

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 22, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Director Linda Budge
SUBJ: SACRAMENTO PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING SPECIAL SUMMARY
OF MAY 8, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Written Report by Director Budge from the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting of May 8, 2023

15 May 2023

MEMO TO: RT Board of Directors

Cc: Interested Parties

RE: Sacramento – Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting of May 8, 2023.

The SPTC/JPA Board, met on May 8, 2023 in Folsom City Hall as usual. The membership includes RT Representative and Rancho Cordova Alternate, Linda Budge; Rancho Cordova Representative David Sander; Sacramento County Representative and RT Alternate, Pat Hume; Folsom Representative and Chair Sarah Aquino; and El Dorado County Representative Supervisor John Hidahl.

Minutes for the March 13,2023 meeting were approved.

The main focus of this meeting was the budget. Both operating and capital improvement budgets were discussed. Having new board members and new staff brought a variety of questions about the way things have been done in the past. Legal staff opined that some budget items needed to be re-categorized. This has always been a fiscally conservative budget, so there were questions about why some categories are over-budgeted even though consistently under spent.

There is a need to hire an environmental consultant to provide surveys of the natural surface trail which related to the budget. That lead to a return to last meeting's discussion of needing some jointly agreed upon master plan. And that lead to the expression of the various opinions held by the Western Railway coming down from Placerville, the Placerville Sacramento Valley (PSVRR) running from Folsom to Latrobe, and the Folsom El Dorado Historic RR Assn (FEDS) in Folsom. They were joined by at least one trail advocacy group, and the discussion began to return to the years of division that the JPA worked hard to cure several years ago. The genesis of the discussion was the need to reauthorize the operating agreement with PSVRR to run excursion trains to the Folsom south side construction and ultimately return to Latrobe.

The Chair called a truce and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be August 7, 2023.

Linda Budge, AICP
5/15/2023.