

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
GREATER BAKERSFIELD SEPARATION OF GRADE DISTRICT

Held:

March 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on March 14, 2022, via video and teleconference as authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Orders issued during the state of emergency as a result of COVID-19.

CALL TO ORDER: _____)

President, Mark J. Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL: _____)

The following Commissioners were present:

Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding
Jon Stuebbe

Also present were Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Robert G. Kuhs, District Legal Counsel, and Ben LeBeau an attorney with LeBeau Thelen LLP.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS _____)
& COMMENTS: _____)

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
January 10, 2022:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruetters, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2022, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Robert Kuhs introduced Ben LeBeau and indicated that Ben may provide back-up and assistance in the event Robert Kuhs is not available.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S)
REPORT:)
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1. Project Funding Sources: Mr. Schuler updated the Commission on \$1 billion in federal CRISI funding over five years with application guidelines due out in the fall of 2022. Additionally, a new federal program will provide \$600 million over five years for railroad crossing elimination funding, with application guidelines due in spring 2022. It is also anticipated that the State will propose \$500 million in grade separation funding within the budget for next fiscal year, with guidelines due out in the summer of 2022.
2. Project Funding Strategies and TY Lin Coordination: Mr. Schuler plans to meet with Gregg Stakalus, the City of Bakersfield's new Public Works Director in the coming weeks. Craig Pope is back to work for the County and ready to pursue the Morning Drive and Rosedale Highway projects. Mike James with the City of Shafter is moving forward with a Traffic Impact Fee update, which will include grade separation funding. Funding Specialist Andrew Dohrmann with TY Lin is providing guidance on state and federal transportation project funding.
3. HSR: The HSR is moving forward with selection of a design consultant for the Shafter to Bakersfield leg of the HRS project.
4. Specific Lines:
 - Renfro: Ongoing coordination activities.
5. Morning Drive: Pursuing funding strategies.
6. Baker Street: Andrea Gonzalez has inquired regarding the project impacts and status. Continuing to pursue funding strategies.

7. Rosedale Highway: Schuler is developing a presentation to help understand project impact and benefits, potential design concepts, political support and funding strategies.
8. Cherry Avenue: This project is high on the City of Shafter's radar. KernCOG CARGO study is pending.
9. CPUC Nominations: An update on CPUC nominations for 2022-2024 is due March 15, 2022, and a hearing is scheduled for April 4, 2022.
10. Request for Rate Increase: Ruettgers and Schuler Civil Engineers requested a 10% rate increase effective as of April 1, 2022. It has been 6 years since the last rate increase. On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Stuebbe, and unanimously carried, the requested rate increase was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for January and February 2022, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed, vouchers to pay the bills from the District Expense Fund as noted in part A(1) of the report were ordered to be drawn and presented to the County Controller for payment.

Ayes:	Mark J. Smith Steven M. Ruettgers Terry A. Murray John Spaulding Jon Stuebbe
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
_____)

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
_____)

Correspondence from SDRMA, including estimated renewal quote for Fiscal

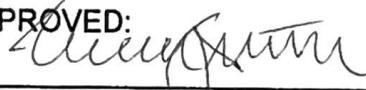
Years 2022-2023 was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT: _____)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Ruetters, and *unanimously* carried, adjourned at 5:48 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.


Terry Murray
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: _____


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 2022

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

LeBeau Thelen	Professional Services - December 2021	\$	199.50
LeBeau Thelen	Professional Services - January 2022	\$	655.50
LeBeau Thelen	Professional Services - February 2022	\$	142.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - 1/1/2022 - 2/28/2022	\$	18,268.57
Andrea R. Hill, CPA, AAC	Preparation of 2021 1099s	\$	125.00
Daniells Phillips Vaughn & Bock	Audit for year ended June 30, 2021	\$	2,500.00
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		\$	<u>22,291.07</u>