

8 August 2017

**MEMO TO: RT Board of Directors**

**Cc: Interested Parties**

**RE: Sacramento – Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority  
Regular Meeting of August 7, 2017**

The JPA Board, consisting of Kerri Howell, Don Nottoli, Shiva Frentzen, David Sander, and Linda Budge, met in the Folsom City Hall yesterday morning.

Minutes and the Quarterly Budget Update were approved without comment. Following the appointment of Folsom Public Works Director Mark Rackovan to be the New JPA CEO, and the selection of Drake Haglan and Associates to perform administrative duties, the Board also selected Kimberlee Marlan to be the Secretary to the Board. She is also with Drake Haglan and has recently been appointed as Secretary to the Board of the Capital Southeast Connector JPA.

Mark Rackovan provided an update on permitting and construction for the ten mile nature trail that is being developed within the rail right of way from Latrobe Road to Iron Point. While progress has been made with CA Fish and Wildlife, the Army Corps of Engineers continues to ask for significant mitigation beyond the scope of adding a natural trail to an existing railway road bed. Board Members suggested ways in which to move the discussion in order to not miss this construction season.

Since the five year, renewable license agreement for Excursion Rail Operations between the SPTC JPA and the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad (P&SVRR) is set for renewal in February or 2018; a study session was conducted to determine whether there had been enough quality performance to warrant renewal, or whether the license should be put out to bid.

Several members of P&SVRR spoke about their accomplishments, goals, and plans, presenting a very responsible and valid case for renewal. Unfortunately, a significant amount of time was spent listening to a resident of the area go through all of the issues that were resolved years ago when it was determined that a multi-use right of way, including the excursion rail use, was the most valuable and publicly responsible plan. In the end, the JPA Board unanimously gave direction to the staff to proceed with identifying any revisions or additions that might need to be including in a license renewal agreement with P&SVRR, and return with the agreement at the next Board meeting.

There were no reports from member agencies. The next meeting of the SPTC JPA will be on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Linda Budge, AICP  
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