

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRRA)
Minutes of Board meeting on September 14, 2022 via Zoom Teleconference

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Chair Veronica Vargas at 2:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Members Present

Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy
Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca
Director David Haubert, Alameda County (*joined during item #5*)
Director David Hudson, San Ramon
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART
Director Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton
Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin County
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Bob Woerner, City of Livermore
Director Dan Wright, City of Stockton
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Director Brittni Kiick (Livermore), LAVTA

3. **Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

4. **Consent Calendar – ACTION**

Motion to approve all items on Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes of August 10, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Minutes of August 22, 2022 Special Board of Directors Meeting.
- c. Treasurer's Report for July 2022.
- d. Resolution R17-2022 Declaring that Agency meetings will continue to be held via teleconference

Motion: McPartland/Cantu

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert, Kiick

Motion Passed

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5. Approval of Valley Link Hydrogen Production and Energy Farm Feasibility Study – ACTION

Deputy Director Wil Ridder introduced this item and gave the floor to Brendan Shaffer, Transportation Solutions Manager for Zen Clean Energy Solutions. Shaffer gave a detailed presentation of the findings of the feasibility study of the Hydrogen Production and Energy Farm. Shaffer answered questions on the presentation. Ridder outlined next steps following board action. Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Vaughn Wolfe and written comment received from Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group was read to the board.

Motion: Woerner/Stepper

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kiick

Motion Passed

6. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director/CEO Kevin Sheridan acknowledged the significance of approving this first phase of hydrogen technology possibilities for the Valley Link project and noted the importance of the partnership between The Tri-Valley and the San Joaquin Valley to move the project forward. Sheridan turned the floor over to Chair Vargas who recognized Director Woerner, with the agency’s first ‘Golden V’ award, for going above and beyond in his efforts and involvement in the hydrogen feasibility study. Woerner expressed his gratitude and his excitement that the study was approved.

7. Directors’ Discussion

Chair Vargas reiterated the goal of the Valley Link project of being a model of sustainability and how important today’s action was in moving towards that goal. Director Hudson advised everyone of a rare opportunity to attend upcoming transportation event that will be in Sacramento for the first time – the Electric Vehicle Symposium and Exposition, June 11-14, 2023.

8. Next Meeting

Regular meeting – October 12, 2022

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned without objection at 3:24 p.m.