



Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) - Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

Minutes of Special Meeting

May 6, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present: Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Tothoroh, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, Board Member Lynda Salcido

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. in the Council Chamber at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA. Members of the Board attended the meeting via videoconference.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Bob Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments given at this time.

4. POLICY MATTERS

4.1 Consideration of A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Regarding the Need for Continued Virtual Meetings to Protect Public Health

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths

Seconded by Board Member Bob Gardner

Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Regarding the Need for Continued Virtual Meetings to Protect Public Health.

For (7): Chair John Wentworth, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (1): Vice Chair Dan Totheroh

Carried (7 to 0)

4.2 Award Agreement between the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and the Whitebark Institute of Interdisciplinary Environmental Sciences for the Provision of National Environmental Policy Act Services for the Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

Vice Chair Dan Totheroh joined the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Bob Gardner

Seconded by Board Member Lynda Salcido

Approve and authorize staff to execute the Agreement between the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and the Whitebark Institute of Interdisciplinary Environmental Services for the Provision of National Environmental Policy Act Services for the Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator for an amount not to exceed \$2,100,903.20.

For (8): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Carried (8 to 0)

4.3 Consideration of an Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Bob Gardner
Seconded by Board Member Jeff Griffiths

Approve the Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for implementation of the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative (BIRPI).

For (8): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Carried (8 to 0)

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 8:50 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 10, 2022.



Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk