



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
DECEMBER 10, 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 Conference Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Angela Thompson	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Steve Lambert	Supervisor	District 4

**MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Quintin Crye	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Randall Stone	Councilmember	City of Chico

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Sara Cain	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Jim Peplow	Senior Transit Planner
Mia Herhusky	Administrative Assistant
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John Busch	Board Alternate, City of Biggs
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1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2020 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval for Rejection of BCAG Tort

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

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **5: Approval of 2020 BCAG Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP)**

Staff updated the Board after the final 45-day review and comment period, there were no further comments or requests for changes on the draft RHNP. Staff therefore requested that the Board accept the final draft of the RHNP for approval. The Board opened a public hearing for any final comments; no comments were received and the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Thompson, the 2020 Regional Housing Needs Plan was unanimously approved.

### **6: Public Hearing and Approval of 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Certification of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report**

Staff informed the Board that BCAG is required to adopt an RTP and SCS every four years and that the adoption of the 2020 RTP/SCS was required to be adopted in December 2020.

Staff provided the Board with a brief overview of the draft RTP/SCS and informed the Board that all required documents and information were included. Staff also reviewed the public comment and review process that was followed in preparing the 2020 draft RTP/SCS. Also included as part of the draft 2020 RTP/SCS was the required Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which analyzes the RTP/SCS's impact on the environment from a programmatic level. After a 45-day review period it was determined that there were no further questions or concerns regarding the RTP/SCS, as well as the supplemental EIR. The Board opened a public hearing for any final comments; no comments were received and the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Lambert, the 2020 RTP/SCS was unanimously approved by the Board.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Funds – Summary of Recommended Sub Allocation Projects.**

Staff reviewed with the Board the resolution that was approved at the October 2020 Board Meeting which specifically requested that the remaining 75% of the Regional Early Planning Grant Funds (REP) be approved for use by BCAG and member jurisdictions for eligible planning activities.

Staff updated the Board on how the remaining 75% of the grant money was to be allocated, including which projects were to be funded. Staff, working with the member jurisdictions developed a list of projects to be funded that will increase housing production in the region. Staff presented the list of projects which included projects in North Chico, Biggs, Oroville, and BCAG. Staff informed the Board that all funding for the projects must be expended by 2023 so close monitoring will be done by BCAG to ensure all projects are on track.

This item was presented for information.

**8. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and Highway Improvement Program - Draft Staff Recommendations.**

Staff informed the Board that BCAG had sent in an application for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) as well as Highway Improvement Program (HIP) to member jurisdictions for project consideration. Staff reviewed with the Board the eligible activities that may be funded by the CMAQ and HIP programs in order to be considered for funding. Staff updated the Board on the two funding applications that were received by BCAG for funding, one from the City of Chico and the other from Butte County.

Staff briefly discussed the two projects and informed the Board that the two project applications would come back to the Board for consideration of approval as part of the 2021 FTIP approval.

This item was presented for information.

**9. Butte Regional Transit 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020/21 Progress Report.**

Staff presented key financial results for B-Line for the first quarter of 20/21. Staff reported that fixed route ridership was down by approximately 50%, while paratransit ridership was down by 66%. Staff informed the Board that the decline in ridership is due to COVID 19, especially ridership from CSU Chico, which accounts for a significant amount of ridership on the fixed route system. Staff informed the Board that funding had been received through the Federal CARES Act, of which, would to make up for loss of revenue during the pandemic.

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There was general discussion about whether the system was sustainable without the funding. Staff indicated that while ridership was down it should recover over time to keep the system functioning.

This item was presented for information.

**10. 2021 Board Meeting Dates.**

Staff presented the Board with dates set for the 2021 Board Meetings. There were no questions or comments.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no items from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION: Executive Director Evaluation per Government Code 54957**

The Board adjourned to a closed session to perform the Executive Directors 2020 Annual Personnel Evaluation. Upon return from closed session, Chair Connelly announced that the Executive Directors 2020 Personnel Evaluation had been approved by the Board as recommended by the BCAG Executive Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Mia Herhusky, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*



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