

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority  
Minutes of Board meeting on April 10, 2024

Livermore Public Library Community Room  
1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore 94550

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1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Vice Chair Dan Wright at 2:02 p.m. Director Marchand led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call of Members and Confirmation of Quorum**

**Members Present - In-Person**

Director David Haubert, Alameda County  
Director David Hudson, San Ramon  
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore  
Director Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton  
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville  
Director Julie Testa, LAVTA

**Members Present - Remote**

Vice Chair Dan Wright, City of Stockton  
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop  
Director Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy  
Director Jose Nuño, City of Manteca (*joined during item #4*)  
Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin  
Director Leo Zuber, ACE

**Members Absent**

Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin  
Director Bernice King-Tingle, Mountain House

3. **Public Comments**

Public comments were heard from Roland Lebrun.

4. **Consent Agenda – ACTION**

Motion to approve all items on Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes of February 14, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Treasurer's Reports for January 2024
- c. Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
- d. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment

There was no public comment.

**Motion: Marchand/Zuber**

**Aye:** Akinjo, Haubert, Hudson, Marchand, Nibert, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hernandez, King-Tingle, Nuno

**Motion Passed**

5. Approve Resolution R01-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Negotiate a Contract for Real Estate Consultant Project Manager - **ACTION**

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Deputy Director Wil Ridder requested that the board authorize the executive director to negotiate a contract with the consultant firm Monument for Real Estate Consultant Project Manager, to develop, lead and manage the Valley Link Rail Project's right-of-way appraisal, land acquisition, condemnation, and relocation activities. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Marchand/Nibert

**Aye:** Bedolla, Hudson, Marchand, Nibert, Nuno, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright

**Nay:** Akinjo

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hernandez, King-Tingle

**Motion Passed**

6. Approve Resolution R02-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Extend the Agreement for Regional Advocacy Services – **ACTION**

Executive Director/CEO Kevin Sheridan requested the extension of the professional services agreement with Red Oak Engineering and Consulting for regional advocacy services for the term of 10 months beginning March 1, 2024. Sheridan acknowledged that Red Oak Engineering and Consulting has been a great help over the past 2 years with advocacy and addressing the agency's funding needs and strategies. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Haubert/Stepper

**Aye:** Akinjo, Bedolla, Haubert, Hudson, Marchand, Nibert, Nuno, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber, Wright

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hernandez, King-Tingle

**Motion Passed**

7. Approve Resolution R03-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Negotiate a Contract for Financial Auditing Services – **ACTION**

Sheridan summarized the staff report and requested the approval of a professional services agreement with Maze and Associates to provide financial auditing services. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Stepper/Haubert

**Aye:** Bedolla, Haubert, Hudson, Marchand, Nibert, Nuno, Rickman, Stepper, Zuber, Wright

**Nay:** Akinjo, Testa

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hernandez, King-Tingle

**Motion Passed**

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8. Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Update – **INFORMATION**  
Director of Planning and Environmental, Marianne Payne gave an update in the SEIR document's milestones and upcoming events. The SEIR's Notice of Availability (NOA) informing the public of the 45-day review period that will extend to June 6 at 5p.m. and or the open forum public hearings on May 8 in Livermore, May 9 in Mountain House and virtually on May 15. Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Roland Lebrun.
9. Station Area Planning and Local Agency Agreements Update – **INFORMATION**  
Deputy Director Ridder gave an update on ongoing activities surrounding station area planning and local agency agreements. He explained the need to do this work to meet the requirements to support our position for funding under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program. Directors discussed this item. There were no public comments.
10. Executive Director's Report - **INFORMATION**  
Sheridan gave an update on current legislature affecting the Valley Link project. He highlighted Senate Bill 1031 noting it was referred to the Policy Committee last week and will be going to the Transportation, Revenue and Tax Committee next. These hearings will take place at the end of April. Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Roland Lebrun.
11. Director's Discussion – Comments, Questions, and Agenda Request  
Directors discussed making recordings of board meetings available online. Sheridan agreed to upload meeting recordings to the Authority's YouTube channel.
12. Upcoming Meeting Details The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024 at Mountain House Chambers, 251 East Main Street, Mountain House, CA 95391
13. Adjourn  
Meeting adjourned without in objections at 3:38 p.m.