



**HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the public may participate in the virtual meeting via Zoom info below. Please mute phones/computer audio, until you are called to speak.

HDC JPA Board Virtual Meeting Info:

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HDC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, 5th Supervisorial District, Los Angeles County
Juan Carrillo, Council Member, City of Palmdale
Council Member, City of Lancaster (appointment pending)
Ara Najarian, Chair, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Gabriel Reyes, Mayor, City of Adelanto
Elizabeth Becerra, Council Member, City of Victorville

HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES

Dave Perry, 5th Supervisorial District Transportation Deputy, Los Angeles County (appointment pending)
Richard Loa, Council Member, City of Palmdale
Trolis Niebla, Assistant City Manager, City of Lancaster (appointment pending)
Debra Jones, Mayor, City of Victorville
Daniel Ramos, Council Member, City of Adelanto

HDC JPA STAFF

Executive Director: Arthur V. Sohikian
Legal Counsel: Laura Jacobson, Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER –**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** HDC JPA is conducting business remotely. HDC JPA is committed to ensuring that our public meetings are accessible to the public and that the public can observe and address the meeting and to participate by providing written and oral comment on HDC matters. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Director Arthur Sohikian at sohikian@highdesertcorrdior.org

At this time members of the public can address the HDC JPA Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency that are not separately listed on this agenda. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

5. HDC JPA VIRTUAL/REMOTE BOARD MEETING OPT-IN UNDER AB 361 – Legal Counsel

Recommended Action: *Adopt findings and approve November 9, 2022, virtual meeting under AB 361 during Proclaimed State of Emergency with findings as follows:*

1. *There exists a “proclaimed state of emergency”, pursuant to the Governor’s State of Emergency Declaration, issued on March 4, 2020.*
2. *State and/or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.*

Future Meetings – Discussion and potential setting of special meetings.

If HDC JPA wishes to consider invoking AB 361 virtual meetings for subsequent meetings:

- a. *The proclaimed state of emergency must remain active; or*
- b. *State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;*

AND

- c. *Not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time under the AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter, the board shall again make the following findings by majority vote:*

The board has reconsidered the circumstances of emergency, and at least one of the following circumstances exist:

- a) *The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or,*
- b) *State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.*

6. HDC JPA ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS, APPROVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND APPROVE 2023 HDC JPA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Recommended Action:

- A. *Election of HDC JPA Board Officers to January 2024.*
- B. *Appoint Executive Director as HDC JPA Board Secretary*
- C. *Approve Conflict of Interest Code*
- D. *Approve HDC Quarterly Board meetings at 2pm as follows:*

1. *January 12, 2023,*
2. *April 20, 2023;*
3. *July 13, 2023;*
4. *October 19, 2023.*

7. HDC JPA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CURRENT HDC JPA TO NEW HDC JPA, AND NEW WEBSITE – Executive Director

Recommended Action:

- A. Approve the inaugurated High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget of \$1,236,500 (Attachment A - Proposed FY22-23 Budget, Attachment B - New JPA Agreement).
- B. Authorize the transfer of the remaining funds from the County of San Bernardino current High Desert Corridor Joint Powers *Authority* to the County of Los Angeles for the inaugurated High Desert Corridor Joint Powers *Agency* to be completed by December 31, 2022.
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to pay for creative design (logo creation) and website development for the inaugurated HDC Joint Powers Agency in the amount of \$8,500 to CV Strategies (Attachment C). The website for the inaugurated Agency is now www.highdesertcorridor.org
- D. Authorize the Executive Director to transfer the existing professional service contracts with the current HDC Joint Powers Authority consisting of AVS Consulting, Inc. (Attachment D) and Transportation Solutions (Attachment E) to the inaugurated HDC Joint Powers Agency to be completed by December 31, 2022.
- E. Authorize the Executive Director contractual signing authority for an amount not to exceed \$79,000.

8. HIGH DESERT INTERCITY HIGH-SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE – Metro Regional Rail staff and Executive Director

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

9. HDC JPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Executive Director

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

10. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT. Next HDC JPA Board Meeting is January 12, 2023, 2pm.