



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
April 25, 2024**

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 Reynolds called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Rose Tryon	Vice Mayor	Town of Paradise

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember	City of Biggs

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Newsum	Executive Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Sara Cain	Transit Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Victoria Proctor	Associate Planner
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer
Mike Garzoli	Facility Management

OTHERS PRESENT

Lance Atencio	Transdev
Tasha Weaver	Senator Brian Dahle
Teri DeBose	Congressman LaMalfa
Mike Egbert	Chico Chamber of Commerce

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Duke Warren	Member of Public
John Hoeflich	Train Rider
Anna Maldonado	Governors Office of Business & Economic Dev.
Daniel Krause (Zoom)	AECOM
Jim Stevens (Zoom)	Member of Public
Daniel Hartman (Zoom)	AECOM
Michael Hanebutt (Zoom)	SJRRC/SJJPA
Addison Winslow	Citizen of Chico / Board Alternate (Non-Voting)
Michael Rossen (Zoom)	SACOG
Steve Rockwell (Zoom)	
Eric Smith	City of Oroville
Steve Young (Zoom)	

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

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes from the March 28, 2024, BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Resolution 2023/24 -10 for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Vehicle Purchase Capital Assistance Project (\$374,375).
5. Approval of Resolution 2023/24-11 for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Professional Marketing/Media Materials Purchase Operating Assistance Project (\$200,000)

Quorum was not met; therefore, consent items were not approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION-

6: BCAG Final 2024/25 Overall Work Program & Budget

7: Public Hearing-North Valley Rail Strategic Plan

Quorum was not met; therefore, no action was taken. Action Items were presented as information only.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8: Mobile Ticketing and Fare Collection for Butte Regional Transit

BCAG's Transit Manager presented more information regarding questions the Board had about mobile ticketing and fare collection.

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BCAG plans to incorporate a more robust mobile ticketing system that will reduce hardware, software and staffing costs.

Staff will track expenditures to determine cost savings over time.

This item was presented for information only.

9: Butte Regional Transit-2024/25 Draft Service Plan and Budget

BCAG Transit Manager presented the Butte Regional Transit Draft Service Plan and Budget.

Staff informed the Board of the total operating cost budget for both fixed and paratransit services. A summary of said budget was given the Board.

The final FY 2024/25 Service Plan and Budget will be presented to the BCAG Board of Directors at the May 2024 meeting.

This item was presented for information only.

10: San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Coordination on Route 3 Thruway Bus

BCAG's Planning Director discussed the possibility of providing letters to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA).

Staff informed the Board that BCAG does not have interest in taking over the Amtrak Route 3 thruway bus service and request the SJJPA Board of Directors move forward with providing bus-only ticketing on this route.

Also requested was the consideration of sending a letter to the SJJPA Board of Directors requesting a BCAG Board representative be appointed to serve of the SJJPA Board of Directors.

This item was presented for information only.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

11: 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.

See Attachment for public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

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Attest:

Andy Newsum, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

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Public Comment:

- Instead of the two station options currently being analyzed in Chico, suggest locating a new station at Chico airport that can provide a transportation hub with public transit connections and air travel connections to Los Angeles as well as opportunities for high density development, and true rail line terminus.
- Communities within the project corridor should come together to provide funding for the project to accelerate project delivery. They can also help by providing complimentary land use patterns and public transit service at the station locations making North Valley Rail more likely to receive funding. There is no overarching body that allows for coordination between Butte, Yuba and Sutter Counties to facilitate this coordination. The coordination could include seeking “pro-housing” designations for each city in the corridor.
- If there are problems with Union Pacific track, consider using Sacramento Northern right-of-way.
- The need is immediate for additional passenger rail service in the north valley – Coast Starlight trains are frequently sold out resulting in the north state being denied transportation.
- There is a need for interstate trains from Sacramento to Eugene, Oregon.
- The planned train fare is more expensive than Yuba Sutter buses to Sacramento.
- There is no stop planned for the City of Live Oak and no feeder bus connections. There are thousands more in population in Live Oak than Gridley or Plumas Lake.
- Why not use the historic Marysville train station? There is a need for indoor waiting rooms and toilets.
- Shasta County has no plans to connect to BCAG trains.
- BCAG must plan for connections north to Red Bluff, Redding and Yreka.
- Track conditions between Chico and Sacramento are bad; there is a need for total reconstruction of roadbeds and tracks. A price per mile estimate of \$550,000 was provided for total reconstruction.
- Hydrogen is expensive; recommends zero emission catenary – overhead power lines – be constructed.
- High speed rail should be constructed from Sacramento to Chico and Eugene, Oregon.
- AMPLA health has some concerns with Marysville station option #1 and would like to be involved and at the table going forward.