



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee

Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

1:00 PM

****REVISED****

|| SPECIAL MEETING ||

**District 2 Office: 309 Diablo Rd. Danville, CA
94526 |**

**District 5 Office: 190 E. 4th Street, Pittsburg,
CA 94565**

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AGENDA ITEMS may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee.

1. INTRODUCTIONS Call to order and roll call.

Vice Chair Andersen called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Supervisor Scales-Preston participated remotely via Brown Act exception from John Muir Medical Center, 1601 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. This alternate location is noted for Brown Act compliance purposes, as it differs from the location publicly noticed on the agenda.

Staff Present: Jamar Stamps

Attendees: Raquel De La Torre, Ryan Hernandez, Jennifer Quallick, Vivian Lee, District 5 Office, Jody London, Robert Sarmiento, Samantha Harris, Emily Groth, Michele Mancuso, Allison Knapp, Carl Roner, Wade Finlinson, Mark Watts, Ezra J. Chaaban, Esq., Rinta Perkins - CCCWP, Mina Shahed Behrouz, Duanne Hernaez, Hon. Cheryl Sudduth, Wendy Fabian, Jan Warren, Rochelle Warren, Maggie Dutton, Miranda Murphree

Present: District II Supervisor Candace Andersen and District V Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston

2. CONSIDER selecting a committee member to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

The Committee SELECTED Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston as Chair and Supervisor Candace Andersen as Vice Chair for calendar year 2026.

Supervisor Andersen proposed Supervisor Scales-Preston as Chair and Supervisor Andersen as Vice Chair, consistent with previously designated assignments. Supervisor Scales-Preston concurred. It was noted that Supervisor Andersen would preside over today's special meeting in the Chair's absence.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

Cheryl Sudduth, Board Member, West County Wastewater District, addressed the Committee to note that March 18, 2026, is National Transit Day. Vice Chair Andersen acknowledged the significance of transit to the Bay Area region and noted both Committee members serve on transit-related bodies, including the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). No written public comment was received.

4. REVIEW Meeting Record for November 24, 2025, of the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee.

Attachments: [4a. 11.24.25 TWIC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the meeting record as written.

Both members reviewed the minutes of November 24, 2025 and indicated no changes or corrections.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

5. RECEIVE a presentation on the Regional Alternative Compliance (RAC) System Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and APPROVE the staff recommendation to join the RAC JPA.

Attachments: [5a. RAC JPA Draft Joint Powers Agreement 2.26.26](#)

[5b. CCC RAC System Fact Sheet](#)

[5c. RAC System Overview Presentation](#)

The Committee DIRECTED staff to FORWARD the item to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Allison, Flood Control/Public Works Watershed Program, introduced the item. Michelle Mancuso, Flood Control/Public Works Watershed Program, and Rinta Perkins, Clean

Water Program, presented on behalf of the County Watershed Program, Unincorporated County, and Flood Control District. The presentation provided an overview of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP), which requires implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) under the C3 provision, including construction of bioretention basins, retrofit of impervious surfaces, and treatment of areas with PCBs and mercury contamination concentrated in old industrial areas along the Bay margin.

The RAC system provides permittees with the option to construct stormwater treatment facilities off-site to satisfy C3 requirements, functioning as a regional in-lieu fee program managed as a credit trading and banking system. Sellers construct GSI projects generating compliance units; buyers purchase those units proportionate to their permit obligation; and a RAC Administrator - the proposed JPA - certifies transactions, collects payment, monitors operations and maintenance (O&M) activities, and prepares annual reports. A Community Facility District (CFD), formed under the Mello-Roos Act, funds ongoing O&M through special taxes on participating private properties.

Sixteen of 21 Clean Water Program member agencies have expressed interest in joining the JPA. The JPA will not hire its own employees, relying instead on member agency staff or third-party contractors, and is anticipated to meet twice per year. Five municipalities are still reviewing participation; non-members will not have access to the RAC system. Contra Costa County's RAC program is the only such system in the state and has received state recognition as a model for other jurisdictions. Caltrans District 4 is in discussions regarding participation for off-site mitigation related to the Highway 37 widening project.

JPA formation is anticipated around late May 2026. The CFD future annexation area is targeted for establishment by September 2026, with the first compliance unit exchanges anticipated in fall 2026. A \$1 million USEPA grant has been received to fund implementation, including \$135,000 for CFD-related costs. There is a strong incentive to complete JPA-related tasks before June 30, 2026 to fully utilize the allocated regional funding.

The Committee expressed support for the program, noting its value as a tool for economic redevelopment, particularly in disadvantaged communities, and its flexibility for cities with constrained downtown development sites.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Jan Warren addressed the Committee with questions regarding member responsibilities, public education and website resources, fiscal oversight, and exit provisions. Vice Chair Andersen clarified CFD assessment and Teeter system enforcement mechanisms. Miranda addressed the Committee with questions regarding enforcement of on-site mitigation requirements, and received clarification that individual cities retain discretion over their planning and permitting policies.*

6. RECEIVE presentation on progress of drought resilience planning for state small water systems and domestic well communities as required under Senate Bill 552 and DIRECT staff as appropriate.

Attachments:

- [6a. SB 552 Drought Resilience Plan Update Presentation](#)
- [6b. Contra Costa County Drought Resilience Plan Public Draft](#)
- [6c. Contra Costa County Water Shortage Emergency Response Plan Public Draft](#)

The Committee DIRECTED staff to FORWARD the Drought Resilience Plan to the full Board of Supervisors for adoption consideration.

Ryan Hernandez, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Conservation & Development, presented an update on the County's draft Drought Resilience Plan, as required under SB 552 (2023). The plan covers domestic groundwater wells and small water systems (state-defined: 5 to 14 users; locally defined: 2 to 4 users). The County is not a water purveyor and does not manage large water systems. The plan was prepared using technical assistance from Stantec through the Department of Water Resources, avoiding the cost of hiring an outside consultant.

Key elements presented include the Drought and Water Shortage Task Force, which has met four times since 2024 to review the draft risk assessment and plan; a risk assessment identifying areas of high physical and social vulnerability; short-term response actions focused on domestic wells and emergency water delivery; and long-term mitigation strategies including consolidation of domestic well users into water district systems. A drought resilience planning website is in development, delayed pending ADA compliance updates taking effect April 1, 2026. DCD will convene annual task force meetings each May following review of federal and NOAA drought monitor data.

The Committee noted concern over potential policy conflicts between consolidation efforts, urban limit line policies, urban service area boundaries, and growth-inducing implications, and encouraged careful coordination.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Jan Warren offered commendation to Ryan Hernandez for his thorough and professional work on the drought resilience planning effort.*

7. CONSIDER report on Local, State, Regional, and Federal Transportation Related Legislative and Planning Activities.

Attachments:

- [7a. 13A Presentation Board TEP Item 20260218 \(3\)](#)
- [7b. Feb 2026 report for TWIC](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the report.

Mark Watts, Advocate, Dodd & Chabaan Strategies, LLC, presented a state legislative and budget update. Ezra J. Chabaan, Esq., Partner, Dodd & Chabaan Strategies, LLC, and former Chief of Staff to Senator Bill Dodd, was introduced to the Committee as a new member of the County's advocacy team. Mr. Watts reported that he was required to depart early to attend the Senate Rules Committee confirmation hearing for Dina Eltawansi, former Caltrans District 4 Director, now proceeding through formal confirmation as Caltrans Director.

Mr. Watts reported that the full amount of transit funding promised in the prior year's budget has been included in the current year's budget. However, two concerns emerged: the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program was reduced by \$230 million, with Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund monies redirected to other programs; and the Administration is proposing a sales tax credit on diesel fuel purchased by sustainable aviation fuel producers, which if adopted would reduce revenues for several programs the county and its transit agencies rely upon, including the Transit Intercity and Intercity Rail Program, the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program, and local streets and roads funding. Mr. Watts confirmed the reduction in zero emission capital funding is directly related to transit providers' challenges with idle zero emission vehicles, a lack of manufacturers, and charging infrastructure shortfalls.

Two bills were flagged for the Committee's awareness: AB 1599, which would require Caltrans to develop a registry of transit stops maintained by local transit agencies; and SB 1408 (Senator Otakine), the Mobility Modernization Program bill set for hearing on April 7th, with negotiations ongoing between the author and the Transit Authority.

Staff also provided an update on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) development process for the next countywide sales tax transportation measure, following a February 2026 kickoff meeting. Vice Chair Andersen noted the importance of identifying priority projects from each supervisorial district early in the process, including double-tracking, and indicated that internal coordination between DCD and Public Works on district priorities is already underway.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

8. CONSIDER referrals to the Committee for 2026, REVISE as necessary, and DIRECT staff to bring the list to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Attachments: [8a. FINAL TWIC Referrals 2026 - To BOS](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the referral list as presented with no changes and DIRECTED staff to bring the list to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Both members reviewed the current referral list. No revisions were requested.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

9. REVIEW Status Report on 2025 Referrals to TWIC and DIRECT staff to forward the report to the Board of Supervisors with revisions as appropriate.

Attachments: [9a. TWIC 2025 Referral Report](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the TWIC 2025 Referral Report as presented and DIRECTED staff to forward the report to the Board of Supervisors.

Both members reviewed the TWIC 2025 Referral Report as submitted and indicated no

revisions.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

10. REVIEW and REVISE as appropriate, and ADOPT the 2026 Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee Calendar.

Attachments: [10a. 2026 TWIC Calendar - DRAFT](#)

The Committee ADOPTED the 2026 Committee Calendar as presented.

Both members reviewed the meeting calendar and indicated no changes. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 27, 2026.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

11. RECEIVE Communication, News, Miscellaneous Items of Interest to the committee.

Attachments: [11a. Politico - Labor is driving the robotaxi conversation](#)
[11b. Metropolitan Transportation Commission - Governor Signs Bi Authorizing Loan](#)
[11c. Richmondside - Richmond area poised to receive nearly \\$40M](#)

The Committee RECEIVED the communications. No action taken.

Staff highlighted articles regarding robo-taxi labor issues, MTC loan repayment activity, and potential \$40 million in funding for the Richmond area. Vice Chair Andersen added brief remarks from a recent tour of a robo-taxi manufacturer in Alameda County, noting the substantial behind-the-scenes staffing still required to manage passengers, monitor safety, and coordinate with first responders.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

12. **ADJOURN until the next Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee meeting to be held on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 1:00pm.**

Vice Chair Andersen inquired whether any items were anticipated for the April 27, 2026 meeting. Staff indicated they would continue to monitor and prepare accordingly.

Vice Chair Andersen ADJOURNED the meeting at 2:31pm.

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