

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Appointment of LAVTA Representative to the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority

FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director

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**Action Requested**

Appoint a LAVTA representative to the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority.

**Background/Discussion**

In 2015 the Tri-Valley Regional Rail Advisory Group was established with the goal of ensuring that regional rail planning in the Tri-Valley leads to project implementation that is fast, cost effective and responsive. Later the Advisory Group name was changed to the Alameda – San Joaquin Regional Rail Working Group when member agencies from the San Joaquin Valley began participating. Areas of interest and planning for the Working Group included the BART to Isabel Extension and a multiple unit train that would connect ACE with BART.

Building on the efforts of the Working Group, at the conclusion of 2017 AB 758 (Eggman/Baker) created the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority for the purpose of planning, developing and delivering a cost effective and responsive rail connection between residents in the San Joaquin Valley and the BART system, including a connection with ACE. The following are the member agencies of the Authority:

Town of Danville	City of Tracy	County of Alameda
City of San Ramon	City of Manteca	County of San Joaquin
City of Pleasanton	City of Lathrop	LAVTA
City of Dublin	City of Stockton	BART
City of Livermore	Mountain House	SJRRC/ACE

It is anticipated that the Board of Directors for the new Authority will continue meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month and alternate meeting locations between the Tri-Valley and Northern San Joaquin Valley. Council Member Steven Spedowfski of Livermore has been serving as the LAVTA representative on the Authority.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the LAVTA Board appoint a representative to serve on the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority.

**Fiscal Impact**

None

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