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**FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025
TIME: 5:30pm, **BEFORE** the *Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting*
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices
Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
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*(Corner of Tulare and Van Ness Ave. - above Club One
Park in Underground Garage - Entrance off Tulare & Van Ness Ave.
Exit Elevator on Tulare St., Turn Left, Enter Lobby Door,
Up Elevator to Second Floor, Left to Sequoia Conference Room)*

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AB 23 Requirement: In accordance with the Brown Act and AB23 the amount of stipend paid to members of the Board of Directors for attending this meeting of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, is \$50.00.

**THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD
MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PERSON AT THE FRESNO COG SEQUOIA ROOM.**

1. ROLL CALL

Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this Agenda. NOTE: The public may also comment on any Agenda item, as they are presented, prior to action by the FCRTA Board.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes of October 30, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]

B. Caltrans Planning Grant Application [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA is submitting application for the Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant for a EV Maintenance Plan. FCRTA's project includes a comprehensive Electric Vehicle (EV) Maintenance Plan that supports the agency's transition to a fully zero-emission fleet. The plan will establish policies, maintenance schedules, training protocols, and data management systems necessary to sustain electric bus operations across rural Fresno County. By identifying best practices for preventive maintenance, workforce development, and charging infrastructure reliability, the plan will ensure that FCRTA's electric fleet remains safe, efficient, and cost-effective over its service life. The project will also involve coordination with regional partners, including community colleges and local jurisdictions, to

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develop long-term technical capacity and enhance workforce readiness. Through proactive maintenance planning, FCRTA will reduce vehicle downtime, extend asset life, and advance regional sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction goals. FCRTA is requesting \$232,901 in grant funding and \$31,769 local match with Measure C funding for a total project cost of \$264,660.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the Caltrans Sustainable Grant Application and further recommends approval of Resolution No. 2025-14.

C. Contractor Services Agreement with Intertie [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA was previously awarded \$1,584,936.40 in New Technology Measure C Grant Program Funding to construct a resiliency hub in the City of Kingsburg. FCRTA has already made great strides in transitioning to an electric fleet and installing infrastructure such as the construction of the new operations and maintenance facility. FCRTA will continue to build upon this work for this project with the resiliency hub based on the site and what is scalable. FCRTA will work with a contractor to design and construct the resilience hub.

Traditionally, FCRTA would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), however due to the scope of work it is necessary to select a contractor with specific specialty in the new technology that will be included in the resiliency hub which includes solar, charging units, battery storage, and energy management system. Intertie is the sole manufacturer of the existing battery storage, level 2 plug in charging units and energy management systems currently installed and implemented at the FCRTA maintenance and operations facility and utilized by the FCRTA. Intertie also installed (8) eight level 2 chargers in Reedley and (5) level 2 chargers in Coalinga. Intertie is uniquely qualified to construct and provide FCRTA's resiliency hub project in Kingsburg which will provide solar charging and battery storage to the FCRTA fleet and is integral to its daily operations. Due to these circumstances, FCRTA is recommending that an agreement for this project be sole-sourced to Intertie. The Staff Report is attached and Contractor Services Agreement is available on the FCRTA website at www.ruraltransit.org

Action: Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a sole-source agreement with Intertie for not to exceed \$1,582,936.40 to design and construct the Kingsburg Resiliency Hub Project.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

B. Items from members.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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ITEM 2A

Minutes

Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Meeting
COG Sequoia Conference Room
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Members Attending:

Councilmember Laura North, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Mayor Matthew Tuttle, City of Reedley
Mayor Diana Guerra Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler
Supervisor Garry Brederfeld, Fresno County
Mayor Adam Flores, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh

Moses Stites, General Manager
Janelle Del Campo, Deputy Director
Bryan Rome, County Counsel
Denise Flores, FCOG

Absent:

Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:34 p.m.

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2. CONSENT ITEMS

About Consent Items – All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by FCRTA staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

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- A. **Approve Minutes of September 25, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]**
- B. **Vehicle Delivery [INFORMATION]**
- C. **PG&E Reference Guide [INFORMATION]**

A motion was made by Mayor Vosburg (Coalinga) and second by Mayor Guerra Silva (Orange Cove). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

Moses Stites provided an update to the Board on installing charging units in the rural cities.

B. Items from members.

Nothing to report.

4. ADJOURNMENT 5:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager

RESOLUTION # 2015-14

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FCRTA
ELECTRICAL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PLAN
TO THE**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is an eligible project applicant and may receive funding from the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA wishes to apply for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding to create an Electric Vehicle Maintenance Plan; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA has prepared an Application for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding, in the amount of \$264,660 for the EV Maintenance Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the FCRTA that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant requirements and any applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for all Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant-funded projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager be authorized to make financial decisions, authorize the submittal of the application, and enter into an agreement with Caltrans.

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER

Passed and approved this 20th day of November, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Alma Beltran, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, duly adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 20th day of November, 2025.

Signed _____
Moses Stites, General Manager



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November 20, 2025

To: FCRTA Board of Directors

From: Moses Stites, General Manager, FCRTA

Subject: Finding that Intertie is uniquely qualified and uniquely capable to construct and install the grant funded Kingsburg Resiliency Hub Project in the amount of \$1,584,936.40

Executive Summary:

Intertie is the sole manufacturer of the existing battery storage, level 2 plug in charging units and energy management systems currently installed and implemented at the FCRTA maintenance and operations facility and utilized by the FCRTA. Intertie also installed (8) eight level 2 chargers in Reedley and (5) level 2 chargers in Coalinga. Intertie is uniquely qualified to construct and provide FCRTA's resiliency hub project in Kingsburg which will provide solar charging and battery storage to the FCRTA fleet and is integral to its daily operations. The cost of the project is an amount not to exceed \$1,584,936.40.

Intertie is the developer of proprietary microgrid technology platform, which FCRTA utilizes at the operations and maintenance facility. To continue to receive software support and design and implement microgrids and clean transportation infrastructure in rural Fresno County, FCRTA seeks to enter into an agreement for construction and maintenance with Intertie. The resulting action is defined by the Caltrans (DOT) as a sole-source non-competitive procurement. This finding is supported by Intertie's unique capability to construct and service the proprietary microgrid technology. An award to any other source would result in substantial duplication of cost to FCRTA that could not be expected to be recovered through competition.

Background:

Zero-emission vehicles are a key element of California's plan for attaining health-based air quality standards and protecting the climate, and FCRTA is required to transition to 100% zero

emission by 2040 per CARB and the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Rule. FCRTA is on the leading edge of deploying new technology to provide high-quality, sustainable transportation service and infrastructure in rural, disadvantaged areas. In doing so, FCRTA will support State and local goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs) and increase transportation equity and resiliency. FCRTA has been a leader in advancing energy-efficient transportation and the transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). FCRTA has transitioned some of its fleet to electric vehicles (EV), installed public EV charging infrastructure throughout the County (Reedley and Coalinga), implemented EV micro-transit service, and will provide transportation and EV charging infrastructure at affordable housing sites. To prepare the electric grid for the transition to EVs and ZEVs, FCRTA conducted an electrical grid analysis study and an EV charging infrastructure network and readiness plan. FCRTA has also conducted a microgrid feasibility study to plan a rural transit solar-powered microgrid network on vacant land that would power its ZEV fleet and support community mobility and resiliency. As part of the effort to reduce GHG emissions in the Central Valley, FCRTA has recently completed its new Maintenance Facility in Selma, CA. This facility is powered by renewable energy, which also powers its electric fleet. In the event of a grid outage, the site is able to utilize Intertie's energy battery storage systems to provide resiliency for emergency charging.

FCRTA currently has 122 vehicles in the fleet, 1/3 are gasoline, 1/3 are CNG, and 1/3 are battery electric. In order to deploy zero emission vehicles in route and achieve 100% zero emission by 2040, FCRTA needs to continue to install infrastructure to support the electric fleet throughout Fresno County. Construction of the Kingsburg resiliency hub project will continue to progress FCRTA to the deployment of zero emission vehicles, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and minimizing the strain on the electrical grid.

Analysis:

FCRTA began planning for the operations and maintenance facility in 2018 and began construction in 2023. The facility is a culmination of many years of planning, grant funding and partnerships. The 7.5-acre site includes a 10,000 square foot maintenance facility with 4-bus bays as well as a 5,000 square foot office space for administrative and dispatch operations. The site also includes 3-bus ports with solar and Level 2 charging as well as, 1-Level 3 inductive charging unit to accommodate the electric fleet. Two Intertie batteries and energy management system have been installed and being utilized at the site to support the charging infrastructure and elevate the strain on the grid system, and a third battery will be installed soon. The energy management system will be utilized to manage and track charging and energy usage. Based on the current usage of the Intertie batteries and software at the maintenance facility, FCRTA concludes that Intertie has a unique capability to construct and service microgrid technology.

Recommendation:

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FCRTA requests that the Board approve and support that Intertie is uniquely capable and uniquely qualified to construct the Kingsburg Resiliency Hub Project. An award to any other source would result in substantial duplication of cost to FCRTA that could not be expected to be recovered through competition. The resulting action is defined by the Caltrans (DOT) as a sole-source non-competitive procurement. This finding is supported by Intertie's unique capability to construct and service the proprietary microgrid technology currently in place. FCRTA requests Board approval of an agreement to Intertie in the amount not to exceed \$1,584,936.40