

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # A-7

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE March 30, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of the Resignation of George Gaekle and Approval of the Appointment of Matthew Machado to the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the resignation of George Gaekle from the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee and commend him for his service.
2. Approval of the Appointment of Matthew Machado, Director of Public Works, as a representative of Stanislaus County to the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-171

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee was established by SB 1118 in 1997, and is comprised of elected officials and public members representing 12 counties along the San Joaquin train route which includes Stanislaus County. The Committee's objectives are to promote ridership on San Joaquin trains; to ensure train frequency; promote bus connectivity between trains; make recommendations to Caltrans and Amtrak regarding train service; and, to recommend legislation at the State and Federal level regarding train service to the Central Valley.

Stanislaus County has actively participated on the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee since its creat. George Gaekle was first appointed by the Board of Supervisors to represent Stanislaus County on the Committee in 1997. He has been instrumental in the development and promotion of train service to the Central Valley. His leadership and knowledge of the rail system have been invaluable to the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee. Mr. Gaekle recently submitted his resignation to the Board of Supervisors after representing Stanislaus County with distinction on this Committee for 13 years.

Mr. Gaekle's resignation leaves Stanislaus County with an opening on the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee. Matthew Machado, Director of Public Works is being recommended for the appointment to fill the vacancy.

The Board of Supervisors commends George Gaekle for his dedication and service to the citizens of Stanislaus County and thanks him for his representation on the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is the appointing authority of the members to the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee who represent Stanislaus County. This item is related to the Board Priority of A well-planned infrastructure system.

**STAFFING IMPACTS:**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**George Gaekle**

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Monday, March 22, 2010

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen,

I have been a member of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee since its inception in the early 1980s. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to Amtrak and Cal Trans regarding Amtrak's San Joaquin trains. I have enjoyed being the appointed member to the committee for our county and am proud of the things we have achieved.

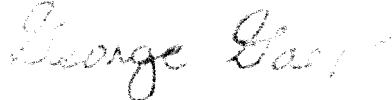
During my years of service on this committee, I have seen the ridership in the San Joaquin corridor grow to approximately 800,000 riders annually. The number of trains has grown from two to six trains in each direction, with daily service between Bakersfield and the Bay Area and Sacramento. Amtrak buses have extended service to the Greater Southern California area.

The ravages of time (in particular diminished vision and mobility challenges) have made it increasingly difficult for me to attend meetings and participate fully. It is with reluctance that I must resign from the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee. I shall continue to take a keen interest in valley rail service and the committee's work.

I heartily recommend Matt Machado, your Director of Public Works, as my replacement.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of Stanislaus County.

Cordially,



George Gaekle

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