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TCAG establishes Rail Advisory Committee

TULARE — The Tulare County Association of Governments adopted a resolution Monday to create a Rail Advisory Committee.

The resolution to create a TCAG Rail Advisory Committee was unanimously approved Monday during TCAG's monthly board meeting in Tulare. The TCAG Rail Advisory Committee will be chaired by Tom Sparks, an alternate TCAG Board member. Other members include:

- Jack Allwardt — alternate TCAG Board member, Exeter City Council
- Pam Kimball — TCAG Board member, Lindsay City Council
- Felipe Martinez — TCAG Board member, Porterville City Council
- Chuck Littlefield — Chief Operating Officer of Richard Best Transfer Inc.
- Bob Bloomer — President of West Coast Railcar Service Inc.

Agency staff members named to serve on the committee include: Paul Saldana, executive director of the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation; Scott Cochran, Tulare County Resource Management Agency; Ben Giuliani, TCAG staff; and Ted Smalley, TCAG executive director.

In light of recent developments regarding rail abandonment, the TCAG Rail Advisory Committee will provide a forum to identify, discuss and make recommendations regarding commercial rail in Tulare County. Such issues could include rail abandonment, rail goods movement, rail consolidation and other issues regarding the use of commercial rail in Tulare County. The committee will meet quarterly or as needed.

The Tulare County Association of Governments is a voluntary association of local governments, including each incorporated city and Tulare County. For more information on TCAG, contact Ted Smalley at (559) 733-6291 or visit www.tularecog.org.