



Measure B Citizens Review Panel Minutes

August 6, 2025

Fig Garden Regional Library

Members Present: Jacqueline Collings, Deborah Ikeda, Aimee Kawasaki, Bradley Miranda, James Poptanich, Judith Preuss, Linda Renn, Tammie Wenter
Staff Present: Sally Gomez, Joel Cadenasso, and Vera Scott-Slater
Regrets: Deborah Janzen and Marcia Sablan
Guest: N/A

- 1) **Call to Order:** James Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- 2) **Introductions:** Vera Scott-Slater was introduced by Sally Gomez as the new Executive Assistant to library administration. Vera has worked for the County of Fresno since 2006 and was the product of a family of avid Library users prior to transferring to the Library in July 2025.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve agenda **Ikeda**; Second: **Miranda**
- 4) **Approval of May 12, 2025, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes **Preuss**; Second: **Kawasaki**; Abstain: **Poptanich**
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian – Jacqueline Collings**
 - Discussed renovation of Huron Library and fixes to Coalinga Library.
 - PG&E runs approximately \$6,000.00 and suggests solar as an alternative option.
 - reports the interior temperature of the library as very warm.
- 6) **County Librarian – Sally Gomez**
County Librarian
 - The Library Assistant (LA) recruitment produced between 600 – 700 applicants (with COF-Human Resources forwarding approximately 30 candidates to interview).
 - Staff was pleased with the number of favorable LA applicants and submitted job offers to fifteen (15) interviewees. On-boarding the newly hired Library Assistants will take approximately two (2) weeks.

Public Service

- The 2-day recruitment for the position of Graphic Artist this week produced a favorable number of quality candidates with job offers scheduled for distribution next week.

Infrastructure

- Sanger Library had an HVAC upgrade.
- Selma Library (built in 1970) is currently under renovation and should be ready in 6 – 8 weeks.
- New Politi Library is still in the planning phase. The branch remains operating in its original site.

- The Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) renovation grant for upgrades to the Central Branch Library is in progress. The renovations will include asbestos removal and upgrades to the electrical system.

Facilities

- FCPL is considering various temporary sites while upgrades happen in the Central Branch Library (estimated completion of 6/30/27).
- Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new sites of both Clovis and Reedley Libraries will be 08/27/25 and 08/28/25 respectively.
- The Naming Rights idea was abandoned by the Board of Supervisors; and interior naming is available.
- Display discussions by the Board of Supervisors could involve community and outside agencies. FCPL Administration is working with the CAO and awaiting direction/information regarding outreach.

7) Measure B Sales Tax Collection Report – Joel Cadenasso

Fresno Countywide Financials

- Budget Recommended FY 25-26 Operational Budget: \$44,676,863 Million. Estimated Fund Balance Reserve surplus \$1,655,238.
- Prior Year Expenses: FY24-25 Expenses through June 30, 2025, \$36.99 million with revenues collected \$45.609 million and surplus fund balance of \$3.8 million (pending year-end close FY2024-25).
- The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 23-24 is now available on 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.
- Staff trends increased during FY24-25.
- Capital Expenditures during FY24-25 were 6,857.215 million (pending year-end close FY2024-25).
- Selma remodel through estimate June 2025. Public furniture, shelving, circulation desk and staff task chairs-estimate September 2025
- Clovis Library Total Project (includes inflation estimate) 26,270 sq ft. \$25 million. Award contract Harris Construction- December 3, 2024. Phase I design plan check Feb-July 2025. Public Works design and contract administration -Clovis & Reedley project \$2,350,000. Interior Furniture & Start up \$800,000.
- Reedley Library Total Project (includes inflation estimate 13,994 sq. ft. \$13 million. Award contract Harris Construction -December 3, 2024. Phase I design plan check Feb-July 2025 \$1,500,000.
- State Library: Grant Match Building Forward Facilities Improvement, they will pay 50%. Total project \$8,391,694 with the Library's remaining portion to spend \$3,409,871.
- Public Branch Remodel and Fire Suppression design/Install Selma \$6,000,000 with remaining amount to spend \$3,321,000.
- Purchase-Baskin Robbins (purchase completed) \$1,573,200 with a renovation estimated cost of \$690/sq foot (based on Selma project).
- Capital Outlay Highway City Constructions (increase for inflation) 7,000,000.
- Additional Facilities Contingency Contribution this fiscal year 2,000,000.
- 10% of Operations \$31 million Contingency.
- Restricted Library donation for branches \$1,215,800.

- Total excess Reserve Fund Balance \$95,223,359.
- Fund Balance after above commitments estimate \$8,454,658.

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 1.84%. 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 \$24,285,108. FY 24-25 Coalinga-Huron \$573,059.
- Fresno: Anticipate that Measure B Sales Tax revenue will be around the FY 24-25 budgeted amount of \$26.5 million.
- This represents an increase of 1.6% (\$410,756) 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 1.6% (about \$10,000) to \$625,600 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 \$236.65 million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$429.98 million.

Upcoming Budget Year Highlights

- Politi relocation costs is \$2 million.
- Clovis relocation costs are \$1.5 million.
- Reedley relocation costs are \$800,000.
- Improvements not covered by grant for Central \$1.2 million.
- Hygus Adams Trust to be split between Clovis, Reedley, and Highway City.

- 8) Next Meeting will be at Fig Garden Regional Library on October 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM (PST)
- 9) Everyone is in good standing with their attendance.
- 10) Motion to Adjourn at 7:05 PM **Ikeda**; Second: **Preuss**.