

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AUGUST 27, 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 9:02 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Melissa Schuster	Board Alternate	Town of Paradise

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Angela Thompson	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Randall Stone	Mayor	City of Chico
Steve Lambert	Supervisor	District 4
Tami Ritter (9:17 am)	Supervisor	District 3
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Quintin Crye	Councilmember	City of Gridley

STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Sara Cain	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Chris Devine	Planning Manager
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Jim Peplow	Senior Transit Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

David Early, PlaceWorks
 Andrea Howard, PlaceWorks
 Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans District 3

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Lace Atencio, Transdev
Bradley Wright, Transdev
David Smith

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

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the June 25, 2020 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Amendment #1 for the 2020/21 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget and Overall Work Program Agreement
5. Approval of 2020/21 Findings of Apportionment for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds
6. Approval of Fiscal Year 2020/21 Preliminary Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims
7. Approval of Resolution 2020/21-1 Authorizing BCAG's 2019/20 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 CARES Act Phase 2 Program Application
8. Approval of BCAG's Triennial Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Overall Goal for FFY 2020/23
9. Approval of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Appointments

Board Member Lucero requested that the agenda show her as unable to attend due to technical difficulties, rather than absent.

On motion by Board Member Stone and seconded by Board Member Thompson, the consent agenda was unanimously approved including Board Member Lucero's requested change.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

10: Public Hearing for the 2020 Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP) – Draft Allocation Methodology

Staff presented an update on the Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP), which is being updated with the help of consultants at PlaceWorks. As part of the process, a public hearing needs to take place in order to address any questions from the public or stakeholders about the Draft Allocation Methodology being used to create the RHNP. David Early from PlaceWorks was on hand to go over a presentation about the methodology and the RHNP in general.

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Mr. Early and Staff detailed the steps taken to create this methodology, as well as the initial numbers that might be seen for housing needs. The Board questioned how many units are realistic to achieve, as well as how the last RHNP allocations were realized. Approximately 10,000 units were assigned to Butte County during the RHNP dated 2012, however no exact data was readily available on how many units were built during that time. Staff did not have a ready figure since this is a plan to review housing needs only and does not require actualization of those numbers.

Board Member Ritter arrived via Zoom during Mr. Early's presentation. Specific questions were raised about considering the lose of housing from the Camp Fire in the Town of Paradise, and Mr. Early was able to show where the housing needs from the fire were allocated separately from the general housing needs. Infrastructure repair and advancement needs were also considered. After the presentation concluded, the Board opened the public hearing on the matter of the Draft Allocation Methodology. There were no comments from the public made during this time.

On motion by Board Member Stone and seconded by Board Member Schuster, the Public Hearing for the 2020 Regional Housing Needs Plan Draft Allocation Methodology was closed.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11: Federal Transit Administration Buses and Bus Facilities Award for Zero-Emission Battery Electric Buses and Charging Equipment

Staff informed the Board that they received \$1.7 million in Federal Transit Administration FY 2020 Buses and Bus Facilities funds to purchase two zero-emission battery electric buses and charging equipment.

Staff will utilize these funds to purchase two zero-emission battery electric buses and charging equipment. These buses will replace vehicles that have exceeded their useful life. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent out in early September 2020 to design and build the underground electrical infrastructure needed to accommodate the chargers and buses.

There was general conversation between the Board and Staff regarding the new buses and charging equipment. This item was presented for information only.

12: 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update

Staff has been updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as dictated by the state designation of being the Regional Transportation Planning Agency and federal designation of Metropolitan Planning

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Organization for Butte County. Staff detailed the steps that have currently been taken for the update including public outreach and the schedule to outline the events needed to take place before the RTP/SCS can be adopted in December 2020.

While reviewing the numbers, the Board had questions regarding why it looks like round trip mileage went down after the Camp Fire. There was a conversation about how trips that originate outside Butte County are counted as external trips, and the RTP is focusing more on internal trips. It was also mentioned that the full effects of the Camp Fire are not realized in this plan because those effects are still being realized.

In a similar vein, the Board asked about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the report and travel in the county. The main impact of the pandemic has been a significant delay in getting responses from certain parties. The long term impacts are, as of yet, unknown on travel, and that timeframe is not included in this plan.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

13: Board Recognition of Transdev for Potter's Fire Evacuation

Staff asked the Board to recognize the efforts of the Transdev contractors in staging and providing evacuation efforts for the Potter's Fire in Oroville. There was general discussion about the impact of the fire and the efforts of the Transdev team in order to keep the community safe.

Since this item was not agenzized, no action can be officially taken.

ADJOURNMENT


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

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments



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