



STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 8, 2024
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Director Linda Budge
SUBJ: SACRAMENTO PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING SUMMARY OF MARCH
11, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Written Report by Director Budge from the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting of March 11, 2024

12 March 2024

MEMO TO: RT Board of Directors and Staff

Cc: Interested Parties

RE: Sacramento – Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Meeting of March 11, 2024.

The SPTC/JPA Board, met on March 11, 2024 in Folsom City Hall as usual. (A planned November meeting was cancelled.) The membership includes RT Representative and Rancho Cordova Alternate, Linda Budge; Rancho Cordova Representative David Sander (who was absent for this meeting); 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 August 2023 meeting were approved. The quarterly financial report was approved.

There are changes to staff coming. CEO Brett Bollinger, with Folsom Parks and Rec, is stepping down due to work responsibilities. Conveniently, the person who has been filling the role of Deputy CEO, Vickie Sanders, has just retired from the El Dorado County Parks Department. She will become the new JPA CEO and brings over 15 years experience with the multitude of issues that all affect the JPA.

Since the current contract with the Placerville Sacramento Valley (PSVRR) to provide excursion runs from Folsom to Latrobe, expired in November, the majority of the discussion centered around the contract's renewal. The three issues are whether it should be renewed, the duration of the new contract, and the geographic extent of the contract.

Without going into great detail, their simple desire, to continue to run excursion trains to at least the County line, and hopefully, as far as Latrobe, is not at all simple. Issues include the physical condition of the track itself and the track bed, including a significant wash out in El Dorado County. Since the route itself varies in right of way width, maintaining all three agreed upon uses, paved trail, natural trail and safe railroad operation is full of problems. In addition, there is a movement in El Dorado County to begin heavy freight operations on their portion of the rail. And top that off with the difficult issue of how to safely move trains, bikes, equestrians, and pedestrians across the historic White Rock Road crossing as it will transition to become the Southeast Connector.

Probably needless to say, but the item was continued for further research and discussion.

Member reports included updates on the light rail double tracking by Folsom and Regional Transit.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2024.

Linda Budge, AICP

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