



## Measure B Citizens Review Panel

### Minutes

January 21, 2026

Fig Garden Regional Library

**Members Present:** Jeannette Davies, Deborah Ikeda, Deborah Janzen, Aimee Kawasaki, Bradley Miranda, James Poptanich, Judith Preuss, Linda Renn, Marcia Sablan

**Staff Present:** Sally Gomez, Joel Cadenasso and Vera Scott-Slater

**Regrets:** Jim Poptanich, Judith Preuss, and Tammie Wenter

**Guest:** Brooke Payton

- 1) **Call to Order:** Deborah Ikeda called meeting to order at 6:09 PM.
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve agenda **Janzen**; Second: **Miranda**
- 3) **Approval of October 15, 2025 Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes **Miranda**; Second: **Renn**.
- 4) **Fresno County Librarian – Sally Gomez**
  - Update: Selma Library’s renovations are ongoing. FOL would like to be involved with the reopening ceremony.
  - Update: Politi Library’s new location is progressing as planned.
  - Update: Central Library is awaiting approval of relocation sites before lighting and asbestos abatement can begin. Two sites are being considered: one (1) County building and one (1) warehouse.
  - Update: Clovis and Reedley Libraries are progressing as scheduled.
  - Staffing has stabilized with internal promotions and PT/FT opportunities being filled.
  - Update: The anticipated Talking Books location is delayed due to legalities regarding MOUs with the City of Fresno.
  - Highway City library locations were discussed as a future capital project.
  - New/Now Books are working with new vendors; and should be restocked soon.
  - Measure B is not planned for the 2026 ballot. Will wait for a few capital projects to be completed.
- 5) **Coalinga/Huron Librarian – Jeannette Davies**
  - Introduction
- 6) **Measure B Sales Tax Collection Report – Jeannie Christiansen/ Joel Cadenasso**  
**Fresno Countywide Financials**
  - Expenses: December 31, 2025 of \$19.14 million with revenues collected \$19.15 million; and operating surplus is \$9,127.
  - Setting aside \$2,135,000 for major facilities projects.
  - Staff trends increased with 287 out of 320 positions filled.
  - Goals for FY2025-26:
    - Harris Construction – Clovis & Reedley Libraries (pre-construction phase)
    - Shopping Center signage upgrades for Gillis, Sunnyside, and Fig Garden Libraries.
    - Exterior signage upgrades for Caruthers, Easton, and Kerman Libraries.

- Central Library- Logistics and temporary space collaboration with other County departments // Engineer recommendation includes basement abatement and ceiling upgrades // Fire suppression modernization covered by grant// New LED lights upgrades covered by grant // Major repair on secured parking lot fence and gate motorized unit.
  - Caruthers – Gutters and fascia.
  - Fig Garden – improvement/repair entrance doors
  - Fowler – upgrade enclosed metal fence, Hirsch, and gates.
  - Mendota – repair entrance doors
  - Selma – continue remodel with updated signage and the purchase of new public furniture, shelving, circulation desk, and staff task chairs.
  - Politi – continued renovation by lessor of new library location.
  - Woodward – Upgrade parking for solar panels by the County.
  - Furniture and fixture upgrades at selected branches.
- Operational budget is \$44.7 million. Estimated Fund Balance at \$1,655,238.
  - Operating surplus FY 24-25 \$11.5 million. Fund balance increase was \$4.32 million.
  - Estimated FY 25-26 Property Tax \$17 million. Estimated Measure B revenues \$25.7 million.

#### **Measure B Revenues-Fresno & Coalinga Monthly Tax Proceeds**

- Revenue in the current year has increased 1.47%. 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 \$8,896,810. FY 25-26 Coalinga-Huron \$209,939.
  - Fresno: Anticipate that Measure B Sales Tax revenue will be around the FY 25-26 budgeted amount of \$25.7 million.
  - This represents a 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, four months), the combined receipts are \$231.87 million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$441.42 million.
  - Last two fiscal year property taxes counted for 36% of revenue; and Measure B sales tax counted for 55%.
  - Measure B surplus for the year thus far is \$131,823.
- 7) Suggested next CRP meeting convene on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 6pm at either Woodward Park or Fig Garden Regional Libraries.
  - 8) Everyone is in good standing with their attendance.
  - 9) Motion to Adjourn at 6:55PM **Kawasaki**; Second: **Miranda**.