



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 28, 2014**

**ATTENDEES:**

Supervisor Oneto, District 5	Supervisor Boitano, District 4	Aaron Brusatori, Director
Jim McHargue, Waste Mgmt.	Greg Gillott, County Counsel	Jered Reinking, Public Works
Chuck Beatty, Planning	Paul Molinelli, Sr., ACES	Paul Molinelli, Jr., ACES
Susan Moreira, ACES		

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Oneto called the meeting to order.

**AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

**ITEMS:**

1. Brief regarding Calaveras County Council of Governments Transportation Policy Conference on April 30, 2014. Jered Reinking reported on this all-day conference where funding challenges for rural counties were highlighted. The council is seeing, at the State level, a lack of interest in funding new transportation projects, the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund and a shift in focus of the current funding sources to high speed rail, bike and walking trails, as reasons why funding is scarce. They looked at six possible funding source fixes including raising taxes and/or fees, bonds, and cap and trade funds, none of which appeal to them. The committee concluded that perhaps the best way to attract funding is to structure our projects to include bike lanes and shoulders for safety in combination with straightening curves and such.

2. Discussion regarding ACES Waste Services rate increase request. On May 13, 2014 the Board referred this item back to Public Works to iron out a few issues before they make a decision. The first item was whether to use a compressed year rate adjustment (10 months) or not, due to it being too late now for rates to become effective on July 1, 2014. The compressed year rates appear to be higher and ACES would rather use the 12 month rate schedule and bill retroactively in September. County Counsel recommends using the compressed year rate and no retroactive billing. Billing retroactively for a rate increase that has not been approved and not in effect yet is not a good practice and could raise some issues.

First recommendation: The committee recommended that ACES use the compressed year rate adjustment when it is brought back to the Board of Supervisors.

The next item discussed was the difference of opinion between the county and ACES, regarding the proposal of Master Site Plan proposed by Weatherby-Reynolds-Fritson. The proposal

includes a new fuel station and the county does not feel it is needed at this time. The county's focus is bent toward addressing storm water liability issues. However, at this time, ACES is only asking for the cost of developing a plan proposal, doing a study. What actually gets developed at the site will be determined much later.

2<sup>nd</sup> Recommendation: The committee recommended that a 'not to exceed' amount be set to determine the rate adjustment for WARF customers and any costs over that to do the study would be borne by ACES.

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

None discussed

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A

**ADJOURNMENT**