

**YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM  
(YARTS) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**July 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority Board was held Monday, July 18, 2016, at the Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA and conducted by video/teleconference at Sierra Center Mall, Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Third Floor, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA and the Fresno Council of Governments, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA, was called to order by Commissioner Corless at 1:10 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Alpers, Mono County Supervisor (via video/teleconference)  
John Carrier, Mariposa County Supervisor (via video/teleconference)  
Stacy Corless, Mono County Supervisor (via video/teleconference)  
John Gray, Tuolumne County Supervisor (via video/teleconference)  
John Pedrozo, Merced County Supervisor  
Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County Supervisor  
Hub Walsh, Merced County Supervisor (departed at 1:30 pm)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sylvia Chavez, Mayor, City of Huron (via video/teleconference)  
Stephen Hill, Mayor, City of Kerman  
Tom Wheeler, Madera County Supervisor

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Denise Demery, VIA Adventures  
Jim Donovan, AAC Committee (via video/teleconference)  
Joy Gort, MCAG staff  
Curtis Riggs, VIA Adventures  
Danna Stroud, AAC Committee Chair (via video/teleconference)  
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff (via video/teleconference)

**1. Introductions**

So noted.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Oral Report – Authority Advisory Committee Chair or Designee - Recommendations**

Danna Stroud gave the report from the Authority Advisory Committee stating they did not have a quorum at their meeting.

**4. Minutes of the April 11, 2016 YARTS JPA meeting**

Commissioner Alpers moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 YARTS JPA meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Pedrozo.

**Ayes – Commissioners Alpers, Carrier, Corless, Gray, Pedrozo, Smallcombe, Walsh  
Noes – None**

**5. Information/Discussion Only**

- a. VIA Monthly Service Reports for March 2016 – May 2016
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the April 6, 2016 YARTS AAC meeting
- e. YARTS Joint Powers Authority Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

So noted.

**6. Bus Stop Agreement – SilverTip Lodge**

Commissioner Pedrozo moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign and execute the agreement to establish a bus stop at the SilverTip Lodge.

Seconded by Commissioner Smallcombe.

**Ayes – Commissioners Alpers, Carrier, Corless, Gray, Pedrozo, Smallcombe  
Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Short Range Transit Plan**

Commissioner Alpers moved to direct the Board to refine the list of items to be studied and direct staff to proceed with the Request for Proposal process.

**Ayes – Commissioners Alpers, Carrier, Corless, Gray, Pedrozo, Smallcombe  
Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Social Media Statistics**

Dick Whittington gave an update on the YARTS Quarterly Social Media Statistics.

**9. Funding Update**

Dick Whittington gave an update on the search for more secure funding and informed the Board of the current outlook.

**10. YARTS Authority Advisory Committee Nomination**

Commissioner Smallcombe moved to approve the nomination of Jim Donovan to serve on the YARTS Authority Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Commissioner Alpers.

**Ayes – Commissioners Alpers, Carrier, Corless, Gray, Pedrozo, Smallcombe**

**Noes – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. Oral Report – National Park Service**

Jim Donovan gave the report from the National Park Service.

**19. Oral Report – Manager’s Report**

So noted.

**20. Board of Commissioners Remarks**

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:30 P.M.**