



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

January 13, 2025

Fig Garden Regional Library

Members Present: Jim Poptanich, Linda Renn, Debbie Ikeda, Judith Pruess, Tammie Wenter, Marcia Sabalan, and Bradley Miranda

Staff Present: Sally Gomez, Joel Cadenasso, Mary Leal, and Karen Coletti

Regrets: Deb Janzen and Aimee Kawasaki

Guest: None

1) **Call to Order:** Jim Poptanich called meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

2) **Introductions:** Panel introduced themselves and new member Marcia Sablan introduced herself. She is a longtime resident of Firebaugh and involved in the community.

3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve agenda with corrections **Pruess**;
Second: Ikeda

4) **Approval of October 10, 2024, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes with correction **Ikeda**; **Second: Miranda**

5) **Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal**

- Construction on the Coalinga Library is delayed for now. The contract has been signed, but still delayed by Board.
- Union negotiation have been completed.
- We are in hiring process, we have created a new YA position. We are hiring for a Huron Specialist, and Terch Services Clerk.
- Some of our winter break programs were Family Bingo, Family Gaming, Family Movie Night, Unlimited Computer Access (students only), and Pictures with Santa (free).
- Our on-going programs are crocheting, gaming, Code Club, adult crafts, and coloring.
- Our website is now in compliance after the Grand Jury report.

6) **County Librarian – Sally Gomez**

County Librarian

- We just hired 3 new librarians 2 internal and 1 new.
- Terrance Eckman (Terry) was appointed to the Associate County Librarian position last week. He has 25 years of service with FCPL and brings a ton of knowledge and experience.
- We are still in the ongoing process of backfilling; it seems constant turnaround for many positions. We are better than we were last year on staffing.
- Working with our PIO and County on groundbreakings for Clovis and Reedley they will be later in the year.

Public Service

- Prinich is now available, for printing. Patrons seem happy with it, cost is ten cents for black and white, and fifty cents for color.

Community Engagement

- Prom Event happening on Saturday February 8th, at Fig Garden Regional. It is an event we do for teens to get full free outfits to attend Prom. For girls and boys both. Debbie Ikeda inquired where to donate, and Karen will follow up with her.
- Betty Rodriguez is hosting Communities Read Together series of programs funded by a Cal Humanities grant exploring themes of *Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros middle-grade novel. January programs, but the series began in November 2024 will continue to April 2025.
- 2025 Year-Round Reading Challenge (on Beanstacks) it will be a different genre to explore each month.
- Walk to Mordor begins February 1st through the end of March. Patrons are invited to explore our audio book collection and log their physical activity. Grand prize is a gift bundle from the Fresno Grizzlies.

Support Services

- Telescope backpacks will be coming soon as part of the State Park pass program. We had some difficulty figuring out how to distribute them due to size and packaging.
- New Braille E-readers for Talking Book Library.
- In calendar year 2024, Fresno County had 1,278,027 Libby/OverDrive checkouts.

Facilities

- Sanger HVAC replacement to be completed by May.
- Parlier signage completed
- Window and roof completed, next is electrical
- Selma is closed and being remodeled.

7) Measure B Sales Tax Collection Report – Joel Cadenasso

Fresno Countywide Financials

- Budget Recommended FY 24-25 Operational Budget: \$43.0 million. Estimated Fund Balance Reserve surplus \$600,000.
- Prior year Expenses: FY 23-24 Expenses through June 30, 2024, \$34.45 million with revenues collected \$47.7 million.
- The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 22-23 is now available at the County website. Feel free to visit under Auditor-Controller/Treasurer to view year-end financial statements for the County of Fresno by fiscal year and County budget. The ACFR for FY 23-24 is expected to be available early next year.

Measure B Revenues-Fresno & Coalinga Monthly Tax Proceeds

- Measure B expires March 2029. The collections from State are distributed to jurisdiction percentage: Fresno 98%/Coalinga-Huron 2%.
- Revenue in the current year has increased 1.26%. FY 23-24 revenue decreased by 1.31%.
- Currently Collection: The reports for Fresno, Coalinga and combined Sales Tax Proceeds. FY 24-25 Fresno is \$2,107,660. FY 24-25 Coalinga-Huron \$49,735.
- Fresno: Anticipate that Measure B Sales Tax revenue will be around the FY 24-25 budgeted amount of \$25.9 million. This represents a decrease of 0.7% (\$189,244) from FY 23-24 collections at \$26,089,244 collections were \$342,842 less than in FY 22-23, a 1.3% decrease.

- Coalinga: Prior year collections at \$635,601 revenue in FY 23-24 were \$12,671 less than in FY 22-23, a 1.95% decrease. Anticipate a decrease of 3.8% (about \$24,000) to \$611,600 in FY 24-25.
- Combined Measure B Collected: The last page reflects the history of actual receipts since FY 2012-13 since FY 2014-15 (ten years, one month), the combined receipts are \$213.95 million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$407,28 million.

- 8) Next Meeting will be at Fig Garden Regional Library on April 21st, 2025, at 6:00 PM.
- 9) Roster will be corrected with the update noted.
- 10) Everyone is in good standing with their attendance. Karen discussed the process for the application renewals and will continue to follow up with the Board. Everyone can continue to serve.
- 11) Motion to Adjourn at 6:59 PM **Miranda; Seconded: Renn.**