

San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

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Meeting Agenda Thursday, July 5, 2012 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Fresno Council of Governments
Ash Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, California 93721

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 5, 2012 Directors' Meeting (*enclosure*)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

2. SB 375 Subcommittee, Modeling & FTIP/AQ Update
(enclosure)
T. Taylor
M. Bitner
C. Anderson
3. Greenhouse Gas Targets for the San Joaquin Valley
*Discuss Targets, outline proposal to the Regional
Policy Council, and discuss other next steps in
preparation for the November 2012 Air Resources
Board Meeting*
P. Taylor / All
4. Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill Update
P. Taylor

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. A member of the public or Director may request that any informational item be "pulled" for further discussion.

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| 5. High Speed Rail | HSR Staff |
| 6. Interregional Passenger Rail Act of 2012 | D. Leavitt |
| 7. VLAC – Valley Voice Washington D.C. | C. Malekos |
| 8. California Partnership | S. Dabbs |
| 9. Revised SR 99 Business Plan | R. Ball |
| 10. Proposition 84 | R. Terry |
| 11. Blueprint / SACOG SCS Workshop | R. Terry |
| 12. Implementation of San Joaquin Rail Authority (SB-325) | T. Smalley |
| 13. Interregional Goods Movement Plan | M. Sigala |
| 14. Regional Energy Planning | M. Sigala |
| 15. Fall Policy Conference | T. King |

OTHER ITEMS

16. Director Items
17. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda. This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes. Note: The general public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

Next Directors Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2012 (Madera)

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. *High Speed Rail – update not provided*

6. *Interregional Passenger Rail Act of 2012*

D. Leavitt

There was a Senate Transportation Committee hearing on July 3, 2012 to consider AB 1779. Dan Leavitt and Andy Chesley will provide additional information if requested.

7. *VLAC – Valley Voice Washington D.C.*

C. Malekos

Priorities for the September 12-13 Valley Voice trip to Washington, DC were presented to the Regional Policy Council at their June 22 meeting. It was noted, however, that the priorities may change depending upon the status of a new Transportation Reauthorization bill. Final priorities will be developed by VLAC and will be presented to the Directors at their August meeting and the Regional Policy Council's special meeting to be held in late August.

8. *California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley*

M. Dozier

SJV Housing Collaborative Affordable Housing Summit: On May 22, the SJVHC held an inaugural Affordable Housing Summit in Fresno. The collaborative hopes to serve as an advocate for affordable housing and is seeking regional solutions in the absence of RDAs through support for SB 1220 and other means. The SJVHC is a non-profit administered by the California Partnership for the SJV.

Smart Valley Places Mid Flight Convention: A smart growth conference was held May 31, in Modesto in partnership with the Blueprint Integration project. The event was well-attended and provided technical breakout sessions that focused on a variety of sustainable planning topics.

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board Meeting: The next Partnership board meeting will be held in September 2012 (location TBD).

San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium: The SJVRBC will be holding its quarterly meeting in July at the Tulare County Office of Education. As part of the grant, the consortium is developing resources that can be used to integrate broadband infrastructure into local and regional sustainable planning activities.

9. *Revised SR 99 Business Plan*

R. Ball

A Business Plan Update meeting was held on June 15. Category II, III and IV minor, operational, and capacity candidate projects were discussed. A draft project list is scheduled to be distributed at the July 5 Directors Meeting for review. Mr. Ball will provide additional information if requested.

10. *Proposition 84*

R. Terry

The final report for the San Joaquin Valley Demographic Forecast Study 2010-2050 has been submitted by the Planning Center (consultant), a planning/economics consultant firm based in Southern California. The report was funded by the fourth year San Joaquin Valley Blueprint grant. The results of the study have been used as input to the San Joaquin Valley Housing Market Analysis Study and the San Joaquin Valley Fiscal Analysis Tool project, which are also funded by the Blueprint grant. The forecasts are for each of the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley and include projections of population, households, housing units, income, ages and race/ethnicity. The study, in its entirety, can be found at <http://valleyblueprint.org/san-joaquin-valley-demographic-forecast.html>

A meeting attended by representatives from each of the eight valley MPOs, The Planning Center, DOF, HCD, ARB, Caltrans Headquarters and Districts 6 and 10, SJV Air Pollution Control District, the MPO valleywide coordinator and the UOP Business Forecasting Center, was held on 5/11/12. The purpose of the meeting was to (1) make State agencies aware of the San Joaquin Valley Demographic Forecast study, (2) give the opportunity for both The Planning Center and DOF to explain their projection methodologies and (3) provide an opportunity for dialogue between the Valley COGs and State agencies regarding transportation planning and SB 375 activities.

The San Joaquin Valley Market Study for Higher Density Residential Housing, which officially kicked-off April 3, is approaching completion; utilizing the demographic projections provided by the Demographic Forecast Study completed in April of 2012, the Concord Group (consultant) will provide analysis of housing demand, existing and projected stock, and consumer preferences to determine the market need/desire for units throughout the valley. Modeling specific to each metro area, city, county and additional sub-geographies as identified became available in draft form in late May 2012, with final figures and reporting scheduled to be available in mid-June 2012.

11. *Blueprint / SACOG SCS Workshop*

R. Terry

(Prop 84 Round 1) Blueprint Integration (BPI) outreach and circuit planning activities to valley cities with populations under 50,000 continues, and is scheduled to provide assistance to interested cities through January 2013. Completed tasks undertaken as part of this process will be posted on the Toolkit website (which is also a Blueprint funded on-going project) for utilization by other agencies with similar needs/interests. In addition, the BPI and Smart Valley Places projects held a joint convention on May 31, 2012 at the Modesto Centre Plaza to provide for additional outreach, networking and discussion opportunities for interested individuals on the topics of Blueprint Integration and development in the Valley. The convention was attended by approximately 200 individuals from all over the valley and received very positive feedback regarding the breakout sessions and topics covered. Caltrans was instrumental in providing financial support for the convention. This activity acted as the first of two conventions to be held during the Blueprint Integration project period. A date for the second convention has yet to be determined.

(Prop 84 Round 2) On May 10, 2012, the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) unanimously approved SGC Staff's recommendation for Proposition 84 Round 2 funding allocations. Fresno COG, on behalf of the eight (8) Valley MPOs, is a recipient of a \$1,000,000 award for the San Joaquin Valley Greenprint, Modeling and SCS Completion Project. With this approval, a contract will now be sought to arrange grant funding. A copy of the May 10, 2012 SGC agenda and attachments can be found at <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/meetings/20120510/>. A Press Release announcing the award to the Fresno COG, on behalf of the eight (8) Valley MPOs can be found at <http://fresnocog.org/media-or-press>

12. *Implementation of San Joaquin Rail Authority (SB-325)*

T. Smalley

Review of the enabling Joint Powers Authority document is still under legal review by each respective RTPA. Mr. Smalley will provide additional information if requested.

13. *Interregional Goods Movement Plan*

M. Sigala

The **San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan** is entering its 12-month and is approximately 50 percent complete. To date, an *Economic and Demographic Profile, Importance of Goods Movement in the Valley, Commodity Flow Profile, Commodity Growth Profile, Industry*

Profiles, and *The Community, Environmental, and Economic Impacts of Freight Movement* segments of the final report have been completed as well as numerous stakeholder engagements.

The Goods Movement Plan is a critical component for assessing and determining major transportation projects for the San Joaquin Valley region. In July 2012, there will be two Prioritization Workshops in two Valley locations – Stockton and Visalia (north and south) as part of the Phase II of the project.

JULY 2012 STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (10am to 12pm)

July 18th (Wed.)
San Joaquin COG
Board Room
555 E. Weber Ave.,
Stockton, CA 95202

July 19th (Thurs.)
Tulare County Ag Commissioner's
Auditorium
4437 S. Laspina St.,
Tulare, CA 93274

Phase II is intended to identify and evaluate strategies for improving freight mobility, and identify strategies for mitigating the impacts of goods movement. At these public meetings, consultants will begin the process of gaining consensus regarding decision-making criteria, processes and initial project selection.

All relevant information for this planning effort can be found at:

<http://www.sjvcogs.org/goods.html>

14. Regional Energy Planning

M. Sigala

The **SJV Regional Energy and Economic Development Roadmap** planning grant application was submitted to the California Strategic Growth Council in February 2012. The \$1 million planning grant application was an eight-county collaborative effort including EDCs, workforce investment boards, the SJV Clean Energy Organization and numerous other partners. Awards were announced in late April and approved on May 10, 2012. Our Roadmap application was not recommended for funding. Our application was ranked 7 out of 13. Applications 1 thru 6 were recommended for funding.

We are continuing to look at alternative sources of funding for the Roadmap and have since reconvened our Valleywide regional energy partners to begin our quarterly meetings again. The last meeting was held Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 2pm. Concurrently, we are coordinating a meeting with the California Energy Commission, the Economic Development Administration, and private utility companies to further discuss regional planning efforts in the San Joaquin Valley. Congressman Costa's office is helping in convening this meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 at 10am in Fresno.

The **Southwest Solar Transformation Initiative (SSTI)** program has been launched and meetings with participating jurisdictions have occurred for the cities of Arvin, Atwater, Clovis, Delano, Hanford, Livingston, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Visalia, Fresno, Modesto, Mendota and Turlock. During the summer months, considerable technical work and assessments will be performed for each jurisdiction outlining best practices for implementation. The SSTI is part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge to help streamline and standardize permitting, zoning, metering and connection processes – and improve finance options for rooftop solar systems, with a particular focus on municipal buildings. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council/RTPAs are a partner in this program. The partnership agreement was approved at the May 2012 Fresno COG Policy Board meeting (Fresno COG is fiscal agent for the program).

15. *Fall Policy Conference, 2012*

T. King

The 2012 Fall Policy Conference will be held October 10-12 in Lemoore at the Tachi Palace Hotel. The conference will begin on Wednesday evening October 10 with a reception on the second floor outdoor terrace overlooking the beautiful grounds of the hotel and the surrounding agricultural lands. The conference will start on October 11th Thursday morning and conclude after the Regional Blueprint Awards luncheon on Friday afternoon. A Regional Policy Council meeting will follow after the close of the conference on October 12th.

Hotel rooms for the conference are available for booking now at a cost of \$75 per night. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 615-8030 and requesting a room for these specific dates under the name of the Kings County Association of Governments.

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Item 1

Kings County Government Center
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Executive Minutes
Members Attending:

Rosa Parks (for Yamzon), StanCOG
Patricia Taylor, MCTC
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Jesse Brown, MCAG

Terri King, KCAG
Robert Ball, Kern COG
Ted Smalley, TCAG
Andy Chesley, SJCOG

Others:
See Appendix A for List of Others Attending

TRANSFER OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PATRICIA TAYLOR AND TERRI KING

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Patricia Taylor, Chair. Everyone introduced themselves.

1. May 3, 2012 Directors' Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Jesse Brown and seconded by Mr. Andy Chesley to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed.

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2. Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill

B. Manley

Mr. Bret Manley was unavailable by phone. Mr. Bill Higgins provided a written update prior to the meeting. Chair Patricia Taylor relayed that the House is on recess next week. Senator Barbara Boxer does intend to move her version forward although it looks unlikely to be passed by June 30th so another extension is likely. It is unclear how long the extension will be. This item is to be included on next month's agenda.

3. FY 2012-13 Directors' Committee Meetings (*enclosure*)

P. Taylor

Included in the agenda packet was a draft FY 2012-2013 Directors' Committee Meeting calendar. Mr. Michael Sigala commented that the October 4th meeting date would need to be moved to October 10th to align with the first day of the Fall Policy Conference. Mr. Rob Ball added that the December meeting might conflict with the California Transportation Commission meeting so he asked Mr. Sigala to check. Director Andy Chesley asked that Mr. Sigala also check that Directors' Committee meetings do not conflict with One Voice trips. The Directors' July meeting is tentative and the meeting will be confirmed or cancelled following the June 22nd Regional Policy Council meeting.

The Directors' Committee Meetings will also be moved from 9:00 am to 10:00 am following this meeting.

4. Interregional Passenger Rail Act of 2012 (AB 1779)

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt reported that AB 1779 is making good progress moving forward. The technical working group continues to receive letters of support and make presentations with groups throughout the San Joaquin Valley (SJV). On May 9th AB 1779 was put in suspense until the May 25th vote. AB 1779 received bipartisan support on the Assembly floor. All the SJV representatives voted for AB 1779 with the exception of Assemblymember Valadao who was absent.

The next steps are to continue seeking co-authors, supporting the LOSSAN effort and working with Caltrans to develop a transition plan. Because of issues in Kings and Kern County with High Speed Rail, the technical working group has focused their efforts in the south SJV with meetings and presentations for individual cities. Tomorrow the group will meet with the City Manager of Bakersfield but there is talk that Bakersfield might be the first to actively oppose AB 1779.

Mr. Leavitt asked the Directors to write a piece on why this legislation is important for the SJV and why the Directors' Committee supports this legislation. Mr. Jesse Brown suggested that such a letter would be more effective from the Regional Policy Council. Chair Patricia Taylor said that this item is already on the Regional Policy Council agenda and a draft letter will be added for approval. Mr. Leavitt also asked that a representative attend the Senate Transportation Hearing – the date will be either June 12th or June 19th.

5. SB 375 Subcommittee, SCS & FTIP/AQ (*enclosure*)

T. Taylor/C. Anderson/P. Taylor

Ms. Tanisha Taylor reported that seven of eight counties have released their FTIP updates with San Joaquin COG scheduled to release theirs soon. All eight counties are on schedule for adoption in July 2012. All eight MPOs will need to adopt in 2013 to show conformity. In terms of SB 375, the group has been working with Mr. Mike Bitner to develop a modeling report and implications of those models. They did not have all the results at this meeting but they anticipate a workshop the week of June 18th to discuss the implications of the modeling results. Following a meeting with the Directors sub-committee they will set a meeting with the Air Resources Board to discuss next

steps in the target setting process. Mr. Chesley stated that modelers have expressed concerned that new models will introduce uncertainty.

Discussion ensued regarding CARB Board Member D'Adamo presentation at the June 22 Regional Policy Council meeting. Chair Patricia Taylor asked that there be a presentation on this topic and asked Ms. Tanisha Taylor to generate a document/presentation that lays out where the MPOs are in the process and the importance of a Valleywide effort. Mr. Jesse Brown asked that the document also outline the benefits to each individual MPOs and the ability to customize the plan on a county-by-county basis. The plan for the Valley needs to be completed at least one month prior to the CARB Board meeting in November.

6. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (*enclosure*)

C. Malekos

Ms. Cindy Malekos asked the Directors to review the list of Valleywide priorities for approval at the June Regional Policy Council meeting. Director Patricia Taylor said that she would like to see the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill as a top priority, as it will not likely be resolved by September. Mr. Rob Ball asked that the maps be updated from last year as Kern COG had issues with some points.

Mrs. Taylor directed the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee to keep housing as a priority. Mr. Sigala added that we are Department of Energy funded the Valley and our partners have expressed interest in presenting with the Directors during the Washington D.C. trip. Mr. Jesse Brown suggested that AB 1779 be included in the priorities, as it will open the possibility of future federal funding for this regional rail system.

7. Regional Transportation Planning/Sustainable Community Strategies R. Terry

Mr. Rob Terry said that this item began with financial regional analysis tool and lessons learned from other counties' Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS) process. There is funding available to bring staff to the San Joaquin Valley and discuss lessons learned from the process. The tentative date is Wednesday, July 18, 2012. Mr. Terry asked that the Directors approve the workshop date and allow staff to attend for the benefit of moving forward in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategies process. Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Brown and passed unanimously.

8. Valleywide SCS Outreach Request for Proposals (*enclosure*)

B. Veenendaal

Valleywide SCS Outreach proposals and matrix scoring sheet were sent via e-mail prior to the Directors' Committee meeting. Ms. Brenda Veenendaal reported that interviews were held yesterday and final recommendation was made to award the contract to the MIG team. Motion was made by Mr. Andy Chesley and seconded by Mr. Tony Boren to approve the staff recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. Revised SR 99 Business Plan

R. Ball

Mr. Rob Ball shared that Caltrans District 6 and 10 have included their updates to the SR 99 Business Plan. The review period will go until Friday, June 15th. Mr. Andy Chesley asked that the Directors reflect on the priority settings themselves and any recommendations that have been made to that process. Mr. Ball asked that counties with new projects bring them forward at this time. A project dollar amount threshold was also discussed.

17. Interregional Goods Movement Plan

M. Sigala

Representative from the California League of Food Processors spoke on the Interregional Goods Movement Plan. Currently there is an 80,000-pound limit on trucks. The League has found that by allowing trucks to carry their maximum capacity that would potentially eliminate one in four loads, equivalent to 5,000 truck trips per day.

Mr. Rob Ball suggested that a chapter on these good ideas would be a great addition to the Interregional Goods Movement Plan. Mr. Michael Sigala said that the technical working group has currently directed the consultants to work with Caltrans truck division. Mr. Tony Boren mentioned that contacting county public works directors might help in the process. Mr. Rob Ball volunteered to contact Malcolm (Caltrans) for his input.

OTHER ITEMS

18. Director Items

Rob Ball (Kern COG) brought up the SR 99 Bond Savings List. He requested that at the next directors meeting the topic of project readiness be discussed. If a project is not ready then we should go down the list to the next project. Jesse Brown (MCAG) stated that we should retain the existing project list in the current priority order of one thru seven. The delays that have occurred, for example in the Merced project, have occurred due to the lack of Caltrans and CTC support for allocating right-of-way funds. We now have estimated bond savings funds for the top five projects, and it is important that we maintain and support the existing priority list. The Directors agreed on this list a year ago and the Policy Council approved it in October 2011, along with a commitment to get as many projects completed as possible. Tony Boren (Fresno COG) stated his support for Mr. Brown's comments and reiterated that the projects need to stay in the order they are in. Rosa Parks (StanCOG) stated the importance of their Palendale number six project and that they cannot support a reordering of projects. Andy Chesley (SJ COG) stated his support for the existing priority list and that we should honor the integrity and investment of everyone's time to the list in its existing order.

Tony Boren (Fresno COG) announced that Jeff Abercrombie is no longer with High Speed Rail Authority. He has returned to Caltrans staff.

Rob Ball (Kern COG) reported on Assembly Constitutional Amendment 23 (ACA 23) that he would move forward with putting together a staff report. Mr. Andy Chesley responded that he has yet to see any evidence of Republican support for ACA 23 and without that support there is no reason to continue forward. Mr. Chesley stated that the Self-Help County Coalition would be willing to provide support next year. Mr. Ball updated that Caltrans recently passed a resolution in support of ACA 23. Mr. Ball reported that ACA 23 is in a strong place with local help. As for negotiations, the author will need to decide whether it is appropriate to move the specific percentage threshold. Discussion ensued whether this item should go before the Regional Policy Council. Mr. Rob Ball agreed to contact his Kern COG Board and follow-up with Regional Policy Council Chair Allen Ishida.

Terri King (KCAG) introduced Gail Miller as the new Caltrans Director of Planning in District 6.

Chair Patricia Taylor recognized the dedicated work of Mr. Jesse Brown, Director Merced County Association of Governments, who is set to retire in July.

19. Public Presentations - None

Next Directors Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 2012 (OPTIONAL)

Appendix A: List of Others Attending

Diane Nguyen, SJ COG
Tom Jordan, SJV Air Pollution Control District
Marjie Kern, MCAAG
Elizabeth Wright, TCAG
Cindy Malekos, Stan COG
Michelle Garcia, Fresno Madera Medical Society
Elizabeth Jonasson, Coalition for Clean Air
Lezlie Kimura, Air Resources Board
Gail Miller, Caltrans Planning
Ahron Hakimi, Caltrans
Rachel Audino, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Daniel O'Connell, American Farmland Trust
Ed Yates, California League of Food Processors
Michael Sigala, Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc.
Dan Leavitt, Regional Rail Working Group

Phone:

Ken Baxter, Caltrans, District 10
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Rob Terry, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Dianne Barthe, SJ COG
Tanisha Taylor, SJ COG

Memo

To: San Joaquin Valley MPO Directors
From: Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG Senior Regional Planner
Date: July 5, 2012
Re: SB-375 Target Setting

REQUESTED ACTION: Reach Consensus on Schedule and Next Steps

BACKGROUND:

In September 2010, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) took action to establish Senate-Bill 375 (SB-375) targets for the 8 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) of the San Joaquin Valley. This board action acknowledged the amount of change ARB anticipated over the next two years (2010 to 2012) in data, modeling, and decisions to be made in the Valley and established “placeholder” provisional targets for the 8 MPOs. The board action also requested a report on expected model improvements in 2012 and indicated the “placeholder” provisional targets would not be “officially” considered for ARB board action until 2014.

Since 2010, 3 of the 4 largest MPO regions have adopted Sustainable Community Strategies (SCSs) that have met and/or exceeded their applicable SB-375 target.

June 22nd Policy Council Meeting

Significant discussion regarding SB-375 target setting occurred at the June 22, 2012 Policy Council Meeting. California Air Resources Board member Dorene D’Adamo participated in that discussion.

To facilitate discussion, three questions were posed to the Policy Council and ARB Board member D’Adamo. 1) What is ARB’s expectation for the 2012 provisional target update; what action is anticipated from the ARB board in 2012; 2) What does “Valley-wide” target mean; and 3) The first three MPOs to adopt SCSs have met or exceeded their targets, how will the Valley MPOs respond? A summary of the response to each question can be found below.

- 1) ***What is ARB’s expectation for the 2012 provisional target update; what action is anticipated from the ARB board in 2014?*** In response, ARB Board member D’Adamo indicated the ARB board will not be able to take an official action on a 2012 target recommendation for the Valley MPOs. The official action could not occur until 2014 because ARB only has legislative authority to revisit the SB-375 targets every 4 years. In addition, both ARB and the San Joaquin Valley Air District encouraged the Valley MPOs to present a reasonable target recommendation in 2012 regardless of the action by the ARB board.
- 2) ***What does “Valley-wide” target mean?*** The response to question 2 was left in the hands of the Valley MPOs to determine. As a result, the term “valley-wide” target remains ambiguous. To address the ambiguous nature of “valley-wide”, the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council took an action instructing MPO staff to develop a “valley-wide” target recommendation. It is anticipated this recommendation will be considered by the Policy Council at their October 2012 meeting.

- 3) *The first three MPOs to adopt SCSs have met or exceeded their targets, how will the Valley MPOs respond?* This question is anticipated to be a part of continued discussions as the Valley MPOs develop target recommendations and their respective SCSs.

DISCUSSION:

Several questions have been developed to facilitate discussion and identify where there is agreement amongst the MPOs and where there is not.

1. Should the Valley MPOs accept the ARB adopted 5% and 10% targets?
 - a. If accepted, what does this mean? Does this mean each MPO agrees to a target of 5% and 10% in 2020 and 2035 respectively, or does this mean each agency can have a different target?
2. Is there any possibility there might be a multi-county target?
 - a. e.g. 3 northern counties (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced), 4 central counties (Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings), and Kern or some other combination
3. A valley-wide position will need to be developed to guide the target development process; can the 8 MPOs have individual targets that differ from each other?
4. Should the Valley MPOs establish a critical decision point at which a decision should be made as to how to proceed if all agencies cannot reach agreement?
5. Are the Valley MPOs willing to recommend a target that reflects a growth in greenhouse gas emissions per capita?
6. Can we reach consensus on common assumptions?
 - a. Use of MIP model?
 - b. Land use that reflects the economic recession?
 - c. Quantification methodologies?

AIR QUALITY DISCUSSION ITEM

San Joaquin Valley RPA Directors' Committee

July 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Air Quality / SB 375 Update

AIR QUALITY ITEMS:

1) 2013 FSTIP

- a. The last report indicated that all MPOs were on schedule to adopt in July. Final transmittal instructions are being developed for staff. A verbal status report will be provided if necessary.

2) 2012 PM2.5 Plan

- a. Key items for the SJV MPOs include:
 - i. The Air District conducted the second public workshop on the Draft Plan on June 27, 2012. It is anticipated that comments will be discussed verbally with District staff.
 - ii. Efforts for upcoming workshops include:
 1. Review of emissions inventories presented at the June workshop
 2. Preparation of a new RACM analysis to be presented at the August workshop
 3. Development of updated conformity budgets to be presented at the August workshop
 - iii. Supporting information will be provided as it becomes available.

3) Conformity Budget Updates

- a. A staff only workshop was conducted on June 21, 2012 to review Initial Draft MIP testing results and new EMFAC 2011 Instructions that were concurred upon by ARB. Staff comments on the testing results and instructions are due June 29, 2012 in addition to results from testing exercises. The comments will be addressed accordingly and a Director briefing will be prepared on the implications for both conformity budget updates and SB-375 target updates. Staff recommended proceeding with conformity budget updates based on the Draft 2013 FTIPs / Conformity Analysis currently out for public review. However, that recommendation will be revisited as additional MIP information becomes available.

SB-375 ITEMS:

- 1) District meeting follow-up items. At the January 23, 2012 meeting with the Air District, we indicated that an SJV “Gap Analysis” and Addendum to the Work Plan would be prepared. These efforts have been delayed due to completion of the MIP.