



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission  
Budget and Administration/Personnel  
Committee**

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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 11, 2014  
3:00 pm**

RTC Conference Room  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Members Present

Commissioner Alternate Andy Schiffrin      Commissioner Alternate Patrick Mulhearn  
Commissioner John Leopold                      Commissioner Alternate Tony Gregorio  
Commissioner Eduardo Montesino              Commissioner Bruce McPherson

RTC Staff

George Dondero  
Luis Mendez  
Yesenia Parra

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

1. Introductions-self introductions were made.
2. Additions or changes to consent and regular agenda-None
3. Oral communications-None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Montesino seconded the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Leopold, Montesino and McPherson, and Commissioner Alternates Schiffrin, Mulhearn and Gregorio voting "aye."

4. Approved minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting
5. Accepted fourth quarter FY2013-14 warrants and credit card reports

6. Accepted TDA report

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network-Private funding and volunteer labor considerations

Executive Director George Dondero presented the staff report. Stephen Slade, Deputy Director of the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County discussed the Land and Trail campaign, which will begin in about 1 year and the contributions already.

Commissioners discussed: The need to pursue donated labor from construction companies and design engineers for example; the rail trail work group membership; the possibility for the RTC establishing a non-profit entity to accept donations; recommendation to talk to the Community Action Board to get information on how volunteer labor is recruited and used.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded to receive the staff report and direct staff to finalize private partnership agreements as amended and bring back recommendations to the RTC; and pursue and resolve any outstanding issues related to volunteer labor and bring back recommendations to the B&A/P for final review prior to submittal to the RTC for action .

Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Montesino, McPherson, Leopold and Commissioner Alternates, Mulhearn, Gregorio and Schiffrin voting "aye."

8. Proposed Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Budget and Work Program  
Luis Pavel Mendez presented the report.

Commissioners discussed the TDA and RTC reserve funds.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded to approve the proposed amended fiscal year (FY) 2014-15 Budget and Work Program and Authorize the Executive Director to adjust Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) revenue payments to recipients consistent with the amended FY 2014-15 RTC budget.

Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Montesino, McPherson, Leopold and Commissioner Alternates, Mulhearn, Gregorio and Schiffrin voting "aye."

9. Review of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 3:57 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

10. Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: 1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Agency Negotiator: George Dondero, Luis Mendez, Yesenia Parra

Negotiation Parties: Louis Rittenhouse

Under Negotiation: Lease Price and Terms

There was nothing to report from the closed session.

11. Commissioners reconvened to open session at 4:11 p.m. and there was no closed session report.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. Next meetings

The next Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the RTC conference room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra  
Administrative Services Officer

**Attendees**

Stephen Slade  
Piet Canin

Land Trust of Santa Cruz County  
Friends of the Rail Trail (FORT)