



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 2, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. August 5, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Ahron Hakimi

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

Ahron Hakimi

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
Update and Discussion

Ryan Niblock

4. Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley
Update and Discussion

Ted Smalley &
Diane Nguyen

5. 99 Summit / "Finish the 99" Coalition
Update and Discussion

Caltrans/Ted Smalley

6. California Budget and Pending Legislation
Update and Discussion

Gus Khouri

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7. California Transportation Funding Updates
▪ *Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)*
▪ *Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)*
▪ *State Transportation Improvement Program*
- Ahron Hakimi

8. Valley Voice DC 2021
Update and Discussion
- Michael Sigala
Jen Covino

9. SJV REAP Program
Receive Update
- Michael Sigala
Robert Phipps
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote.

10. Caltrans Directors' Report
Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar
11. California High Speed Rail
Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco
12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail
Dan Leavitt
13. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Tom Jordan
14. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)
Michael Sigala
15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Eduardo Gonzalez

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 three minutes. The public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

ADJOURN MEETING

Directors Only Closed Session (AB 1147 Discussion)

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021 (Zoom)

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Item 1

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

ZOOM CONFERENCE

Directors	MPOs
Ahron Hakimi– Chair	Kern Council of Governments
Diane Nguyen – Vice Chair	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor (Dylan Stone for)	Madera County Transportation Commission
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 1, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Ahron Hakimi

There was a motion to approve the July 1, 2021 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
Second Motion: Stacie Guzman
 Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus** A. Hakimi
Kern COG reported a well-attended in-person board meeting; most staff at Kern COG continue to work from home.
- 3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality** R. Niblock
Ryan Niblock reported that a 2022 conformity and 2023 FTIP analysis approach was circulated by Trinity Consultants last week. This effectively kicks off the modeling process for the 2022 RTP using 2014 EMFAC. Also circulated to valley staff were up-to-date TDT files and conformity post-processing files for use as we test RTP scenarios. Additionally, all conformity re-determinations have been circulated for the Valley; we are anticipating federal approval by August 15th. Ryan also reported on a EPA disapproval of the 2018 PM 2.5 SIP and a potential conformity freeze. Ahron Hakimi noted EJ community letters to the southern California air quality district pertaining to GHG reductions, conformity and air quality.
- 4. Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley** T. Smalley & D. Nguyen
Ted Smalley reported that he and Diane Nguyen are still updating the spreadsheet of projects and look forward to a robust discussion at the next Directors meeting.
- 5. California Budget and Pending Legislation** G. Khouri
Gus Khouri reported no movement on the high speed rail funding issue (\$4.2 B). He noted several other budget items “tied” to the HSR funding issue. The legislature is back in session on August 16th through September 10th.
- 6. California Transportation Funding** A. Hakimi
Program and Project Funding Updates:

 - ***Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAg)***
There was no update provided.
 - ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***
There was no update provided.
 - ***State Transportation Improvement Program***
Ahron Hakimi stated concerns about the abundance of transit/bike/ped priority funding over roads in the state. Jeff Findley stated funding for SR 41 noted in a state planning document.

Ted Smalley requested that Gus Khouri draft a letter from the Policy Council to the state regarding CAPTI investments in roads.
- 7. Valley Voice DC 2021** M. Sigala/J. Covino
Michael Sigala noted a pre-trip meeting on August 27th or September 10th. Jen Covino spoke about potential meeting dates and the need to meet sooner versus later. She noted the Senate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and additional amendments with a local impact. She noted a document they circulated that compared the Senate and House versions. The House version, Invest in America Act, was just surface transportation and water versus the more comprehensive Senate version. She noted that the House has concerns over the Senate infrastructure package. In September, she recommended that we focus on both House and Senate versions and key elements important to the valley. SR 99 will also be a priority, as well as RAISE grant project proposals and member and community designated projects. She advised that we reassert the needs for the earmarks to be incorporated as budget reconciliations in the House version.

Ahron noted he would also like to see what was included in the FAST ACT to show increases when compared to the new House and Senate infrastructure packages. Ted Smalley noted that the definition of “rural” continues to be problematic. CMAQ, STBG, bridge funding, formula increases, and MPO ability to designate critical rural corridors were also noted as Valley priorities. Stacie Guzman asked about earmarks being eliminated. Jen responded that there is still a chance for earmarks. Ahron asked about the Highway Trust Fund. Jen responded that both the House and Senate infrastructure packages do not address the Trust Fund solvency issue.

8. SJV REAP Committee for Housing

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted the Technical Assistance program for jurisdictions is up and running. Work continues on the Comprehensive Housing Report with a good response on jurisdictional surveys. The monthly workshop series started in July. Robert Phipps noted continued work on the proposed GIS/available sites work scope under discussions with two consultant firms. Discussion ensued around the REAP 2.0 funding and eligible uses.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study

A FY 2021 Fourth Quarter Report for this study was provided in the agenda packet. Ahron Hakimi noted the “slowness” which technology is making in regard to developing electric semi-trucks. This is noted in the study.

10. Caltrans Directors’ Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Diana Gomez, District 6 Director, noted the draft Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan and upcoming workshops. She mentioned “Clean California” and pending funding availability. Ms. Gomez announced several employment opportunities. They are targeting October 5th and 6th for the “SR 99 Summit”, location is the Tulare Ag Center. A pre-summit meeting with the Directors and summit organizers was noted. The next round of funding for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant will be made available starting in September. Dennis Agar, District 10 Director, noted assistance to local jurisdictions for the sustainable grant program will be made available.

11. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

Toni Tinoco reported that construction continues on the Bakersfield-Madera segment. A few community meetings are pending. Early site activation for the downtown Fresno is under a grant pending. Grade separation for the SR 46 in Kern County was noted.

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt noted increased ridership for the San Joaquins. There are currently five daily round trips between the Bay Area and Bakersfield. A Board meeting for the SJ JPA was held on July 23rd. The next board meeting is September 24th. Ongoing implementation of SB 742 was noted (ability to purchase a bus ticket independent of a rail ticket).

13. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

Tom Jordan noted the SIP disapproval item noted earlier in the Air Quality report. The EJ letter to the South Coast Air Quality board was noted.

14. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted a major recall of Chevy Bolts in the MioCar program. Service is limited at this time.

15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

Shelby Gonzales noted the next Partnership meeting on September 10th in Merced.

OTHER ITEMS**16. Director Items**

Stacie noted a few conflicts for Valley Voice during the week of September 13th. Terri King noted a Kings County Transit FTA grant application to be included in the project list for Valley Voice.

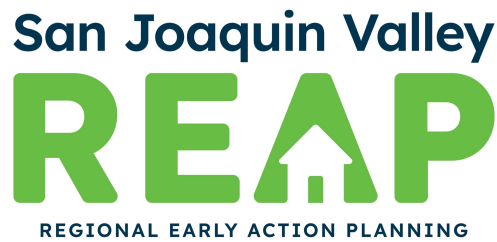
17. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:37 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Jennifer Hargrove-Tendick	CalCOG
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 10
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Braden Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Shelby Gonzales	Fresno State Community and Economic Development
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Diana Gomez	CA High Speed Rail Authority
Toni Tinoco	CA High Speed Rail Authority
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Jen Covino	Simon and Company
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
David Gellman	Simon and Company
Sam Becker	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Melanie Arriola	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Stacey Mortensen	San Joaquin Rail Commission/SJIPA
Evelyn Espinosa	Madera County Transportation Commission



**San Joaquin Valley REAP Update
September 2, 2021**

- Housing Technical Assistance to Valley jurisdictions is now available utilizing the following consultants:
 - AECOM
 - Mintier Harnish
 - Precision Engineering
 - QK (Quad Knopf)

Three cities have requested technical assistance to date.

A potential additional contract with HDR for a housing capacity and scenario development report related to the next RHNA cycle is under negotiations.

Jurisdictions can request technical assistance via a web site portal:

<https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-technical-assistance/>

- Work efforts continue on the **Comprehensive Housing Report**. Policy analysis of barriers, trends and best practices is in process.
- The monthly REAP TAC meeting was held on August 10th. Discussion centered on suballocation updates, RHNA coordination, and other updates.
- The monthly workshop series has commenced. The first workshop, **Housing in the San Joaquin Valley**, was held on July 27th with over 30 participants attending.

The second workshop, **Accessory Dwelling Units in the San Joaquin Valley**, was held on August 24th. There were over 75 participants.

The next workshop, **California's Prohousing Designation Program**, will be held on September 28th at 1pm.

REAP Workshop Series: <https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-workshops/>