Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, February 1, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena Council Chambers
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Jon Primuth, Chair
Justin Jones, Vice-Chair
Kim Bowman, Member
Daniel Brotman, Member
David Perry, Member
Nick Schultz, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS - None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2023
Staff Recommendation: To Approve minutes of August 3, 2023

B. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2023
Staff Recommendation: To Approve minutes of the October 5, 2023

C. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2023
Staff Recommendation: To Approve minutes of December 7, 2023

D. Results of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Audit
Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

E. Treasurer's Report
Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

F. Check Warrant
Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

MOTION
At the order of Chair Primuth, Member Schultz moved to approve the consent calendar, Member Brotman seconded the motion, roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously with no objection to receive and file.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Allocation
Presenter (Staff): Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director
Presenter (Cambridge Systematics, Inc): Jon Overman
Staff Recommendation: Approve the allocation of the funding based on the per-capita basis by jurisdictional population.

AVCJPA Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques, introduced the item. Jon Overman with Cambridge Systematics provided an overview of the Measure M Muti-Year Subregional Program Funding Allocation, informed the board of the Subregional Equity Program funds that are new for this cycle.

Chair Primuth asked for clarification on how quickly unprogrammed funds could become programed. Mr. Overman stated that the earliest this would be possible would be during the upcoming new cycle, with Metro Board approval.

MOTION
At the order of Chair Primuth, Member Bowman moved to approve staff's recommendation, Member Schultz seconded the motion to approve, roll call was made, motion passed unanimously with no objections.

B. SCAG Regional Council District Review
Presenter (Staff): Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Governing Board:

1. Find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), the Common Sense exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) supporting the current Regional Council District composition.

AVCJPA Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques, presented the item, providing an overview of staff's recommendation. During the presentation Mr. Siques noted the primary objective for this item was to provide input to SCAG on District composition.

MOTION

At the order of Chair Primuth, Member Schultz moved to approve staff's recommendations, Member Brotman seconded the motion to approve, roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously with no objections.

C. Appointment of AVCJPA Representative to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Presenter (Staff): Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Governing Board:

1. Find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), the Common Sense exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Appoint Joaquin T. Siques as the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Representative effective his date of appointment as Executive Director on October 5, 2023.
3. Accept nominations and appoint an alternate member to the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) effective February 1, 2024.

AVCJPA Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques, provided an overview of staff's recommendation. Mr. Siques noted that the Governing Board appointed the "Executive Director" by position (not by name) to be the representative to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings. Although the previous action of the Governing Board would allow Mr. Siques to continue to serve as the Executive Director, AVCJPA staff would like to submit a letter to Metro indicating that this is the case. Mr. Siques also informed the Governing Board of staff's recommendation to accept the nomination of Mr. Patrick DeChellis, Director of Public Works, City of La Canada Flintridge and appoint him as the alternate member to the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Chair Primuth asked Executive Director Siques for the top three things he finds exciting in Transportation. Mr. Siques informed the Govern Board that equity in transportation, using innovation and technology to move projects forward and multimodal safety enhancements are the three items he finds most exciting.

MOTION

At the order of Chair Primuth, Member Brotman moved to approve staff's recommendations, Vice Chair Jones seconded the motion to approved, roll call was made, motion passed unanimously with no objections.

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees

1. SCAG Transportation Committee – No update
2. SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) – No update
3. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee – No update
4. League of California Cities – L.A. County Division – No update

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative

Presenter: David Kriske

Mr. Kriske provided highlights on the items discussed at the TAC meeting, sharing that Metro gave an update on a new funding program that will be implemented to address a corrective action required by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) to remedy incorrect administration of certain funds. TAC received an update on the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 grant program, applications open in March 2024 and close June 17, 2024. TAC received an update on Metro's systemwide Emergency Preparedness and Response programs and procedures to address emergencies.

Chair Primuth asked if there is anything that is missing on the Emergency Preparedness and Response programs. Mr. Kriske stated that there isn't anything that is missing but did provide information on the task of preparing of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)

Presenter: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques informed the Governing Board that staff had reached out to Metro to provide a presentation on the various programs that they are working on for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. Mr. Siques also informed the Governing Board of the upcoming SCAG 2024 Regional Council District Elections and will provide an update at the April meeting.

IX. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – IF ANY

Eric Rodriguez, with SCAG Government & Public Affairs Office, introduced himself to the board, informing them of the SCAG Annual Scholarship Program available to high school and community college students majoring in Planning or Public Service. Mr. Rodriguez also informed the board of the upcoming SCAG General Assembly Conference, that will take place May 4th and 5th at the JW Marriot Desert Springs in Palm Desert.

X. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS (For written or oral reports by Members; no discussion or action to be taken) – None

XI. ADJOURN

On the Order of Chair Primuth the meeting was adjourned without opposition at 4:48 p.m.