



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2025 - 1:30 PM**

5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor
Petaluma, CA 94954

1. Call to Order [11:10 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Coursey called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items # 2 & 3 [12:15 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
Stephen Birdlebough – Item #3

Recess to Closed Session [13:56 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

2. Conference with Labor negotiator Eddy Cumins General Manager pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: General Manager
Represented Employees: International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) Local Lodge 1414
3. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a); Number of cases: Two
 - a. Application of City of Santa Rosa for a Crossing at Jennings Avenue; CPUC No. A.15-05-014
 - b. James Duncan v. SMART; CPUC No. C.21-06-011
4. District General Counsel, Jessica Sutherland report out of Closed Session items 2 & 3: No reportable action was taken. [Video Paused during Closed Session. Reconvened at 2:12PM. 15:56 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording.]
5. Approval of the November 19, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes [16:14 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
MOTION: Director Pahre moved approval of the November 19, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Director Sackett seconded. The motion carried 10-0-1 with Director Paulson absent.
6. Board Member Announcements [16:45 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Lucan spoke to the Holiday Express

Note: Agenda Item #7 - General Manager's Report was taken out of turn and heard before Item No. 13

8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items [17:50 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
None
9. Consent Calendar [18:10 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
 - 9a. Accept Monthly Ridership Report – November 2025
 - 9b. Approve Monthly Financial Status Report – October 2025
 - 9c. Approve 2026 Board Meeting Schedule
 - 9d. Approve Amendment #7 for Contract No. OT-PS-16-004 for Masabi, LLC to increase the amount by \$66,144
 - 9e. Approve the Black Point Continued Need
 - 9f. Authorize the General Manager to execute contract amendment No. 10 to the Nossaman LLP, Legal Services Contract in order to increase the contract amount by \$785,000
 - 9g. Adopt a Resolution approving the Hwy37 Amendment No. 2 to MOU

Board/Public Comments [18:28 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

None

MOTION: Director Kelley moved approval of the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Sackett seconded. The motion carried 10-0-1, with Director Paulson absent.

Note: Agenda Item #10 – Citizen's Oversight Committee Report was taken out of turn and heard after Item No. 12

11. Authorize General Manager to finalize negotiations and execute a License Agreement and Construction Funding Agreement for the Jennings Crossing, *presented by Eddy Cumins, General Manager* [19:40 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Board Comments

None

Public Comments: [25:30 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Eris Weaver
Chris Gunther
James Duncan
Matthew Hartzell
Alexa Forrester

Discussion:

Chair Coursey and Directors Lucan, Kelley, Fleming and Cader-Thompson spoke

MOTION: Director Kelley moved to approve the authorization for the general manager to finalize negotiations and execute a license agreement and construction funding agreement with the City of Santa Rosa for an at-grade pedestrian crossing at Jennings Avenue, upon terms and conditions substantially similar to the attached drafts in the staff report and directing staff to accompany a letter to the City of Santa Rosa. Director Fleming seconded. The motion carried 8-2-1, with Directors Rabbitt and Garbarino opposing and Director Paulson absent.

Director Cader-Thompson departed meeting [\[40:44 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording\]](#)

12. Adopt a Resolution adopting the CEQA Addendum for the Healdsburg Extension Project and approving modifications, *presented by Bill Gamlen, Chief Engineer* [\[41:09 Minutes Mark on the Video\]](#)

Board Comments [\[50:43 Minutes Mark on the Video\]](#)

Directors Kelley, Rabbitt and Chair Coursey spoke

Public Comments [\[57:05 Minutes Mark on the Video\]](#)

None

MOTION: Director Rabbitt moved to Adopt a Resolution adopting the CEQA Addendum for the Healdsburg Extension Project and approving modifications, as presented. Director Garbarino seconded. The motion carried 9-0-2, with Director Paulson and Cader Thompson absent.

10. Receive the Citizen's Oversight Committee's Report, *presented by Dani Sheehan-Meyer, Chair of the Citizen's Oversight Committee* [\[57:41 Minutes Mark on the Video\]](#)

Board Comments [\[59:02 Minutes Mark on the Video\]](#)

Directors Pahre and Chair Coursey spoke

7. General Manager's Report [\[59:55 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording\]](#)
General Manager Cumins provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is posted on SMART's website. Highlights included:

- Contracts/Procurements over \$100k
- Ridership Report
- Holiday Express
- 2025 Annual Report
- Questions

Board Comments [\[01:15:05 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording\]](#)

Chair Coursey, Directors Colin, Garbarino, Sacket, Lucan and Kelley spoke

Closed Session

13. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957; Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: General Manager **[01:15:05 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
14. District General Counsel, Jessica Sutherland report out of Closed Session item # No 13
– No reportable action was taken. **[Video Paused during Closed Session. Reconvened at 4:15PM. 1:27:19 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording.]**
15. Next Board of Directors Meeting, **January 21, 2026 – 1:30 PM** – 5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor, Petaluma, CA 94954
16. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Kyreen Jorgensen
Clerk of the Board

Approved on: _____