



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of January 18, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 7-M

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SUBJECT:

San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority SB 742 Report to Legislature

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) released their Report to the Legislature pursuant to Senate Bill 742. The report may be found at: [SJPA SB 742 Report to the Legislature](#).

The SJPA has prepared this report to fulfill the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 742, which states that a joint powers authority that contracts for service shall submit a status report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2023.

Of the six bus-only routes operated by the SJPA, the only route running through Madera County is Route 15b, operated by the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS). In Attachment 1: Analysis for San Joaquins Thruway Bus Routes Recommendations for Change, the report recommends the SJPA renegotiate the terms of the agreement with YARTS as the schedules are not ideal for the rail bus connections to the San Joaquins. In some circumstances passengers can wait over an hour for their scheduled connection.

Furthermore, it states that if a new contract cannot be reached, then the current contract should be terminated and a new service focused on direct train/bus connections should be considered at a later date after the San Joaquins ridership has recovered and California's economy has recovered.

This report will be presented to the SJPA Board at their next bimonthly meeting scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.