



City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report for the Regular City Council Meeting: May 12 6:30PM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Mark Sorensen, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Two year extension of the Butte County Association of Government
(BCAG) Joint Powers Agreement.

Mayor and Council are asked to consider authorizing a two year extension of the BCAG JPA.

The Attached letter from BCAG offers background and explanation of their request to extend the JPA for two years.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Mayor execute an extension of the BCAG JPA by passing the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2015-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BIGGS APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE
TERM OF THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (BCAG)**

Mark Sorensen, City Administrator



April 15, 2015

Mark Sorensen, City Administrator
City of Biggs
P.O. Box 307
Biggs, CA 95917

via email

RE: Request for approval by the Biggs City Council for a two-year extension of BCAG's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Dear Mark:

Enclosed for the City of Biggs Council's consideration is a resolution approving a two (2) year extension to the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG's) Joint Powers Agreement, effective through July 25, 2017.

BCAG, which is a Joint Powers Agency of the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, the Town of Paradise and the County of Butte, was originally established in 1969.

BCAG's current Joint Powers Agreement was last approved by the BCAG member agencies in July 2005 and included a ten (10) year term to the date of July 26, 2015. The Joint Powers Agreement was updated at that time to include BCAG's administration of Butte Regional Transit.

BCAG is the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the federal designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County. Under these designations, BCAG is responsible for the planning and programming of all federal and state transportation funds within the region in cooperation with BCAG's member agencies and state and federal planning partners which include – *The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).*

As the MPO and RTPA for Butte County, BCAG has several planning responsibilities that must be implemented ongoing to ensure continued federal and state transportation funding of projects and programs within Butte County. These required planning responsibilities include preparation of the following plans and/or administration of the following programs:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) – *every four years;*
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) – *every two years;*
- Air Quality Conformity Determinations – *for the MTP and FTIP as necessary;*
- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) – *every two years;*
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan – *every eight years;*
- Administration of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) & State Transit Assistance (STA) – *annually.*

As a regional planning agency, BCAG has also assumed other local/regional planning responsibilities over the years that directly supports and benefits the Cities, Town and County. These activities include:

- Administration of Butte Regional Transit....the *B-Line*;
- Serve as the US Census Affiliate Data Center;
- Provide Administration & Maintenance for the Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) database;
- Administer & Maintain a Regional Transportation Model;
- Development of the Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP);
- Administration of the Butte Regional Transportation Corporation (BRTC) a Non Profit 501 (c)(3) Corporation.

As indicated, BCAG's current Joint Powers Agreement will need to be renewed prior to July 26, 2015. A two-year extension of the BCAG Joint Powers Agreement is being proposed at this time due to the likelihood that the Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) will be approved in the fall of 2015.

BCAG has been coordinating the development of the BRCP with the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville and the County of Butte for the past seven years. Caltrans District 3, Western Canal Water District, Richvale Irrigation District, Biggs West-Gridley Water District and the Butte Water District are also participants to the BRCP.

BCAG staff intends to present the final BRCP to the cities and County in the fall of 2015 for consideration and approval. If approved by the local jurisdictions, the BRCP would then need final approval by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Wildlife. Once approved by all entities, BCAG would become the implementing entity for the BRCP and the Joint Powers Agreement would need to be updated to reflect this responsibility.

BCAG staff anticipates that the approval by local entities and state federal agencies can be completed by July 2016, so extending the current BCAG Joint Powers Agreement to July 2017 will provide sufficient time to make the necessary revisions to the Joint Powers Agreement to adequately incorporate the responsibilities for implementing the BRCP.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and when you plan to schedule this item for the Biggs City Councils consideration.

Sincerely,



Jon Clark

Executive Director

RESOLUTION 2015-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BIGGS APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (BCAG)

WHEREAS, the City of Biggs (City) approved and authorized the execution of a Joint Powers Agreement to create a joint powers public entity known as the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), with the powers, duties and responsibilities of the BCAG set forth in the Joint Powers Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, that Joint Powers Agreement is effective July 26, 2005, with a term of ten (10) years from the date thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the BCAG staff are working to complete the Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP), intended to be incorporated into the Joint Powers Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the parties to the Joint Powers Agreement jointly and severally agree that the term of the Joint Powers Agreement be extended for an additional two (2) years, thereby effective through July 25, 2017, so that this BRCP work can be completed and made part of a revised Joint Powers Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 6500 et seq, generally, and section 6503.5, specifically, provide for this amendment of the Joint Powers Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The recitals herein contained are true and correct; and,
2. Paragraph 18(a) of the Joint Powers Agreement be amended as follows:

The term of this Joint Powers Agreement shall be for a period of ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) years from the date of execution hereof.
3. The Mayor is further hereby authorized to execute any document that incorporates this amendment into and as part of the Joint Powers Agreement.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at its regular meeting of May 12, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Roben Dewsnup
CITY CLERK

Roger L. Frith
MAYOR