is currently on the BRCP website.

There was general discussion regarding the BRCP between Staff and the Board.

11: Notice of Proposed Fare Increase for Butte Regional Transit Fixed Route and Paratransit Service

Staff informed the Board of the intent to raise fares for the B-Line fixed route and paratransit services. Farebox ratios are monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed with each budget to ensure that ratios meet the required level of fare revenue to expense. As discussed in Item 9, the current ratios for most of the routes hover at the bottom of where they should. In order to combat the decreased ridership and low farebox recovery ratio, rates need to be increased.

Staff detailed the planned increase as compared to the current rates. There was a conversation as to why B-Line increases rates irregularly rather than small increases each year. Staff explained that generally annual increases are not needed, and rates have only been raised a few times since BCAG has been in operation.

There was general discussion about the proposed fare increase and public comment period between Staff and the Board.

12: Butte Regional Transit 2018/19 3rd Quarter Report

Staff presented the Board with the 2018/19 3rd Quarter Report with key financial and statistical results for Butte Regional Transit. There was general discussion about the numbers and ratios presented, particularly since the 3rd Quarter was post-Camp Fire and the numbers are still much lower than historically at this time of year.

There was general discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the data presented in the report.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

13: There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #4



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #4 Consent

July 25, 2019

APPROVAL OF FY19/20 PRELIMINARY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR THE CITIES, TOWN, COUNTY, BRT AND BCAG

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: Transportation Development Act (TDA) regulation requires the governing board of the regional transportation agency approve by resolution all claims filed for the allocation of TDA funds.

DISCUSSION: FY19-20 TDA funds have been apportioned to each jurisdiction with the Findings of Apportionment approved by the Board in May. A jurisdiction may file an expenditure plan to claim their apportionment for projects in the fiscal year. The expenditure plan allocates the apportionments to the prescribed uses within the TDA regulations. It may also include allocations of locally held fund balance, which is for information purposes only. If no projects are identified for the current apportionment, the funds are considered unallocated apportionment and are held in the jurisdictions name for use in future projects.

Use of the funds is prioritized by the TDA regulations. STA provides funding solely for public transportation services while LTF allocation priorities are as follows:

1. TDA Administration
2. Planning and Programming
3. Pedestrian and Bicycle projects
4. Rail passenger and Transit services
5. Other transportation purposes including streets and roads. These claims may only be apportioned when all other uses for the funds have been exhausted.

The Preliminary Expenditure Plan identifies the jurisdictions use of funds in accordance with the requirements of the TDA. In the current year, Butte Regional Transit (BRT) will be claiming operating and capital funds directly. Due to the disruption of service and population from the Camp Fire, the local transit funding formula was not able to be determined. The Cities and Town will claim funds for other transit needs, as well as bike and pedestrian, and streets and roads projects. The Paradise Expenditure Plan identifies projects that will utilize TDA funds that have already been received. As reconstruction plans become more solidified, the Town can claim their FY19-20 apportionment of \$544,499.

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Staff has reviewed the attached claims and found them to be in accordance with the TDA guidelines and within the apportionments approved by this Board. The attached resolution identifies the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) that has been claimed by the jurisdictions and allows for flexibility should minor adjustments to the form be necessary. Approval of the resolution initiates the distribution of current apportionments to the claimants.

The FY19/20 Preliminary Expenditure Plans will be revised after the FY18/19 TDA audits are complete and B-line carryover amounts are calculated. The Final Expenditure Plans will be brought to the Board for approval later in the fiscal year and utilized for the FY19/20 TDA audits.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Board adopt **Resolution No. 2019/20-01** to approve the preliminary TDA Claims for LTF and STA as identified below:

Claimant:	LTF:	STA:	Totals:
BCAG	\$ 550,000	\$ -0-	\$ 550,000
County Auditor	\$ 10,000	\$ -0-	\$ 10,000
Butte Regional Transit	\$ 4,208,866	\$ 2,243,099	\$ 6,451,965
Butte County	\$ 1,674,295	\$ -0-	\$ 1,674,295
City of Biggs	\$ 39,200	\$ -0-	\$ 39,200
City of Chico	\$ 1,892,345	\$ -0-	\$ 1,892,345
City of Gridley	\$ 142,149	\$ 87,418	\$ 229,567
City of Oroville	\$ 371,797	\$ -0-	\$ 371,797
Town of Paradise	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Totals	\$ 8,888,652	\$ 2,330,517	\$11,219,169

Key staff: Iván García, Transportation Programming Specialist
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2019/2020-01**



**RESOLUTION OF THE PRELIMINARY ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS TO THE BUTTE COUNTY JURISDICTIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/20**

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments has been designated by the Secretary of the State of California, Business and Transportation Agency, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County, pursuant to the provisions of the Transportation Development Act of 1971, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Butte County Association of Governments, under the provision of the Transportation Development Act, to review transportation claims and make allocations of funds from the Local Transportation Fund and the State Transit Assistance fund based on the claims; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of Butte County is required to pay monies in the fund to the claimants pursuant to allocation instructions received by him/her from the Butte County Association of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments has reviewed this claim for Transportation Development Act funds and has made the following findings and allocations:

1. The claimants proposed expenditures are in conformity with the Regional Transportation Plan.
2. The level of passenger fares and charges is sufficient to enable the operator or transit service claimant to meet the fare revenue requirements of Public Utilities Code Sections 99268.2, 99268.3, 99268.5, and 99268.9, as they may be applicable to the claimant.
3. The claimant is making full use of federal funds available under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.
4. The claimant has prepared and submitted the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Annual Project and Expenditure Plan.
5. The sum of the claimant's allocation from the State Transit Assistance Fund and the Local Transportation Fund does not exceed the amount the claimant is eligible to receive during the fiscal year.
6. Priority consideration has been given to claims to offset reductions in federal operating assistance and the unanticipated increase in the cost of fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high priority regional, countywide, or area wide public transportation needs.
7. The regional entity may allocate funds to an operator for the purposes specified in Section 6730 of the California Code of Regulations only if, in the resolution allocating the funds, it also finds the following:

- a) The operator has made a reasonable effort to implement the productivity improvements recommended pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99244. This finding shall make specific reference to the improvements recommended and to the efforts made by the operator to implement them.
- b) For an allocation made to an operator for its operating costs, that the operator is not precluded by any contract entered into on or after June 28, 1979, from employment of part time drivers or from contracting with common carriers of persons operating under a franchise or license.
- c) A certification by the Department of the California Highway Patrol verifying that the operator is in compliance with Section 1808.1 of the Vehicle Code, as required in Public Utilities Code Section 99251. The certification shall have been completed within the last 13 months, prior to filing claims.
- d) The operator is in compliance with the eligibility requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 99314.6.

ALLOCATION to BUTTE COUNTY Jurisdictions for FY19/20 is as follows:

Claimant:	LTF:	STA:	Totals:
BCAG	\$ 550,000	\$ -0-	\$ 550,000
County Auditor	\$ 10,000	\$ -0-	\$ 10,000
Butte Regional Transit	\$ 4,208,866	\$ 2,243,099	\$ 6,451,965
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, all allocations have been prepared in accordance with the above findings and are hereby approved and that the Executive Director is authorized to sign said allocations and to issue the instructions to the County Auditor to pay claimants in accordance with the above allocations as funds become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Butte County Association of Governments authorizes its staff to make any minor technical adjustments that may be necessary to ensure the claimants and BCAG are in compliance of the Transportation Development Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 25rd day of July 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

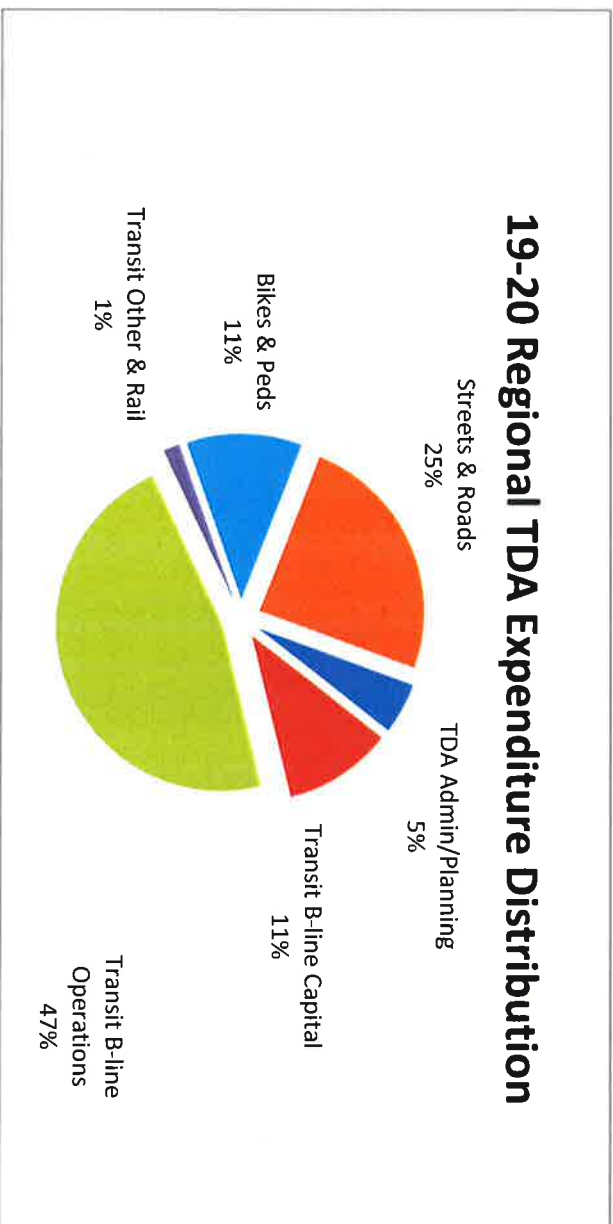
ATTEST:

JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**Regional TDA Expenditure Distribution
Fiscal Year 19-20**

	TOTAL Dollars
TDA Admin/Planning	\$560,000.00
Transit B-line Capital	1,200,000.00
Transit B-line Operations	5,251,965.00
Transit Other & Rail	178,049.00
Bikes & Peds	1,259,291.00
Streets & Roads	2,769,864.00
Total	\$11,219,169.00

	Biggs	Chico	County	Girdley	Oroville	Paradise
			10,000			
		58,942	4,680	114,427		
		1,259,291				
	39,200	574,112	1,669,615	115,140	371,797	
	\$ 39,200	\$ 1,892,345	\$ 1,684,295	\$ 229,567	\$ 371,797	\$ -



BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: Butte County Auditor's Office

Fiscal Year 2019/2020
 Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	SOURCE OF FUNDING				TOTAL	
	CLAIMED FUNDS		CLAIMED FUNDS			OTHER FUNDING SOURCES
	TDA - LTF LTF \$ amount	PUC Article & Section	STA \$ amount	TDA - STA CCR Section		
TDA Administration Allocations	10,000	Article 3, Sec 99233.1			10,000	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
SUB TOTAL	10,000		-		10,000	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFO:	LTF	Total
Apportionments:	10,000	10,000
LTF Balance	10,000	-
Apportionment	10,000	10,000
Claimed		10,000
Balance		-

Auditor's Office: Rebecca Mittag 552-3607
 BCAG Contact: Ivan Garcia/Julie Quinn 530-809-4616

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: Butte County Association of Governments

Fiscal Year **2019/2020**
 Submitted July 2019

	CLAIMED FUNDS		SOURCE OF FUNDING		TOTAL	
	TDA - LTF		CLAIMED FUNDS			OTHER FUNDING SOURC
	LTF \$ amount	PUC Article & Section	STA \$ amount	CCR Section		
TDA Administration	111,690	Article 3, Sec 99233.1			111,690	
Planning & Programing	438,310	Article 3, Sec 99233.2			438,310	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
SUB TOTAL	550,000		-		550,000	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFO:	LTF	Total
Apportionments:	550,000	550,000
	Apportionment	Claimed
	550,000	550,000
	LTF Balance	Balance
		-

BCAG Contact: Ivan Garcia 530-809-4616
 Julie Quinn, BCAG CFO, 809-4616

**LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN**

Claimant: Butte Regional Transit

Fiscal Year **2019/2020**
Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	CLAIMED FUNDS			SOURCE OF FUNDING			OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	TOTAL
	LTF \$ amount	PUC Article & Section	STA \$ amount	CLAIMED FUNDS		CCR Section		
				TDA - LTF	TDA - STA			
Support of Public Transp System /B Line Capital Reserve (general)	400,000	Art 4, Sec. 99262						400,000
Support of Public Transp System /B Line Capital Reserve (busses)	800,000	Art 4, Sec. 99262						800,000
Support of Public Transp System / B Line Ops. FIXED ROUTE	970,652	Art 4, Sec. 99260 (a)	2,243,099	Art 4, Sec 6730 (a)				3,213,751
Support of Public Transp System/ B Line Ops. PARATRANSIT	2,038,214	Art 4, Sec. 99260 (a)						2,038,214
SUB TOTAL	4,208,866		2,243,099					6,451,965

BRT Contact: Andy Newsom 809-4616 BCAG: Ivan Garcia or Julie Quinn 809-4616

SUPPLEMENTAL INFO:				
B Line Obligations:	Operating	Capital Reserve	Capital Purchase	Total
Fixed Route	3,213,751	400,000	800,000	4,413,751
Paratransit	2,038,214	-		2,038,214
Total	5,251,965	400,000	800,000	6,451,965
		Apportionment	Claimed	Balance
		STA Funds Remaining	2,243,099	-
		LTF Funds Remaining	4,208,866	-

FY 19/20 APPORTIONMENTS			
LTF	STA	Total	
4,208,866	2,243,099	6,451,965	

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: _____ Butte County Public Works

Fiscal Year **2019/2020**
 Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	CLAIMED FUNDS		SOURCE OF FUNDING		OTHER FUNDING SOURCES		TOTAL
	TDA - LTF		TDA - STA		OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE	
	LTF \$ amount	PUC Article & Section	STA \$ amount	CCR Section			
Transit Fund 0131 Administration-County's Support Services	5,789	Art 8, 99400 (d)					5,789
Payment Under Contract for Public Transportation Gridley Flyer	3,000	Art 8, 99400 (c)					3,000
Rail Passenger Service Amtrak-Chico	1,680	Art 8, 99400 (b)					1,680
Streets and Roads - Road Maintenance Incl. Transp. Planning	1,663,826	Art 8, 99402					1,663,826
SUB TOTAL	1,674,295		-				1,674,295

Local Contact: Amanda Partain 538-7681 BCAG- Ivan Garcia or Julie Quinn : 809-4616

TDA Revenue Classification:	Estimated Beg Fund Balance	19/20 Revenue	19/20 Claimed	Estimated End Fund Balance
TDA Fund held by County:				
Transit LTF	-	10,469	10,469	-
Transportation LTF	-	1,663,826	1,663,826	-
TOTAL TDA Fund	-	1,674,295	1,663,826	-

FY 19/20 APPORTIONMENTS		
LTF	STA	Total
1,674,295	-	1,674,295

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: _____

City of Biggs

Fiscal Year 2019/2020
 Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	CLAIMED FUNDS			SOURCE OF FUNDING			OTHER FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL		
	TDA - LTF		PUC Article & Section	CLAIMED FUNDS		CCR Section			OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE
	LTF \$ amount	Revenue		STA \$ amount	TDA - STA					
Street Pavement pot-hole repairs (B Street, C Street, and 6th Street)							32,000.00	Transportation Fund Bal	32,000	
B Street slurry seal or microsurface (1st Street to 7th Street)	39,200		Art 8, 99402				110,800.00	Transportation Fund Bal	150,000	
									-	
SUB TOTAL	39,200						142,800		182,000	

Local Contact: Mark Sorensen 868-5393

TDA Revenue Classification:	Estimated Beg Fund Balance	19/20 Revenue	19/20 Claimed	Estimated End Fund Balance
Transit Funding held by City:				
Transit- LTF	-	-	-	-
Transportation funding held by City:				
Transportation- LTF 19-20 Apport	159,586	39,200	182,000	16,786
Total TDA Fund	159,586	39,200	182,000	16,786

FY 19/20 APPORTIONMENTS		
LTF	STA	Total
39,200	-	39,200

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: _____
 City of Chico _____

Fiscal Year **2019/2020**
 Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	CLAIMED FUNDS			SOURCE OF FUNDING			OTHER FUNDING SOURCES		TOTAL
	LTF \$ amount	PUC Article & Section	STA \$ amount	CCR Section	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE	CLAIMED FUNDS		
							TDA - LTF	TDA - STA	
Planning and Administration/Transit Service (212-653)	7,798	Article 8, 99400 (d)			74,370	18/19 FB / Other Revenue			82,168
Passenger Rail Operations & Capital / Transportation - Depot (212-659)	51,144	Article 8, 99400 (b)							51,144
Projects for Pedestrians and Bicycles / Transportation (212-654)	108,405	Article 8, 99400 (a)							108,405
Streets and Roads Claims / Planning and Planning Process Admin/ Indirect Cost (212-000) & (212-995)	68,259	Article 8, 99402							68,259
Public Right-of-Way Maintenance / Traffic Safety (212-650)	86,329	Article 8, 99402							86,329
Streets and Roads Claims / Planning and Planning Process Transportation-Planning (212-655)	153,524	Article 8, 99402							153,524
Streets and Roads - Road Maintenance Incl. Transp. Planning (9001)	100,000	Article 8, 99402							100,000
Capital Projects (roads) 50316, 50410	166,000	Article 8, 99400 (a)							166,000
Capital Projects (bike/pep) 13046, 50160, 50307, 50347, 50166	1,150,886	Article 8, 99400 (a)							1,150,886
SUB TOTAL	1,892,345				74,370				1,966,715

Local Contact: Kathryn Mathus: xxx-xxxx

BCAG - Ivan Garcia or Julie Quinn : 809-4616

TDA Revenue Classification:	Estimated Beg Fund Balance	19/20 Revenue	19/20 Claimed	Estimated End Fund Balance
Transportation Fund held by City:				
Transit LTF	55,890	58,942	114,832	-
Subtotal Transit/ Rail	55,890	58,942	114,832	-
Transportation LTF	1,141,993	1,833,403	1,833,403	1,141,993
Total Transportation Fund	1,197,883	1,892,345	1,948,235	1,141,993

FY 19/20 APPORTIONMENTS		
LTF	STA	Total
1,892,345		1,892,345

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: _____ City of Gridley

Fiscal Year **2019/2020**
 Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	CLAIMED FUNDS		SOURCE OF FUNDING		OTHER FUNDING SOURCES		TOTAL
	TDA - LTF		CLAIMED FUNDS		OTHER FUNDS		
	LTF \$ amount	PUC Article & Section	TDA - SGR	CCR Section	SOURCE		
Support of Public: Transp System / Gridley Golden Flyer (700)	27,009	Article 4, 99260 (a)	87,418	Art 4, Sec 6730 (a)	197	SGR	114,624
Streets and Roads Maintenance (430)	115,140	Article 8, 99402					115,140
Grind & replace: Spruce St, California St, Nevada St and Oregon St					200,000	TDA Fund Balance	200,000
SUB TOTAL	142,149		87,418		200,197		429,764

Local Contact: Ishrat Khan 846-5695

BCAG: Ivan Garcia or Julie Quinn 809-4616

TDA Revenue Classification:	Estimated Beg Fund Balance	19/20 Revenue	19/20 Claimed	Estimated End Fund Balance
TDA Fund held by City:				
Transportation- LTF	577,737	115,140	315,140	377,737
Total TDA Fund	577,737	115,140	315,140	377,737
Taxi Fund Balance held by City:				
Transit- LTF	-	27,009	27,009	-
Transit- STA	-	87,418	87,418	-
Total Taxi Fund	-	114,427	114,427	-

FY 19/20 APPORTIONMENTS			
LTF	STA	Total	
142,149	87,418	229,567	

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: _____

City of Oroville

Fiscal Year **2019/2020**
 Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	CLAIMED FUNDS			SOURCE OF FUNDING			OTHER FUNDING SOURCES		TOTAL
	TDA - LTF	PUC Article & Section	STA \$ amount	TDA - STA	CCR Section	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE		
	LTF \$ amount								
Streets and Roads Claims- Mesa Ave	200,000	Article 8, 99402				36,892	LTF Streets & Roads FB	236,892	
Streets and Roads Claims- Myers St	171,797					-	LTF Streets & Roads FB	171,797	
Streets and Roads Claims- Kirrick Ave						101,456	City Transportation HUTA	101,456	
Streets and Roads Claims- Nelson Ave						230,000	City Transportation RSTP	230,000	
Streets and Roads Claims- Oro Bangor Hwy						137,871	SB1	137,871	
Streets and Roads Claims- Greenville St						152,236	SB1	152,236	
SUB TOTAL	371,797					658,455		1,030,252	

Local Contact: Ruth Wright 538-2412; Mike Massearo BCAG: Ivan Garcia or Julie Quinn 809-4616

TDA Revenue Classification:	Estimated Beg Fund Balance	19/20 Revenue	19/20 Claimed	Estimated End Fund Balance
Streets & Roads Fund held by City:	610,229	371,797	408,689	573,337
Transportation LTF	610,229	371,797	408,689	573,337
Total TDA Funds	610,229	371,797	408,689	573,337

FY 19/20 APPORTIONMENTS		
LTF	STA	Total
371,797	-	371,797

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ANNUAL PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Claimant: Town of Paradise

Fiscal Year 2019/2020
 Submitted July 2019

TDA STATUTE DESCRIPTION & LOCAL AGENCY PROJECT TITLE	CLAIMED FUNDS			SOURCE OF FUNDING			OTHER FUNDING SOURCES		TOTAL
	TDA - LTF		PUC Article & Section	TDA - STA		CCR Section	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE	
	LTF \$ amount	Revenue		STA \$ amount	CCR Section				
Streets and Roads- Administration & Planning process	-	-	Art 8, 99402	-	-	-	22,932	Fund 2110, Fund Balance (LTF)	22,932
Streets and Roads- Almond Multi-modal (CIP 9377)	-	-	Art 8, 99402	-	-	250	250	Fund 2110, Fund Balance (LTF)	250
Streets and Roads- Ponderosa Safe Routes to School (CIP 9380)	-	-	Art 8, 99402	-	-	3,600	3,600	Fund 2110, Fund Balance (LTF)	3,600
Streets and Roads- Skyway at Black Olive Signal (CIP 9382)	-	-	Art 8, 99402	-	-	6,650	6,650	Fund 2110, Fund Balance (LTF)	6,650
Streets and Roads- Almond Underground Utility District (CIP 9392)	-	-	Art 8, 99402	-	-	20,700	20,700	Fund 2110, Fund Balance (LTF)	20,700
SUB TOTAL	-	-		54,132	-		54,132		54,132

Gina Will 872-6291 x119 gwill@townofparadise.com BCAG: Ivan Garcia or Julie Quinn 809-4616

TDA Revenue Classification:	Estimated Beg Fund Balance	19/20 Revenue	19/20 Claimed	Estimated End Fund Balance
Transit Fund	30,641	-	-	30,641
Transportation Fund	653,989	-	54,132	599,857
Total TDA	684,630			630,498

FY 19/20 APPORTIONMENTS		
LTF	STA	Total
544,499		544,499

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #5



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #5 Action

July 25, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FARE INCREASE FOR BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT FIXED ROUTE AND PARATRANSIT SERVICES

PREPARED BY: Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

ISSUE: Staff has conducted the public outreach and comment process regarding a passenger fare increase and is now opening a public hearing as the final step of the process. At the end of the public hearing, if no new overwhelming reason is presented, the board will be asked to approve the fare increase.

DISCUSSION: Farebox ratios are monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed with each budget to ensure that ratios meet the required level of fare revenue to expense. Fare increases are considered every three years, at a minimum, to maintain the TDA required farebox recovery ratios for urban fixed route (20%), rural fixed route (10%) and paratransit service (10%).

The 2019/20 B-Line Budget is in a position that without the proposed fare increase the required farebox recovery ratios will not be met. B-Line Fixed Route fares were last increased in the May 2014. Paratransit fares were last increased in January 2018.

Attached is Table A which identifies the proposed passenger fare increases for the 2019/20 fiscal year. Staff is recommending that the base fare for local fixed route be increased from \$1.50 to \$1.75, and for regional fixed route from \$2.00 to \$2.40. It is also recommended that the fare for paratransit be increased from \$3.00 to \$3.50. All other fare categories, for both fixed route and paratransit, would be increased accordingly.

Butte Regional Transit's policy for increasing passenger fares includes review with the BCAG Transit Administrative Oversight Committee (TAOC), the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), a public notice and comment period, and finally a public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors.

Staff has completed all the above steps, with the exception of the public hearing. This included placing public notices in newspapers throughout Butte County, on all transit vehicles and at the Transit Centers, and on the B-Line website and Facebook page.

Based on the comments received from the public, the overall proposed fare increase was well received. Several people stated they understood the need for an increase and mentioned they were glad to have the B-Line services available to them.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board open the public hearing to obtain testimony on the proposed fare increase. At the end of the public hearing, if there is no reason to oppose, staff recommends the BCAG Board of Directors approve the proposed passenger fare increase for the FY 2019/2020.

Key Staff: Jon Clark, Executive Director
 Jim Peplow, Senior Planner
 Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer
 Andy Newsum, Deputy Director

Attachment A

B-Line Fares: Current and Proposed

		2013/14	2019/20
		Current	Proposed
Cash			
Local	Regular	1.50	1.75
Local	Discount	0.75	0.85
Local	Youth	1.00	1.25
Regional	Regular	2.00	2.40
Regional	Discount	1.00	1.20
Regional	Youth	1.50	1.75
30 Day Pass			
Local	Regular	37.50	43.50
Local	Discount	19.00	21.50
Local	Youth	25.00	31.25
Regional	Regular	48.00	57.50
Regional	Discount	25.00	30.00
Regional	Youth	34.00	40.00
All Day Pass		4.00	5.00
2 Ride Pass			
Local	Regular	3.00	3.50
Local	Discount	1.50	1.70
Local	Youth	2.00	2.50
Regional	Regular	4.00	4.80
Regional	Discount	2.00	2.40
Regional	Youth	3.00	3.50
10 Ride Pass			
Local	Regular	13.50	15.75
Local	Discount	6.75	7.65
Local	Youth	9.00	11.25
Regional	Regular	18.00	21.60
Regional	Discount	9.00	10.80
Regional	Youth	13.00	15.75
Paratransit		3.00	3.50
Same day request		4.50	5.25
zone 1		7.50	8.75
zone 2		9.50	10.75
zone 3		11.50	12.75

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #6



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #6 Action

July 25, 2019

REQUEST BY ASSEMBLYMAN GALLAGHER TO PROVIDE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING IN CHICO

PREPARED BY: Jon Clark, Executive Director

ISSUE: Assemblyman Gallagher is requesting a letter of support from BCAG working to secure \$15 million in infrastructure funding to widen Bruce Road in Chico from State Route 32 to the Skyway, an improvement that would trigger construction of new single family and affordable housing in the area.

DISCUSSION: Assemblyman James Gallagher is spearheading an effort to secure \$15 million in infrastructure to spur housing in Chico. Specifically, he is pursuing \$10 million to widen Bruce Road and another \$5 million for the Bruce Road bridge widening project over Little Chico Creek. According to a press release by the Assemblyman, the improvements to Bruce Road would trigger the construction of 350 single family homes and between 150-200 affordable housing units.

Earlier this month, the Legislature approved a \$90 million budget allocation to fund infrastructure projects in rural counties that will stimulate the development of new housing. Assemblyman Gallagher is seeking to secure the \$15 million from this new funding mechanism. The City of Chico will likely be the official applicant for the funding.

The \$10 million Bruce Road widening project would allow the City to complete a four-lane route with a center median from Skyway to State Route 32. According to the City, construction of diverse housing options located within the footprint of the Meriam Park project would be expedited under this plan.

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff is requesting the BCAG Board of Directors consideration to approve the requested letter of support (**see attached**) and authorize the Chair to sign.

Key Staff: Jon Clark, Executive Director



July 25, 2019

Assemblyman James Gallagher
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003

RE: Support for \$15 Million for Bruce Road Widening Project in the City of Chico

Dear Assemblyman Gallagher:

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) wishes to express our support for the Bruce Road widening project and your effort to secure \$15 million for the project from the Infill and Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019. This project is critical to expedite shovel-ready housing projects in Chico.

The City of Chico has absorbed a large portion of Camp Fire victims. The Camp Fire displaced 50,000 people from the communities of Paradise, Concow, Yankee Hill, and Magalia and destroyed 14% of Butte County's housing stock, exacerbating the housing crisis in the area and making it difficult for many to find affordable housing. The City estimates an increase of about 20,000 people post-fire. Moreover, the fire impacted about 15% of Chico's workforce, and limited housing supply has pressed many to live in unsustainable housing or commute from distant areas.

BCAG is the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County. The Bruce Road widening project would not only benefit the need for local housing in Chico, it would also provide improved access for Butte Regional Transit along this corridor and improve bike and pedestrian access and safety.

\$10 million is needed to widen Bruce Road and \$5 million is needed to widen Bruce Road Bridge over Little Chico Creek. The bridge project alone would trigger the construction of approximately 350 single family homes and up to 200 affordable housing units.

The BCAG Board of Directors believes this project meets the goals of the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program for small jurisdictions and would facilitate desperately needed diverse housing options. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact.

Sincerely,

Bill Connelly, Chair
Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #7



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #7 Information

July 25, 2019

BUTTE REGIONAL CONSERVATION PLAN (BRCP) UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Chris Devine, Planning Manager

ISSUE: BCAG is facilitating the development of the Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) on behalf of the Cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, 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 (BRCP Permit Applicants).

DISCUSSION: The Final BRCP and EIS/EIR were submitted to the state and federal agencies on June 28, 2019 for final inspection and publication in the federal register. The final BRCP files are posted to the project website (<http://www.buttehcp.com/BRCP-Documents/Final-BRCP/index.html>).

A summary of seven key changes to the final BRCP is provided for the Board's information in Attachment #1. Additionally, several final edits were made to the plan prior to submittal based on input from local agricultural and development community stakeholder groups. Some of these edits included:

- Extending BRCP “incidental take” coverage to private ranches and farms for small-scale maintenance activities such as water pipe repair or installation, maintaining existing irrigation ditches, and on-farm road maintenance (*Chapter 2, Section 2.4*);
- Directing emergent wetland restoration projects to locations away from active rice farms when feasible to prevent introducing new colonies of blackbirds that can cause damage to rice farms by eating ripening rice heads or mature rice seeds (*Chapter 5, Section 5.4.2.1*);
- Modifying *Section 8.9.1 (Minor Modifications)* to allow future changes to Urban Permit Areas to be approved via the streamlined “minor modification” process, improving the ability of the BRCP to adapt to future general plan updates;
- Adding a fee exemption for minimum parcel sizes (1-acre or less) to *Section 9.3.1.1* of Chapter 9;
- Adding a new section to *Section 9.3.1.1 (Temporary Impact Fees)* that allows for reduced fee payment for certain temporary impacts;
- Adding a new section to *Section 9.3.1.1 (Land in Lieu of Fees)* allowing for private landowners or Permittees to dedicate all or a portion of their property in lieu of paying BRCP fees;

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- Adding a dispute resolution process to Chapter 8 (*Section 8.4.5*) to provide direction during implementation in the event there is a dispute between project proponent and Permittee staff regarding interpretation of the BRCP;
- Clarifying the timing of mitigation fee payment in Chapter 9 (*Section 9.3.1.1*);
- Adding a new section to Chapter 8 (*Section 8.4.4*) defining “previously approved projects” that will not be subject to the BRCP;
- Adding a new section to Chapter 8 (*Section 8.4.5*) defining “pipeline projects” that will not be subject to the BRCP; and
- Updating the “opt-out” provision (*Section 8.4.6*) and providing an acreage cap that projects opting out of the BRCP cannot exceed (*Table 8-4*).

In terms of next steps for the BRCP, the following tentative schedule identifies key dates through final approvals and initiation of BRCP implementation:

Tentative BRCP Schedule:

- June 2019: Final BRCP and EIS/EIR documents submitted to wildlife agencies for final inspection and federal register publication.
- October 2019: FWS and NMFS submit decision documents: 1) Section 7 Biological Opinion; 2) ESA Findings and Recommendations, and NEPA Record of Decision; and 3) ESA Section 10 Permit. CDFW submits NCCP findings.
- Late 2019/Early 2020: Applicants’ board and city council meetings for final approvals of BRCP, EIS/EIR, Implementing Agreement, and local ordinances.
- Early 2020: USFWS, NMFS, & CDFW issue permits.
- Mid-2020: BRCP Implementation begins.

Also, work has resumed on developing a final Regional General Permit (RGP) and In-Lieu-Fee (ILF) Program that will provide streamlining of the Army Corp of Engineers (Corp) Section 404 permitting process. A draft RGP and ILF Program were circulated for public review back in December 2015. BCAG is working with the consultant team at ICF to develop the final documents and will engage staff at the Corp later this year.

The RGP and ILF are expected to be approved roughly 6-12 months after final permitting of the BRCP. Also, following BRCP permitting and dependent on funding, BCAG and the Permit Applicants will aim to coordinate with the necessary agencies to develop permit streamlining for Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Section 1600 of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Code, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Sacramento and Placer Counties have made good progress integrating permit streamlining for these programs as part of their HCP/NCCP programs, and BCAG and the Permit Applicants hope to pursue similar approaches.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information only.

Key Staff: Chris Devine, Planning Manager
Jon Clark, Executive Director



Seven Key Changes in Final BRCP

1. Reorganized and Streamlined BRCP Document

The consultant team at ICF conducted an editorial review of the BRCP document and identified areas to improve organization, clarity, and reduce redundancy.

Changes Have:

- Improved overall structure of the BRCP;
- Reduced the size of the plan;
- Eliminated redundancies, and
- Improved readability and consistency.

Other Key Changes:

- Chapter 8, *Plan Implementation*, and Chapter 9, *Implementation Structure* combined and reduced in size;
- Chapter tables shortened and improved; and
- Chapter 4, *Impact Analysis*, significantly reduced in size and restructured to improve clarity.

2. Reduced Number of Covered Species

The number of BRCP covered species was reduced from 38 to 25 (dropping 13 covered species). Reducing the number of covered species to only those already listed or likely to become listed during the permit term helps to simplify the plan and reduce long-term monitoring and compliance costs. The conservation strategy is largely unchanged from the public draft. Below is the list of species covered by the public draft and their disposition in the final BRCP:

FISH

1. Central Valley steelhead *KEEP*
2. Central Valley spring run Chinook salmon *KEEP*
3. Central Valley fall/late fall-run Chinook salmon *KEEP*
4. North American Green Sturgeon *KEEP*

REPTILES

5. Giant garter snake *KEEP*
6. Western pond turtle *KEEP*
- DROP** Blainville's horned lizard

INVERTEBRATES

7. Conservancy fairy shrimp *KEEP*
8. Vernal pool fairy shrimp *KEEP*

- 9. Vernal pool tadpole shrimp *KEEP*
- 10. Valley elderberry longhorn beetle *KEEP*

AMPHIBIANS

- 11. Foothill yellow-legged frog *KEEP*
- 12. Western spadefoot toad *KEEP*

BIRDS

- 13. Greater sandhill crane *KEEP*
- 14. Swainson's hawk *KEEP*
- 15. California black rail *KEEP*
- 16. Western yellow-billed cuckoo *KEEP*
- 17. Western burrowing owl *KEEP*
- 18. Tricolored blackbird *KEEP*
- 19. White-tailed kite *KEEP*
- DROP*** American peregrine falcon
- DROP*** Yellow-breasted chat
- DROP*** Bank swallow
- DROP*** Bald eagle

PLANTS

- 20. Hoover's spurge *KEEP*
- 21. Butte County meadowfoam *KEEP*
- 22. Hairy Orcutt grass *KEEP*
- 23. Slender Orcutt grass *KEEP*
- 24. Butte County checkerbloom *KEEP*
- 25. Greene's tuctoria *KEEP*
- DROP*** California beaked rush
- DROP*** Red Bluff dwarf rush
- DROP*** Ahart's paronychia
- DROP*** Ferris' milkvetch
- DROP*** Lesser saltscale
- DROP*** Ahart's dwarf rush
- DROP*** Butte County golden clover
- DROP*** Veiny monardella

3. Refined and Simplified Avoidance and Minimization Measures

Avoidance and minimization measures were revised and adjusted to respond to comments from Applicants (cities, irrigation districts, Caltrans, and county) and the general public.

Key Changes Included:

- Improving readability of AMMs;
- Clarifying when AMMs are required and when they are not;
- Clarifying survey requirements; and
- Eliminating AMM requirements for the 13 dropped covered species.

4. Adjusted Permit Area and Added Flexibility to Urban Permit Areas

Key Changes Included:

- Removing Chico Municipal Airport from the BRCP permit area but retaining them in the Plan Area. Airport requested removal—will get ESA coverage through own Section 7 consultations with FAA;

- Removing Stonegate project lands (in Chico) from the BRCP permit area but retaining them in the Plan Area. Project proponent requested removal—seeking own ESA compliance through Section 7 consultation with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- Added flexibility to take allowance within UPAs—cities can share take allowance if some cities do not grow as much as estimated; and
- Simplified process for making future changes to UPAs to ensure consistency with future general plan updates.

5. Revised Giant Garter Snake Conservation Strategy

Giant garter snake conservation strategy was revised to reduce footprint of conservation lands in rice-dominated agricultural area of county and to increase the flexibility in its implementation.

Key Changes Included:

- Reducing total rice conservation from 23,767 acres to 12,250 acres;
- Allowing for marsh restoration projects to substitute for rice protection at a ratio of 1 acre of restored marsh for every 5.2 acres of rice, owing to the substantially greater density of snakes in restored marsh than rice, provided at least 11,000 total acres of rice are protected;
- Allowing acquisition of rice lands via conservation easements or fee title, still only from willing sellers (the public draft only allowed conservation easements); and
- Allowing protected fields to be fallowed for one season up to every 5th year and allowing up to 10% of protected rice lands to be fallowed in a single year.

6. Revised Butte County Meadowfoam Conservation Strategy

The Butte County meadowfoam Conservation Strategy was revised to respond to many concerns raised during the public comment period.

Key Changes Included:

- Eliminating “Chico Butte Meadowfoam Preserve” (Chico hardline preserve) and substituting a more flexible and feasible criteria-based reserve design with no maps;
- Eliminating Secondary Habitat from the species model but retaining these areas as where surveys will be required (in addition to suitable habitat) to find additional occurrences if they exist;
- Removing Chico Municipal Airport and Stonegate project lands (in Chico) from the BRCP permit area, reducing available BCM conservation;
- “Recovery of BCM” no longer the goal of the BRCP, which was never feasible and not determinable by the BRCP; “contribute to recovery of BCM” is now the goal instead, consistent with the NCCP Act;
- Revising conservation acreage targets to ensure they are feasible; land acquired to protect BCM similar to public draft BRCP; and
- Increased “take” of suitable BCM habitat in certain areas to ensure all covered activities can be implemented.

7. Cost and Funding Updates

All BRCP costs and funding assumptions were updated.

Key Changes Included:

- Adjusting all costs, except for land acquisition, for inflation to 2018 dollars (the 2016 Public Review Draft used cost data from 2011);
- Adjusting land acquisition costs to reflect current prices for open space acquisitions in fee title or easement;
- Reducing amount and cost of land acquisition due to lower impacts and less acquisition of rice lands;
- Substantially reducing costs for long-term monitoring due to 13 fewer covered species and more focused monitoring requirements for remaining covered species;
- Adding a 10% contingency to management and monitoring costs to account for uncertainty;
- Updating and clarifying state/federal funding contributions;
- Expressing state/federal funding in dollars and acres; and
- Updating state and federal funding sources (some are now gone, while others are new).

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Item #8 Information

July 25, 2019

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – DRAFT POLICY ELEMENT

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and update the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by December 2020. The draft Policy Element is a component of the 2020 RTP/SCS and has been prepared for review and comment.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the Policy Element is to identify legislative, planning, financial and institutional issues and requirements, as well as any areas of regional consensus. Part of this process includes consideration of Caltrans' California Transportation Plan (CTP) policy framework which provides goals and policies that can help with development of policies and strategies at the most regional level. The Policy Element presents guidance to decision-makers of the implications, impacts, opportunities, and foreclosed options that will result from implementation of the RTP.

The Policy Element is a resource for providing input and promoting consistency of action among state, regional, and local agencies including: transit agencies; employment development departments; the California Highway Patrol; private and public groups; tribal governments; etc. California statutes state that each RTP shall (Government Code Section 65080 (b)) include a Policy Element that:

1. Describes the transportation issues in the region;
2. Identifies and quantifies regional needs expressed within both short and long-range planning horizons (Government Code Section 65080 (b)(1)); and,
3. Maintains internal consistency with the Financial Element and fund estimates.

State law requires that the objectives shall (Government Code Section 65080 (b)(1)) be linked to short-range and long-range transportation implementation goals or horizons. Each objective should be consistent with the needs identified in the RTP as a means of strengthening the linkage between statewide system planning and ultimate project implementation. The RTP shall consider factors specified in Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code. The Policy Element should clearly convey the region's transportation policies and supportive strategies and related land use forecast assumptions. These land-use assumptions take into account the latest planning documents and associated policies of the local jurisdictions.

As part of this Element, the discussion should:

- (1) relay how these policies were developed,
- (2) identify any significant changes in the policies from the previous plans and
- (3) provide the reason for any changes in policies from previous plans. The Policy Element should clearly describe the SCS strategies, including land use, transportation, and other measure intended to reduce per capita GHG emissions from passenger vehicles. It should also explain how the financial commitments are consistent with and support the land use pattern and personal mobility objectives of the RTP.

Camp Fire Impacts and Update to the Policy Element

Due to the significant impacts as a result of the Camp Fire, a more careful review of the policy element is necessary. Staff has added a new policy to the RTP/SCS. Policy 15 – Policy on Emergency Preparedness. The goal of this policy is to recognize emergency preparedness should be considered in BCAG’s planning and programming activities and to support efforts which enhance these efforts. The policy element is anticipated to be an iterative process in which during development of the document, other ideas or suggestion may be presented resulting in new objectives, policies or actions defined.

Staff has attached the draft policy element chapter for the 2020 RTP/SCS. This portion of the RTP/SCS will be posted online for public review and comment. All items will remain in draft form until the RTP/SCS is adopted in December 2020.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information only.

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14.2. Work towards a transportation system that leads to environmental sustainability and fosters efficient development patterns that optimizes travel, housing, and employment choices and encourages future growth away from rural areas and closer to existing and planned development.	14.2.1. Develop transportation improvements that respect and enhance the environment.
	14.2.2. Work towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and continue to improve air quality in the region.
	14.2.3. Work towards making the transportation investments made result in healthy and sustainable communities.
14.3. Work towards a prosperous economy in making transportation decisions. The transportation system should play a significant role in raising the region's standard of living.	14.3.1. Maximize the economic benefits of transportation investments made.
	14.3.2. Enhance the goods movement system to support economic prosperity.

15. Policy on Emergency Preparedness

Goal: To support and collaborate on proactive emergency planning and projects. Projects that increase emergency readiness and preparedness including upgrading and maintaining roadways, public transit or facilities that support emergency situations.

Objective	Policy / Action
15.1. Work with Cities and County on development of a regional road trunk network that would best serve emergency purposes.	15.1.1 Work with cities, town and county to identify potential options for funding transportation system maintenance and improvements on the regional road network.
	15.1.2. Develop funding shortfall needs assessment for state highways, local streets and roads for Butte County.
15.2. Actively pursue and assist local jurisdiction pursue grant funding that works towards enhancing emergency preparedness.	15.2.1. Pursue federal and state grant funding opportunities and assist local jurisdictions with their own potential grant applications.