



Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 6, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Host:
Fresno Council of Governments

Meeting Location:
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Teleconference Number: 1-712-432-1212
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TRANSFER OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO TONY BOREN AND PATRICK PITTENGER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. June 1, 2017 Directors' Meeting T. Boren

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality R. Niblock
Update and Discussion
3. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee S. Dabbs
a. Review Federal Legislative Platform for Valley Voice D.C.
b. Discuss and Approve Valleywide Letter Regarding Buy America Waivers
4. Rural Transit Alternatives Study M. Sigala
Letter of Support Request for MCAG's Grant Application to the California Energy Commission

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5. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council M. Sigala *Provided at meeting*
Review Formation Language for Executive and Water Committees

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Written summaries of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.

6. Caltrans Directors' Report S. Ehlert /D. Agar
7. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail D. Leavitt
8. California High Speed Rail D. Gomez
9. Goods Movement Planning M. Sigala
10. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley K. Biawogi

OTHER ITEMS

11. Director Items
12. 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 three minutes. The general public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

ADJOURN MEETING.

Directors Only Session if Necessary

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 1, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Directors	MPOs
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Stacie Dabbs, Interim	Merced County Association of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 9, 2017 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the May 9, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Andrew Chesley
Second Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi
No Nays
Motion Carried

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Ted Smalley- Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ryan Niblock reported a conformity training for SJV staff was held and included discussion on conformity requirements, Valley-specific conformity coordination and demonstration process, plan amendment procedures, and project-level conformity.

During a statewide conformity working group meeting on May 17th, EPA discussed 2015 ozone plan adequacy. Updated budgets will be incorporated into conformity documents this summer via the off-cycle RTP amendment previously discussed. Beginning 2019, conformity demonstration for carbon monoxide will no longer be required since the state has demonstrated maintenance of the standard for 20 years.

Mr. Niblock reported ARB staff presented an informational update during a public meeting on PM2.5 Plan development. Attainment strategies focus on direct PM and include measures targeting residential wood burning, charbroiling and dust controls, and mobile source measures such as clean fuel vehicle incentives. The Plan is scheduled for Air District adoption in August, and ARB action in September.

Mr. Andrew Chesley commented on modest targets set by the Valley, and stated that ARB is looking to increase targets set by Valley MPOs and will provide tools to help meet those increased targets. Further discussion ensued regarding feasible targets for the Valley.

3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study

M. Sigala

Receive Update Regarding ARB Pilot Project Submittal

Mr. Michael Sigala provided an update on the ARB grant application submitted on May 22nd. Awarded projects will be announced in late July 2017.

Ms. Caroline Rodier discussed a CEC grant solicitation opportunity for eligible MPOs who were not included in the ARB proposal. A total of \$3 million in funding is available, and there are no match requirements. Individual projects can request between \$500K to \$750K in funding. CEC grant applications are due July 14th. Ms. Stacie Dabbs expressed interest in MCAG partnering with UC Davis-ITS to submit an application.

4. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning Studies

Presentation of Final Recommendations by Cambridge Systematics:

a) I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study

Ms. Jolene Hayes provided a PowerPoint presentation overviewing the I-5/SR 99 GM study and discussed findings and next steps for securing funding. Directors discussed bundling projects and supporting projects in other counties.

b) SJV Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan

Mr. Michael Fischer provided an overview of SJVGMSIP and discussed final recommendations. Additionally, Mr. Fischer discussed next steps in securing funding from available sources. Mr. Tony Boren inquired about truck parking and electronic logging devices, and further discussion followed.

5. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

B. Kimball

Mr. Kimball provided an update. The RTP cycle proposal is moving along slowly as support is fragmented and weak across various regions of the United States. Mr. Kimball noted the FAA fuel tax issue. Discussion ensued about the federal platform for Valley Voice DC. It was noted that the Trump Infrastructure Plan heavily endorses the “self-help” concept. VLAC noted a June 22 workshop for further detailing the federal platform to present to the Regional Policy Council on June 23. It was also noted that the Regional Policy Council will have phone call meeting on July 21 to approve the revised platform.

6. SB 1 Implementation

T. Boren

Discuss Valleywide Comments, and Comments on Specific Programs such as the Local Partnership Program and Congested Corridors Program

Mr. Tony Boren opened the floor to Valley comments related to SB 1. Comments included the need to leverage SHOPP, concern over corridor program being geared toward large metropolitan areas, and including impact fees as match for local match. Mr. Boren requested additional comments be sent to him.

7. Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

T. Boren

Discuss Technical Assistance RFP

Ms. Melody Lin discussed the need to include Enterprise Community Partners to the technical assistance team during this AHSC program funding cycle. Mr. Andrew Chelsey supported bringing Enterprise on board, and further discussion ensued.

8. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

M. Sigala

Review June 23, 2017 Draft Agenda and Discuss the Formation of an Executive Committee

Mr. Michael Sigala reviewed items on draft agenda. An update on Goods Movement Final Recommendations will be added to the agenda.

9. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

T. Boren

Discuss Valley MPO Funding Commitment to the Community and Regional Planning Center (2017-18)

Mr. Mike Dozier expressed concern over loss of funding to the Community and Regional Planning Center and made a request for funding to support keeping the center open. MPOs pledged to provide Mr. Dozier by the following week with a breakdown of amount of funding available to commit

10. Administrative

M. Sigala

Approve Fiscal Year 2017-18 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Michael Sigala reviewed meeting dates on the calendar. Important items noted were upcoming July 6th meeting in Fresno, no meeting in September due to Valley Voice, and possibility of Valley Voice Sacramento in March. Ms. Stacie Dabbs requested to switch May 3rd meeting in Merced to Madera.

There was a motion to approve the meeting calendar for fiscal year 2017-18.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi
Second Motion: Mr. Andrew Chesley
No Nays
Motion Carried

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 11. **Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar
Ms. Gail Miller reported continued work on State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).
- 12. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
Upcoming working group meeting June 23rd at 9:30 AM.
- 13. **CA High Speed Rail Authority** D. Gomez
CEO Jeff Morales stepped down.
- 14. **Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint** M. Prince
Final presentation will be given next month.
- 15. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** K. Biawogi
No update was given.
- 16. **Regional Energy Planning** M. Sigala
Continuing to wrap up the project.

OTHER ITEMS

- 17. **Director Items**
 - Ms. Stacie Dabbs reported a new executive director is pending.
 - Ms. Terri King inquired about ATP related to SB 1, and further discussion ensued.
- 18. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 1:00 P.M

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tanisha Taylor	CalCOG
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Mike Dozier	CSU Fresno Office of Community and Economic Development
Ismael Herrera	CSU Fresno Office of Community and Economic Development
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gail Miller	Caltrans
Michael Fischer	Cambridge Systematics
Melody Lin (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Caroline Rodier (ph)	UC Davis-ITS
Laura Podolsky (ph)	UC Davis-ITS
Tom Dumas (ph)	Caltrans
Jolene Hayes (ph)	Cambridge Systematics
Meg Prince (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Her (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Robert Phipps (ph)	Kern Council of Governments



DATE: July 6, 2017

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

SUBJECT: Letters of Support for MCAG's Alternative Fuel and Mobility Demonstration Grant Application to the CEC

The California Energy Commission's (CEC) Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) recently announced the availability of up to \$3 million in grant funds for projects that will demonstrate innovative electric vehicle mobility services in four specified areas in California.

This funding opportunity is consistent with the programmatic recommendations outlined by the UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) as part of the San Joaquin Valley Rural Transit Alternatives Study. In May, a grant application was submitted for Kern County, Tulare County and Stanislaus-San Joaquin Counties for similar implementation work using battery electric vehicles for ride sourcing and car sharing activities in rural areas.

The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is the lead applicant for the proposed project entitled Valley GO: Shared-Use Mobility in Rural Disadvantaged Communities in Merced County. MCAG will be requesting \$750,000 from the CEC. The project will support a fleet of Chevrolet Bolts that provide demand responsive transit, dispatched by an advanced dynamic routing technology platform, in the rural disadvantaged communities of Planada and Le Grand in Merced county. These communities contend with infrequent transit service (four round trip fixed route trips per day) and very poor transit accessibility. Like many rural communities, the combination of curvilinear suburban type development patterns, lack of pedestrian infrastructure, and major highways with rapidly flowing traffic, make walk access, even within a one to two-mile distance of transit stops, almost impossible. By complementing the existing service, this demand responsive service would grow overall transit ridership and enable efficient connections during times of day when it is both inefficient (for the operator) and inconvenient (for the rider) to reach connections by fixed-route transit service.

Requested Action. Approve a letter of support from the Directors' Committee to the CEC, on behalf of MCAG, for this funding opportunity.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – JULY 6, 2017



6. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Sharri Ehlert (District 6 Director) and Dennis T. Agar (District 10 Director), or their representatives, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

7. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, or his representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

8. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, or her representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

9. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

- All work for the I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study, and San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan has been completed. Final reports are being reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee at this time.
- Major deliverables, and other information for both studies, are posted on the sjvcog's website: http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/

10. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

K. Biawogi

Kamara Biawogi, Project Coordinator, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.