

# FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY

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## FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA) AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, October 23, 2014  
TIME: 5:30pm, **AFTER** the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting  
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices

Sequoia Conference Room  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93726  
(Corner of Tulare and Van Ness Ave. - above Club One  
Park in Underground Garage - Entrance off Tulare & Van Ness Ave.  
Exit Elevator on Tulare St., Turn Left, Enter Lobby Door,  
Up Elevator to Second Floor, Left to Sequoia Conference Room)

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**AB 23 Requirement: In accordance with the Brown Act and AB23 the amount of stipend paid to members of the Board of Directors for attending this meeting of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, is \$50.00.**

### ROLL CALL

- I. Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction, but not on this Agenda.

NOTE: The public may also comment on any Agenda item, as they are presented, prior to action by the FCRTA Board.

### ACTION ITEMS

- II. Approve "Executive Minutes of September 25, 2014" (Attachment).
- III. Approve Employment Agreement of General Manager (Moses Stites).

### REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

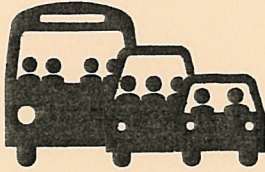
- IV. None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- V. Status on Lanare Transit demonstration project (Oral Report).
- VI. Status on bus shelters; Huron completed, Kingsburg is next with Firebaugh to follow (Oral Report).

**A JOINT POWERS AGENCY TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR RURAL FRESNO COUNTY**

**THE CITIES OF: COALINGA; FIREBAUGH; FOWLER; HURON; KERMAN; KINGSBURG; MENDOTA; ORANGE COVE; PARLIER; REEDLEY; SANGER; SAN JOAQUIN; SELMA; & FRESNO COUNTY**



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## Executive Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 25, 2014  
TIME: 5:30pm, **AFTER** the *Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting*  
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices

Members Attending: Councilmember Ron Lander, City of Coalinga  
Councilmember Marcia Sablan, City of Firebaugh  
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler  
Mayor Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron  
Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman  
Mayor Chet Reilly, City of Kingsburg  
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota  
Mayor Gabriel Jimenez, City of Orange Cove  
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier  
Mayor Robert Beck, City of Reedley  
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin  
Supervisor Judith Case-McNairy, County of Fresno

Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager  
Moses Stites, Operations Manager  
Arthur Witte, Legal Counsel

Absent: Mayor Joshua Mitchell, City of Sanger  
Mayor Pro Tem George Rodriguez, City of Selma

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dhaliwal, Chair.

## ROLL CALL

**QUORUM:** At the start of the meeting there were 12 members present, representing 17 votes. There was a quorum and business was in order.

I. Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction, but not on this Agenda.

There were no public presentations.

II. Approve "Executive Minutes of July 31, 2014"

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Chavez (Huron) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to approve the Executive Minutes of July 31, 2014 as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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### III. Recognition of the Beginning of the FCRTA 36th Year of Service

Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager noted that September 27, 2014 marks the beginning of the 36<sup>th</sup> year that Fresno County Rural Transit Agency has been serving Fresno County. Information regarding the Agency was included in the meeting package.

### IV. Recognition Presentation: Former Huron Transit Driver for 32 Years, Mayor Sylvia Chavez

Mr. Webster recognized Mayor Sylvia Chavez (Huron) for her 32 years as Huron Transit driver. Mr. Webster highlighted her many accomplishments. The Board congratulated Mayor Chavez.

### V. Retirement of the FCRTA General Manager, Jeffrey D. Webster, after 35 Years

Mr. Webster announced that he will be retiring on September 30, 2014. Several Board members shared stories and thanked Mr. Webster for his years of service. An enclosure highlighting the changes through the years was included in the meeting package.

## REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

VI. Zero Emission Rural Transit (ZERT) Electric Bus Grant Application Submission by the US Hybrid Corporation in Partnership with University of California at Merced and the FCRTA to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Mr. Webster referred to the application that was included in the meeting package.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VII. Status Report: Sanger Transit Express to Reedley College began on August 11, 2014

Moses Stites, Operations Manager gave a brief update on the new service. The new service has been well received and has good ridership.

VIII. Status Report: Lanare Transit Demonstration Program began on September 8, 2014

Mr. Stites reported on this program. Very low ridership. Staff is working with the local community to get the word out about the service and to increase ridership.

IX. Status Report: Upgraded CNG Pump Installations in Firebaugh; Kerman; then Huron

Mr. Stites gave a brief update.

X. Status Report: Bus Stop Shelters in Huron (Obtained Attached Encroachment Permit from Caltrans for Installations on State Highway 269, Lassen Avenue); Fowler; and Kingsburg

Mr. Stites reported on the new bus stop installations. Mr. Stites noted that city identity information is being added to the shelters.

CLOSED SESSION

XI. Public Employment and Appointments - Title - General Manager - Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).

ACTION ITEM

XII. Approve Retirement of General Manager (Jeffrey D. Webster), Early Termination of Current Employment Agreement through December 31, 2014, effective September 30 2014,

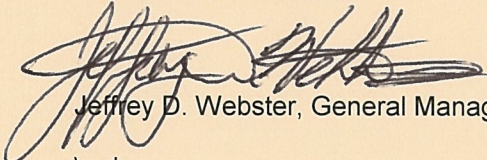
Motion:

XIII. Approve Appointment of General Manager (Moses Stites), Employment Agreement effective October 1, 2014.

Motion:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

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