

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

Held:

July 25, 2022

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on July 25, 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: _____)
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President, Mark J. Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL: _____)
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The following Commissioners were present:

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

Also present were Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Robert G. Kuhs, District Legal Counsel, and Craig Pope.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS _____)
& COMMENTS: _____)
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None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, _____)
REGULAR MEETINGS OF _____)
MAY 9, 2022 AND JULY 11, 2022) _____)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Stuebbe, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meetings of May 9, 2022 and July 11, 2022, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Robert Kuhs discussed the process for notifying the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding the resignation of Commissioner Terry A. Murray, Commissioner Steven M. Ruettggers' move to the City, and Craig Pope's interest as a Commissioner for the unincorporated area of the District. The Commission directed Mr. Kuhs to prepare a letter notifying the Clerk of the Board.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S)
REPORT:)
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1. Project Funding Sources: Mr. Schuler updated the Commission on \$1 billion in federal CRISI funding for each of the next five years with application guidelines due out in the fall of 2022. The State budget includes \$350 million in grade separation funding to be administered by CALSTA with an emphasis on passenger rail crossings.
2. Project Funding Strategies and TY Lin Coordination: Mr. Schuler met with Gregg Strakaluse, the City of Bakersfield's Public Works Director. The City is working towards obtaining project development funding for E. Truxtun/Baker/BNSF. Mr. Schuler met with Samuel Lux regarding funding presentation by TY Lin. Mr. Schuler met with Warren Maxwell regarding the Traffic Fee Program.
3. HSR: The HSR is moving forward with the Shafter to Bakersfield leg and has hired a design consultant and commenced geotechnical investigations.
4. Specific Lines:
 - Renfro: Ongoing coordination activities and interest with adjacent landowners. Schuler discussed potential federal funding with City.
 - Kratzmeyer/BNSF – no change.
5. Morning Drive @ UPRR: Mr. Schuler discussed new federal funding programs and ongoing coordination with the County.
6. Baker Street: - Mr. Schuler reported that Gregg Strakaluse is looking at federal funding to support project development.
7. Rosedale Highway/Landco - SJVR: Gregg Strakaluse remains a strong supporter of project. Mr. Schuler will follow-up with Mr. Lux. Continuing to monitor train activity. Refinery has direct access to BNSF mainline.

8. Cherry Avenue: This project continues to be high on the City of Shafter's radar as an element of potential West Bypass. Shafter may be looking to Wonderful for matching funds.
9. CPUC Nominations: The final decision of the CPUC and priority list has been published.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for May/June 2022, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, 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. Ruetters
Terry A. Murray
Jon Stuebbe

Noes: None
Absent: John Spaulding
Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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Budget: Sheila Plane presented the proposed budget for FY 2022-2023. On motion of Commissioner Ruetters, seconded by Commissioner Stuebbe, and unanimously carried, the Commissioners voted to adopt Resolution No. 22-1 approving the budget for FY 2022-2023 as follows:

Ayes: Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruetters
Terry A. Murray
Jon Stuebbe

Noes: None
Absent: John Spaulding
Abstain: None

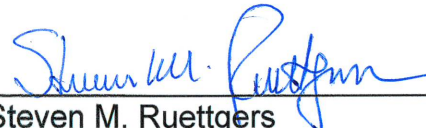
Audit Solicitation: Sheila Plane discussed sending out audit solicitation letters to four auditing firms.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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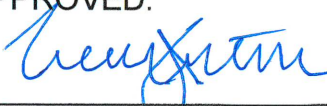
Correspondence from SDRMA and CalPERS were received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:39 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Vice President of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 2022

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

LeBeau Thelen, LLP	Legal Services - July 2022	\$ 1,083.00
LeBeau Thelen, LLP	Legal Services - August 2022	\$ 57.00
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - July & August 2022	<u>\$ 16,090.00</u>
		<u>\$ 17,230.00</u>