



Measure B Citizens Review Panel Minutes

October 15, 2025

Fig Garden Regional Library

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

- 1) **Call to Order:** James Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve agenda **Sablan**; Second: **Miranda**
- 3) **Approval of August 6, 2026, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes **Miranda**; Second: **Kawasaki**;
- 4) **Coalinga Librarian – Jacqueline Collings**
 - New Library Director, Jeannette Davies, starts on Thursday, October 16, 2025. She originates from San Antonio, TX and was one of thirteen candidates that interviewed.
- 5) **Chairman James Poptanich** spoke in lieu of **County Librarian – Sally Gomez**
 - Inquired about possible Highway City leases as a future library site.
 - Sally Gomez will forward updates at a later date.
- 6) **Measure B Sales Tax Collection Report – Joel Cadenasso**
 - Fresno Countywide Financials**
 - Budget Recommended FY 25-26 Operational Budget: \$44.7 Million. Estimated Fund Balance Reserve surplus \$1,655,238.
 - Prior Year Expenses: 24-25 Expenses through June 30, 2025, \$37.57 million with revenues collected \$49.07 million and operating surplus is 11.5 million with fund balance increase of \$4.32 million.
 - The surplus fund balance FY24-25 decreased due to capital spending on new Clovis and Reedley libraries.
 - Staff trends increased positions filled 292 out of 320.
 - Selma remodel through estimate November 2025. Public furniture, shelving, circulation desk and staff task chairs-estimate November 2025
 - Clovis Library Total Project (includes inflation estimate) 26,270 sq ft. \$25 million; and there is \$23.7 million remaining for payout. Harris Construction- Phase pre-construction July - Dec 2025. Public Works design and contract administration -Clovis & Reedley project \$2,350,000. Interior Furniture & start up \$1.5 million.
 - Reedley Library Total Project (includes inflation estimate 13,994 sq. ft. \$13 million. Award contract Harris Construction – Pre-construction phase July-Dec 2025 & start up \$800,000.
 - 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.
- Capital Outlay Highway City Constructions (increase for inflation) \$7,000,000.
- Restricted Library donation for branches \$1,215,900.
- Total excess Reserve Fund Balance \$95,745,432.
- Fund Balance after above commitments estimate \$14,616,631.

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 2.78%. FY 24-25 revenue increased by 1.73%.
- Current Collection: The reports for Fresno, Coalinga and combined Sales Tax Proceeds. FY 25-26 Fresno is \$2,166,174. FY 25-26 Coalinga-Huron \$51,116.
- Fresno: Anticipate that Measure B Sales Tax revenue will be around the FY 25-26 budgeted amount of \$25.7 million.
- This represents an decrease of 3.2% (\$860,212) from FY 24-25 collections at \$26,560,212 collections were increased by \$470,969 over FY 23-24, a 1.8% increase.
- Coalinga: Prior year collections at \$626,745 revenue in FY 24-25 were \$8,856 less than in FY 23-24, a 1.39% decrease. Anticipate a decrease of 3.2% (about \$24,000) to \$606,500 in FY 25-26.
- Combined Measure B Collected: The last page reflects the history of actual receipts since FY 2015-16 (ten years, one month), the combined receipts are \$213.95 million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$434.53 million.

- 9) Chairman Poptanich inquired why Woodward Park Regional Library and not other rural libraries were selected for the solar project; and would follow-up with the Associate Librarian for resolve.
- 10) Suggested next CRP meeting convene on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at either Woodward Park or Fig Garden Regional Libraries.
- 11) Everyone is in good standing with their attendance.
- 12) Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 PM **Preuss**; Second: **Janzen**.