

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
OCTOBER 27, 2022**

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 Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Chuck Reynolds (9:20am)	Mayor	City of Oroville
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Rose Tryon (9:07am)	Councilmember (Alt.)	Town of Paradise

**MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember	City of Biggs

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director
Ivan Garcia (9:13am)	Programming Director
Victoria Proctor	Assistant Planner
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Brian Lasagna (9:04am)	Regional Analyst

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Houlamard  
Hdekemi Ademuyewo

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

## CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2022 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Amendment #2 to the 2022/23 Overall Work Program & Budget
5. Approval of Resolution 2022/23-05

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member K. Reynolds, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION-** *None This Month*

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### **6: North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan Update**

Staff informed the board that BCAG received \$500,000 in grant funding from Caltrans to study expanding passenger rail service northward from Sacramento area to Butte County and the study is continuing to move forward.

The Caltrans network operations modeling work was completed in August based on the initial assumptions developed earlier in the Spring. After some further coordination with Caltrans, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) was provided data and information in mid-September that will allow their analysis to move forward. This will provide information on the type and scale of improvements needed to expand passenger rail service northward into Butte County, and will determine whether service to Chico is feasible, or if the alternative route to Oroville will need to be considered. This work will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. BCAG is still establishing an agreement with UPRR to initiate this work and hope to have it completed soon and their work underway in early November.

Staff informed the Board that additional components of study are moving forward in parallel with the above mentioned work. BCAG has also amended the contract with its consultant team at AECOM to complete additional tasks that been deemed necessary by the Project Management Team.

This item was presented for information purposes.

**7: Update on Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Outreach and Project Nomination**

Staff informed the Board that BCAG has been allocated \$2,944,762 in 2021 Regional Early Action Planning grant fund (REAP 2.0), and is coordination with BCAG member jurisdiction staff, key stakeholders, and members of the community to identify projects to be considered for funding.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in partnership with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and California Air Resources Board (CARB) released the application for REAP 2.0 funding for Metropolitan Planning Organizations in July 2022. REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million state funding program to advance implementation of adopted regional plans by funding planning and implementation activities that accelerate infill housing, affirmatively further fair housing and reduce per capita VMT. This program builds on the 2019 Regional Early Action Planning grant program (REAP 1.0) in which BCAG received \$860,400.

Under REAP 2.0, an additional \$2,944,762 in funding will be allocated to BCAG, with applications due to HCD by December 31, 2022, and a deadline of June 2026 for funds to be fully expended. Of these available funds, \$2,650,286 will be available for BCAG to suballocate to member jurisdictions or tribal governments to fund implementation of eligible projects that meet the grant program criteria.

Staff informed the Board that BCAG is working with its consultant team at PlaceWorks to implement required outreach including coordination with BCAG member jurisdiction staff, engagement with key stakeholders, coordination with tribal governments, and engagement with community members.

Staff will update the Board in December regarding the final list of projects to be nominated for funding.

This item was presented for information purposes

**8: Unmet Transit Needs Schedule for FY 2023/24**

Staff updated the board regarding the annual Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. This process requires at least one public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on unmet transit needs that may exist within the county.

In Butte County, the Unmet Transit needs (UTN) process entails a comprehensive public outreach program culminating in the public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors. For thirty days before the public hearing, testimony is solicited regarding perceived unmet transit needs that may be reasonable to meet.

Staff informed the Board that the testimony gathered is analyzed to determine if there are any transit needs that meet the adopted definitions of “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Reasonable to Meet”. This analysis report, the Transit Needs Assessment, is reviewed by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), which provides a recommendation on the findings to the BCAG Board of Directors.

This item was presented for information purposes

**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.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*

12/08/2022

