



**MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES  
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond, Bar, CA 91765**

**All participants attended the meeting remotely pursuant to  
Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

(Chair) Larry McCallon, representing San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)  
(Vice-Chair) Brian Berkson, representing Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)  
Ben Benoit, representing South Coast AQMD  
John Dutrey, representing Regional Rideshare Agency  
Jed Leano, representing Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)  
Tim Shaw, representing Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)  
Sydney Vergis, representing California Air Resources Board (CARB)  
Linda Krupa (Alt.), representing RCTC  
Mark Yamarone (Alt.), representing Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Steve Veres, representing Metro  
Mark Henderson (Alt.), representing SCAG  
Ray Marquez (Alt.), representing Regional Rideshare Agency  
John Valdivia (Alt.), representing SBCTA

**MSRC-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair AJ Marquez, representing Orange County Board of Supervisors  
Derek Winters, representing CARB  
Nicole Soto, representing Regional Rideshare Agency  
Ron Lindsey (Alt.), representing San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors  
Scott Strelecki (Alt.), representing SCAG  
Tim Olson, Air Pollution Control Expert  
Vicki White, representing South Coast AQMD

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Danae Christerson  
Elliott Popel  
Harvey Eder  
Ramine Cromartie  
Ruben Aronin, Better World Group  
Sam Emmerson, Better World Group

**SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF & CONTRACTORS PRESENT:**

Alejandra Vega, MSRC Administrative Liaison  
Anthony Tang, Information Technology Specialist  
Cristina Lopez, Sr. Public Information Specialist  
Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator  
Daphne Hsu, Sr. Deputy District Counsel  
Donna Vernon, Secretary  
John Kampa, Financial Services Manager  
Lane Garcia, Program Supervisor  
Leah Alfaro, MSRC Contracts Assistant  
Marjorie Eaton, Secretary  
Matt Mackenzie, MSRC Contracts Assistant  
Matt Miyasato, Deputy Executive Officer  
Paul Wright, Information Technology Specialist  
Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor-Contractor  
Todd Warden, Sr. Public Information Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair McCallon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Roll call was taken at the start of the meeting.
- Chair McCallon asked for opening comments.

There were no opening comments.

- Chair McCallon asked for the status report on the Clean Transportation Policy Update.

Cynthia Ravenstein reported that the California Energy Commission launched a new program that is going to provide planning and funding assistance for charging and hydrogen fueling for heavy duty vehicles which will help some of the projects that the MSRC has been supporting as well.

- Chair McCallon asked for disclosures.

Item #8 – MSRC Member Brian Berkson commented he does not have a financial interest, but is required to identify for the record that he is a Commissioner for RCTC which is involved in this item.

Item #8 – MSRC Member Ben Benoit commented he does not have a financial interest, but is required to identify for the record that he is a Commissioner for RCTC which is involved in this item.

Item #8 – MSRC Member Alternate Linda Krupa commented she does not have a financial interest, but is required to identify for the record that she is a Commissioner for RCTC which is involved in this item.

**CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 through 8):****Information Only – Receive and File****1. Minutes of the December 17, 2020 MSRC Meeting**

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone  
Noes: None  
Action: Staff will include the minutes of the December 17, 2020 MSRC Meeting in the MSRC Committee Report for the May 7, 2021 South Coast AQMD Board meeting.

## **2. MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report**

The MSRC AB 2766 Contracts Administrator's Report for March 4 through March 24, 2021 was included in the agenda package.

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent  
Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone  
Noes: None  
Action: Staff will include the MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report in the MSRC Committee Report for the May 7, 2021 South Coast AQMD Board meeting.

## **3. Financial Report on AB 2766 Discretionary Fund**

A financial report on the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund for March 2021 was included in the agenda package to be received and filed.

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent  
Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone  
Noes: None  
Action: No further action is required.

### **For Approval – As Recommended**

## **4. Consider One-Year No-Cost Term Extension by City of Torrance, Contract #ML16039 (\$32,000 – Install EV Charging Infrastructure)**

The City requests a one-year term extension due to delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest.

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent  
Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone  
 Noes: None  
 Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

**5. Consider 3-Month No-Cost Term Extension by City of Moreno Valley, Contract #ML16041 (\$20,000 – Install EV Charging Infrastructure)**

The City requests a 3-month term extension due to longer than expected time to set up their account with the vendor operating the stations. There were also initial hopes to launch the Level II stations under the contract at the same time as another Level III station which is not part of the contract, but the City has determined not to delay the availability of the Level II stations further.

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent  
 Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone  
 Noes: None  
 Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

**FYs 2016-18 Work Program**

**6. Consider Increased Project Scope and Cost Reallocations by City of Aliso Viejo, Contract #ML18128 (\$65,460 – Procure Two Light-Duty ZEVs and Install EV Charging Infrastructure)**

As a result of lower than anticipated costs for some items, the City finds that they could install additional publicly accessible stations. They request reallocation of costs between the limited access and public access charging categories and approval to increase the total number of stations from seven to nine, at no additional cost to the MSRC.

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent  
 Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone  
 Noes: None  
 Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

**7. Consider Modified Project Scope by City of San Dimas, Contract #ML18148 (proposed) (\$50,000 – Implement Bike Sharing Program)**

The City of San Dimas indicates that the originally proposed bike sharing program has stalled due to challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing and disinfecting. The City requests to substitute the installation of five bicycle detection units at three intersections on Arrow Highway, instead of

implementing the originally proposed bike sharing program, with no change to the contribution from the MSRC.

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent  
Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone

Noes: None

Action: This item will be placed on the May 7, 2021 South Coast AQMD  
Governing Board agenda for final approval.

**8. Consider 18-Month No-Cost Term Extension by Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Contract #MS18023 (\$500,000 – Weekend Freeway Service Patrols)**

RCTC requests an 18-month term extension to allow additional time to maximize the benefits of the weekend freeway service patrol (FSP) service on Beat 4 (SR-91 from Magnolia Avenue to the 60/91/215 interchange) and Beat 8 (SR-60 from Central Avenue to I-215 at Alessandro Blvd. to SR-60 at Theodore Street), as well as other segments of highway in Riverside County that demonstrate urgent need.

Moved by Leano; seconded by Berkson; under approval of Consent  
Calendar Items #1 through #8, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone

Noes: None

Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

**ACTION ITEM (Item 9):**

**9. Consider Opportunities to Expand the MSRC’s Social Media Impact**

In support of implementing the Programmatic Outreach Strategy previously approved by the MSRC, the Better World Group proposes to develop regular communications assets for distribution to members of the MSRC and MSRC-TAC and appropriate project partners to facilitate their sharing and amplifying on their social platforms to help grow the visibility of the MSRC’s digital platforms and content.

Chair McCallon asked Legal to remind Members about the Brown Act requirements regarding social media. Daphne Hsu stated that last year AB 992 was passed and noted the following points about specific information relevant to social media: 1) Members can use social media to provide information to the public, 2) Members cannot have a majority of themselves discussing MSRC business on social media, 3)

Members cannot respond directly to each other's posts, including a "Like" or any type of emoji.

MSRC Member Sydney Vergis commented that she's very supportive of Mr. Aronin's efforts and encouraged him to reach out to the communications teams directly for details about obtaining partners from other agencies.

Brian Berkson thanked Mr. Aronin for his outreach efforts. He also noted this three-year program has brand new elements and believes it is important to keep the message out and advertise this program to those that can take advantage of it.

Jed Leano thanked Mr. Aronin for his efforts and suggested that when highlighting the work that has been completed to add a note about when the next round of funding will be available and how to apply. He noted that if people like the results of the project, then they can be informed of what is the next step and it gives the proactive involvement back to the user.

Sydney Vergis suggested to make an amendment to the item. She asked that since Better World Group is looking for partnerships, that they be able to work directly with the Member agencies' communications departments.

Moved by Berkson with an amendment that Better World Group will work directly with the Member agencies' communications departments regarding partnerships; seconded by Benoit; item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Berkson, Dutrey, Leano, McCallon, Shaw, Vergis, Yamarone

Noes: None

Action: The Better World Group will reach out to the communication departments of the MSRC and MSRC-TAC member agencies.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **10. Other Business**

Jed Leano inquired about starting discussions on conducting meetings in-person. Chair McCallon responded that staff has been working on that and he will have further information as they move along.

Ray Gorski commented that the South Coast AQMD was notified that they had been ranked number one for the joint CARB/CEC project to demonstrate zero emission Class 8 tractors. He noted that in December, the MSRC made an award to South Coast AQMD and the original partnership in the amount of \$8 million and it will be moving forward to the Governing Board for approval. He added that he had a meeting with District staff, and they may be able to present some additional

highlights of this very ambitious project at the next MSRC meeting. He concluded by saying the \$8 million that the MSRC is investing in this program will be utilized to purchase 100 zero emission Class 8 tractors and it will add to the overall efforts that the MSRC has pursued under the Regional Goods Movement program in deploying over 400 near-zero and zero emission Class 8 tractors.

Ben Benoit inquired about a letter coming from the South AQMD to the body. Chair McCallon confirmed staff has not received anything yet.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No comments were made on non-agenda items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

[Prepared by Alejandra Vega]