



**VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA**

**Minutes August 2, 2016 (Tuesday)**  
**1:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Jaylen French (City of Hughson); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto); Koosun Kim (City of Newman); Colleen Andersen (City of Oakdale); Donna Kenney (City of Riverbank); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); Chris Esther (Citizens Advisory Committee Representative); Edgar Garibay (Environmental Justice Representative); Sara Lytle-Pinhey (LAFCO Representative)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rosa De León Park, Elisabeth Hahn, Isael Ojeda, Marcus Tucker, Cindy Malekos, Carla Alviso (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Richard O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve VVS Minutes of 2-2-16**

**\*By Motion (City of Modesto/City of Riverbank)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 2-2-16.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Nominate a FY 2016/17 Chair and Vice-Chair**

**\*By Motion (Stanislaus County/Member Esther)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee voted to re-elect Richard O'Brien as the Chair and Patrick Kelly as the Vice Chair for FY 2016/17.

**B. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's (SJVAPCD) 2015 PM2.5 Plan**

Elisabeth Hahn briefed members on the recent interactions of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in regards to SJVAPCD's 2015 PM2.5 plan. She reported the following: The EPA classified the San Joaquin Valley as serious non-attainment, effective in May 7, 2015, with an attainment date of December 31, 2015. In response, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's developed a 2015 PM2.5 plan to explain the district's strategy for attaining the 1997 Standard. The District also submitted a request for an extension of the attainment deadline from to December 31, 2018 for the 24-hour PM2.5 standard and December 31, 2020 for the annual PM2.5 standard. The District had been working very closely with ARB and the EPA in developing its Plan. Despite the close coordination between agencies and SJVAPCD's understanding that EPA was on track for approving the plan, in late June the EPA notified the SJVAPCD that that they would not act to approve the plan or the accompanying extension request.

She further stated that, due to EPA's inaction, the SJVAPCD is required to develop what is known as a 5 percent plan by December 31, 2016. The 5 percent plan requires a strategy for decreasing PM2.5 emissions by at least 5 percent per year until attainment is reached in the San Joaquin Valley. If the SJVAPCD fails to develop this plan by December 31, 2016, they will have 18 months before offset sanctions and 24 months before highway sanctions apply (the latter of which would result in a loss of federal funding). She reported that StanCOG staff would continue to coordinate with the San Joaquin Valley Air Quality liaison to determine the impacts of EPA inaction regarding the 2015 PM2.5 Plan.

**C. Senate Bill 375-Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets**

Elisabeth Hahn provided background information regarding the updated Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets. She briefed members that the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) would be subject to new updated GHG emissions reduction targets, as Senate Bill (SB) 375 requires ARB to update targets a minimum of every 8 years. ARB is asking MPOs for their recommendation on what can reasonably be achieved in the way of GHG emissions reductions. ARB is asking for MPO recommendations supported by technical information, scenarios and strategies. She discussed the Governor's recent Executive Order B-30-15 that establishes a more aggressive statewide GHG reduction goal of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and its potential impact on ARB's expectations that the MPOs will demonstrate greater GHG reductions than previously achieved under the 2014 RTP/SCS. She also mentioned that ARB is especially encouraging the Valley MPO's to consider increasing electric vehicle market penetration. She also stated that staff is coordinating with the other Valley MPOs and our San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Liaison to address ARB's request for MPO input on the targets.

**D. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)**

Elisabeth Hahn presented information regarding the recent NPRM from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The NPRM has a proposed requirement that each Urbanized Area (or UZA) be contained in its entirety within a single Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Under this NPRM, MPOs would be required to make a determination of whether to merge or whether the designation of multiple MPOs is appropriate. Where multiple MPOs are not deemed appropriate, then the MPOs would be required to merge so that the UZA is contained within a single MPA boundary, or the MPOs would be required to adjust their jurisdictional boundaries. The proposed rule would also require MPOs that share a UZA to jointly develop unified planning products: A single long

range plan/RTP, a single TIP, and a jointly established set of performance targets for the MPA. She reported that because the Turlock's UZA straddles StanCOG's and Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG's) MPA boundaries, the NPRM has relevance to StanCOG and MCAG. She also shared that a staff analysis of the NPRM indicates that the requirements have the potential of being extremely disruptive to the MPO. Furthermore, she shared that staff will be presenting this information to the Board with a recommendation to submit comments to FHWA and FTA with a request that the jointly proposed rulemaking be withdrawn from further consideration.

**E. Measure L/Transportation Expenditure Plan for the Stanislaus Region Update**

Rosa Park provided members with an update on the outreach material that would go out to the public. She mentioned that a special meeting of the Policy Board would be held on August 11, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom to provide educational information regarding Measure L.

6. **CALTRANS REPORT – None**

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT - None**

8. **MEMBER REPORTS - None**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled VVS Meeting:**

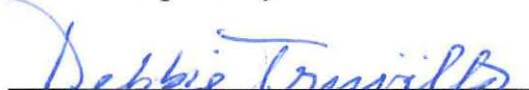
**September 6, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m.**

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