



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

August 19, 2026 - 1:30 PM

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

1. **Call to Order** [4:53 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
Chair Coursey called the meeting to order at 1:31pm. Vice Chair Sackett, Directors Cader Thompson, Colin, Fleming, Garbarino, Kelley, Lucan, Pahre, Paulson and Rabbitt were present. Director Jacobs was absent
2. **Approval of the July 15, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes** [6:16 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
MOTION: Director Cader Thompson moved approval of the July 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Vice Chair Sackett seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1-3 (Director Jacobs absent and Directors Fleming, Garbarino and Paulson abstaining).
Public Comment:
None
3. **Board Member Announcements** [5:42 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording] Directors Garbarino, Cader Thompson, Kelley, Fleming, Pahre and Vice Chair Sackett spoke.
4. **General Manager's Report** [11:28 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
General Manager Cumins provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is posted on SMART's website.
Highlights include:
 - Contracts/Procurements over \$100K
 - Ridership Report
 - July Event Service
 - Black Point Bridge Update
 - Sail and Rail Pass

- Pathway Status Update
- APTAtech Conference
- Employee of the Quarter
- Questions

Board Comments/Questions

Director Lucan asked about Pathways and Hamilton Bay Trail.
Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen responded.

Director Paulson asked about coordinating with transit partners to obtain data.
General Manager Cumins responded.

Director Rabbitt stated he would like to see the Sail and Rail pass continue.
General Manager Cumins acknowledged the request.

Director Cader Thompson commented about the Penngrove/Cotati trail.

Director Kelley asked about OBAG4 and ineligibility regarding funding for the pathways.
Grants and Legislative Affairs Manager, Joanne Parker responded.

Public Comment:

Matthew Hartzell

5. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items [31:02 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

- Thomas Ells
- Susan Kirks

6. **Consent [36:19 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- 6a. **Receive the Monthly Ridership Report – July 2026**
- 6b. **Adopt Resolution 2026-23 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Construction and Funding Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa to improve West Third Street crossing.**
- 6c. **Adopt Resolution 2026-24 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with the City of Novato for the Olive Avenue Railroad Crossing Alteration Project**
- 6d. **Adopt Resolution No. 2026-25, amending Resolution No. 2026-17, the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Adopted Budget to modify spending authority.**

Board Comments

Director Lucan expressed appreciation for coordination with the City of Novato and Olive Avenue.

MOTION: Director Kelley moved approval of Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Lucan seconded. The motion carried 10-0-2-0 (Director Paulson was not present for the vote and Director Jacobs absent).

Public Comment:

None

7. **Receive update on outreach efforts and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption determination for the proposed Geyserville Station; Adopt Resolution 2026-26 adopting the Geyserville Station Project into SMART's program and approving the Project, presented by Planning Manager, Zoe Unruh**
[37:39 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Paulson returned to the room. [38:01 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Board Comments/Questions

Chair Coursey asked about the optics of prioritizing Geyserville over Cloverdale General Manager, Cumins responded.

Director Kelly asked questions regarding station location and flooding and if improvements at the station could be a benefit to the community; and communication with the tribe.
General Manager Cumins responded.

Director Rabbitt commented that he was supportive of the station and asked about distance between Healdsburg and Cloverdale; if more tracks were going to be needed or all part of the Cloverdale extension; and what type of platform will be built.
General Manager, Cumins and Planning Manager Zoe Unruh responded.

Director Garbarino commented on the small percentage of people who are unhappy and how many commuters work in Geyserville. She complimented Planning Manager, Zoe Unruh on her presentation.

Director Lucan commented on the number of ballots for Measure B versus Geyserville approval.

Public Comments [01:05:20 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Susan Kirks

Bob Cox

Nina

Mike Pechner

Bryce Jones

Thomas Ells

Director Kelly commented on connections and the casino.

MOTION: Director Kelly moved to Adopt Resolution 2026-26 adopting the Geyserville Station Project into SMART's program and approving the Project, as presented. Director Pahre seconded. The motion carried 11-0-1-0 (Director Jacobs absent)

8. **Adopt Resolution 2026-27 authorizing the General Manager to execute Contract No. CV-BB-26-004 with Ghilotti Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$272,869.00, presented by Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen [01:22:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Board Comments

Director Colin asked about any outreach with property owners
Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen responded.

Vice Chair Sackett asked about OBAG and the urgency of repair; the size of the culvert; and if there has been consideration of the run off from the church.
Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen responded.

Public Comment:

None

MOTION: Director Colin moved to Adopt Resolution 2026-27 authorizing the General Manager to execute Contract No. CV-BB-26-004 with Ghilotti Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$272,869.00, as presented. Director Fleming seconded. The motion carried 11-0-1-0 (Director Jacobs absent).

Items 9 thru 11 were presented together. Discussions, public comments and votes were taken separately and individually for each item.

9. **Adopt Resolution 2026-28 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Construction and Funding Agreement with the City of Healdsburg to design utility infrastructure as part of the Design and Construction of the Healdsburg Extension Project (CV-DB-25-001), presented by Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen [01:27:38 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Board Comments

Director Kelley asked about the feasibility of widening the bridge; and commented about bringing utilities to more residents.
Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen responded.

Chair Coursey asked Bill Gamlen to explain the turntable pictured in the

presentation.
Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen responded.

Public Comments

Thomas Ells

MOTION: Vice Chair Sackett moved to Adopt Resolution 2026-28 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Construction and Funding Agreement with the City of Healdsburg to design utility infrastructure as part of the Design and Construction of the Healdsburg Extension Project (CV-DB-25-001), as presented. Director Cader Thompson seconded. The motion carried 11-0-1-0 (Director Jacobs absent).

10. **Adopt Resolution 2026-29 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Construction and Funding Agreement with the County of Sonoma to design roadway improvements as part of the Design and Construction of the Healdsburg Extension Project (CV-DB-25-001), presented by Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen**
[1:38:26 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Board Comments

None

Public Comments

None

MOTION: Vice Chair Sackett moved to Adopt Resolution 2026-29 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Construction and Funding Agreement with the County of Sonoma to design roadway improvements as part of the Design and Construction of the Healdsburg Extension Project (CV-DB-25-001), as presented. Director Kelley seconded. The motion carried 11-0-1-0 (Director Jacobs absent).

11. **Adopt Resolution 2026-30 authorizing the General Manager to execute an Amendment to the Phase I Agreement of the Healdsburg Extension Contract CV-DB-25-001 in an amount of \$781,660.88, presented by Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen**
[01:39:01 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Board Comments

None

Public Comments

None

MOTION: Director Paulson moved to Adopt Resolution 2026-30 authorizing the General Manager to execute an Amendment to the Phase I Agreement of the Healdsburg Extension Contract CV-DB-25-001 in an amount of \$781,660.88, as presented. Director Pahre seconded. The motion carried 11-0-1-0 (Director Jacobs absent).

12. **Appoint Troy Bingham to the position of Chief Financial Officer and approve and authorize the Chair to execute an employment agreement contingent upon completion of successful background investigation, presented by General Manager, Eddy Cumins. [01:39:27 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Chair Coursey, Chair Sackett and Director Pahre spoke about Mr. Bingham's qualifications and experience.

Public Comments

Susan Kirks

Motion: Vice Chair Sackett moved to appoint Troy Bingham to the position of Chief Financial Officer and approve and authorize the Chair to execute an employment agreement contingent upon completion of successful background investigation. Director Pahre seconded. The motion carried 11-0-1-0 (Director Jacobs absent).

13. Next Board of Directors Meeting, **September 16, 2026 – 1:30 PM** – 5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor, Petaluma, CA 94954
14. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyreen Jorgesen
Clerk of the Board

Approved on: _____