



Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority Special Meeting Minutes

March 03, 2025, 1:00 PM

Town Hall – Administrative Center | 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA and Nevada
County - Eric Rood Government Center | 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA

1. **Call to Order**: Chair Callaway called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**: Board Members, Hilary Hobbs, Erin Mettler, Vice Chair, Lynn Hodson (alternate); and Chair, Jennifer Callaway.

Staff Present:

Town of Truckee: Becky Bucar, Assistant Public Works Director; Dan Wilkins, Public Works Director/Town Engineer, and Sarah Ring, Deputy Town Clerk.

Nevada County: Doug Johnson, County Counsel; Josh White, Facilities Program Manager; Craig Griesbach, Interim Information and General Services Director; Nikki Aringer, Senior Administrative Analyst (virtual); and Mandy Stewart, Administrative Analyst II.

Placer County: Stephanie Holloway, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (virtual).

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**: Deferred.
4. **Public Comment**: None.
5. **Presentations**
- 5.1 **Polling Results for Potential Library Bond Measure.**

Timothy McLarney, TrueNorth Research, provided a presentation, Charles Heath, Team CivX, present to help answer question (presentation on file with Town Clerk).

- The purpose of the library ballot measure survey was to assess the feasibility of a parcel tax measure for a regional library, determine levels of public support, determine how the tax measure might be structured, and understand how information shapes voter opinions.
- The survey was distributed to the public from January 29 and February 9.
- 476 interviews were conducted using random sampling by email, text, and phone.
 - Three potential election dates were surveyed: A general election in November 2026, a primary election in June 2026, and a Special Election in 2025.
- The survey found that the voters' top concerns were:
 - Protecting the environment (89%)
 - Reducing traffic congestion
 - Improving local schools
 - Preventing tax increases ranked higher than improving local library facilities.

Chair Callaway opened the item for questions.

- There is no set rule as to how long to wait between tax measures, but it may be driven by the environment that may exist in another year or two.
- The margin for error increases when filtering the polling results by area of residence, especially with the limited poll numbers.

Chair Callaway opened public comment.

Verbal comment received from: Jason Toups, Kathleen Eagan, Louis Zabriskie and April Cole.

- The results ranked unusually low compared to previous surveys.
- The survey results are understandable with the high cost of living, recent tax increases, and recent federal activities.
 - If the JPA moves forward with a November 2025 Special Election:
 - Pros: Avoids conflict with 2026 school/town tax renewals, maintains momentum for campaign & private donations, and a focused voter outreach campaign.
 - Cons: Risk of failure due to low current support, the high cost of special election, and voter fatigue from recent tax increases.
 - If the JPA delays to a later election:
 - Pros: Potential for better voter environment, more time to raise private donations and secure grants, and alignment with county library sales tax renewal (2028).
 - Cons: Potential project cost increases, loss of momentum, and increased competition with other tax measures.
- If the measure fails, it may reduce chances of future success, hinder fundraising efforts, or create opposition groups that could impact future tax measures.

Board Direction:

- The JPA Board will decide at the next regular meeting on March 19 whether to proceed with formation of a Communities Facilities District.
- A discussion with the Truckee Town Council is scheduled for March 25.
 - The final decision on whether to proceed with a November 2025 ballot measure is set for April 8.

6. Adjournment: 2:35 p.m.

To the regular meeting of the Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority, March 19, 2025, 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA.

Sarah Ring, Deputy Town Clerk