MINUTES

Thursday, February 18, 2016
11:00 am

RTC Office
1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz Ca

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Schiffrin at 11:00 am

Members Present
Commissioner John Leopold
Commissioner Alternate Patrick Mulhearn
Commissioner Alternate Virginia Johnson
Commissioner Alternate Tony Gregorio
Commissioner Alternate Andy Schiffrin

RTC Staff
George Dondero
Luis Mendez
Yesenia Parra
Daniel Nikuna

1. Introductions-Self introductions were made

2. Additions or changes to consent and regular agenda

   Add-on pages for item 7 were distributed.

3. Oral communications

   none

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Alternate Johnson seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Leopold; and Commissioner Alternates Mulhearn, Johnson, Schiffrin and Gregorio voting “aye.”

4. Approved minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting
5. Accepted first and second quarter FY15-16 warrants and credit card reports

6. Accepted TDA report

**REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Budget and Work Program

Deputy Director, Luis Mendez presented the staff report. Mr. Mendez noted that the proposed amendments were related to the environmental review and design work that will begin for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST); the switching of funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange funds for the Mar Vista Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing project; and the allocation of funds to cover legal expenses related to the RGW lawsuit; and grant reconciliations. He added that the add-on pages propose amendments to the Rail/Trail Authority budget page to address encroachments in order to construct the rail trail segment in the City of Santa Cruz.

Commissioners discussed the status of maintenance agreements for the Watsonville and Santa Cruz trail segments of the MBSST; asking the County to subcontract with Caltrans for maintenance on property outside of the trail; and the lack of funding to include conduits as part of the work on the segment 7 of the trail; requested that staff provide a summary of the amount of encroachments and the cost involved in dealing with the encroachments along the rail line.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn seconded to recommend that the RTC approve the amendments to the Fiscal year (FY) 2015-16 Budget and Work Program. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Leopold, Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn, Schiffrin, Johnson and Gregorio voting “aye.”

8. Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Proposed Budget

Deputy Director, Luis Mendez presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed concerns with the decrease in property lease revenue.

Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn moved and Commissioner Alternate Gregorio seconded to: recommend that the RTC approve the proposed FY2016-17 budget with revisions as appropriate. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Leopold; and Commissioner Alternates Mulhearn, Johnson, Schiffrin and Gregorio voting “aye.”
10. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

The next Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Santa Cruz County CAO’s conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yesenia Parra
Administrative Services Officer