



San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

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Executive Minutes

Regional Policy Council Meeting Friday, December 11, 2015 Time: 10:30 a.m to 12 p.m

*Meeting Location:
Stanislaus Council of Governments
Boardroom
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA 95354*

Members Attending:

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	Jurisdiction
Amarpreet Dhaliwal	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Bill O'Brien	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Allen Ishida (via phone)	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Luis Molina	StanCOG	Mayor	City of Patterson
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Daron McDaniel (via phone)	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Gary Yep (via phone)	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of Kerman
John Pedrozo (via phone)	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Tom Jordan (for Seyed, via phone))	SJVAPCD	Senior Manager	SJV Air Pollution District

Others:

See Appendix A for List of Others Attending

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODCUTIONS - SUPERVISOR BILL O'BRIAN

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHIAR

There was a motion to recommend and approve Mayor Dhaliwal as Chair:

First Motion: Mr. Bill O'Brien
 Second Motion: Mr. Luis Molina
 No Nays
 Motioned Carried

There was a motion to recommend and approve Supervisor Bill O'Brien as Vice-Chair:

First Motion: Mr. Amarpreet Dhaliwal
 Second Motion: Mr. John Pedrozo
 No Nays
 Motioned Carried

Chair
Mayor Amarpreet
Dhaliwal
City of San Joaquin

Vice-Chair
Supervisor Bill
O'Brien
Stanislaus County

**Fresno Council of
Governments**

**Kern Council of
Governments**

**Kings County
Association of
Governments**

**Madera County
Transportation
Commission**

**Merced County
Association of
Governments**

**San Joaquin
Council of
Governments**

**Stanislaus Council
of Governments**

**Tulare County
Association of
Governments**

**San Joaquin Valley
Air Pollution
Control District**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve June 19th, 2015 Directors' Committee minutes:

First Motion: Mr. Rudy Mendoza
Second Motion: Mr. John Pedrozo
No Nays
Motioned Carried

D. DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

1. Valley Voice Legislative Advocacy

R. Phipps

a. Discuss September 2015 Valley Voice D.C

Robert Phipps, Administrative Director with Kern Council of Governments, commented on the new federal transportation bill that contains many of the elements that were sought during the Washington D.C trip has been approved. The valley MPOs will be preparing project lists in anticipation of this funding. Funding to be available will include national freight projects, highways and bridges, railroad crossings, and highway separation projects.

b. Discuss and Approve California Legislative Platform

Mr. Phipps made note of the state legislative platform. One of the issues of primary concern was that of water. It has become apparent that there is no consensus about legislation in regards to water from the Regional Policy Council and has been a conundrum for some time.

There are a few legislative approaches that would allow the Policy Council to come to a consensus with water issues moving forward which include: 1) identify core general principles that relate to water needs, 2) support existing regional efforts addressing water, 3) allocation and implementation of the water bond with the valley seeking fair chair of program funding, or 4) any combination of the aforementioned.

Mayor Mendoza stated the issue of water has been dragging for a long time and that it needs to a priority. Andy Chesley stressed that better preparation for Policy Council member is needed for water and that varying opinions exist related to the needs of the Valley. Mr. Mendoza suggested conducting a briefing session from water experts within the Valley who would educate the Policy Council about water legislation and politics. Supervisor Ishida stressed that the elected officials need to coordinate and work on this. Chair Dhaliwal supported these comments. Councilmember Holman stressed that there are a lot of importance issues related to water and not to lose sight on transportation. There was additional discussion with staff directed to arrange a special water meeting of the Policy Council in January 2016.

c. Discuss Logistics for Valley Voice Sacramento 2016 (tent. March 2, 2016)

Mr. Phipps reviewed logistics for Sacramento Valley Voice. Hotels, lunches, and further arrangements will be made accordingly. The set date for the trip is March 2, 2016. There will be a special conference call to deal with the trip on February 19, 2016.

Mr. Phipps gave additional background on state transportation funding issues and other topics in the draft platform. Speaking arrangements for the Valley Voice Sacramento were assigned as follows:

Issue	Primary Speaker	Alternate Speaker
Water	Rudy Mendoza	Luis Molina
Transportation Funding	Robert Poythress	Gary Yep
Cap and Trade	Bill O'Brien	Daron McDaniel
Goods Movement	Allen Ishida	Luis Molina
SJV Passenger Rail	John Pedrozo	Bill O'Brien

2. Cap and Trade/Affordable Housing And Sustainable Communities

T. Taylor

Update and Discussion

Mrs. Taylor noted that the Strategic Growth Council is moving forward with their second round of funding. The Valley was able to secure about thirteen percent of the funds in round one. For round two, there is almost three times as much money available; a total of \$320 million dollars. Mrs. Taylor is optimistic that the Valley will do well. Yet, it is of high importance to encourage people to apply for the funding.

Mrs. Taylor reminded the Policy Council that affordable housing projects must be in close proximity to transit. Projects that encourage pedestrian and bicycle use are highly favored, as they tend to score better.

3. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning M. Sigala

Update and Discussion on the I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Plan and the SJV Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan

Mrs. Sigala mentioned that the eight Valley MPO’s are currently involved in two valleywide efforts related to goods movement. The first is the I-5/SR-99 Goods Movement Corridor Study, which is a \$550k CalTrans funded study to maximizes efficiency, mobility and safety on I-5 and SR-99. The second study is the SJV Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan, which will be looking at first and last mile connectors, truck parking, rural priority corridors, and other related activities.

4. Administrative Staff

Receive Update on Rebranding and Marketing for the Regional Policy Council

As mentioned at the December 2014 meeting, staff is working on rebranding activities for the Regional Policy Council and the Directors’ Committee. Mrs. Sigala drew member’s attention to the conference screen that sampled the valleywide brochure that will be a “leave behind” to provide interested individuals with more information about the activities of the Policy Council. A review of the letterhead that the council will use for correspondence was shown to members present, as well as the sjvcogs website that is set to go live by the end of December 2015.

E. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors Report A. Chesley

Mr. Chesley reviewed activities that the Executive Directors were performing throughout the Valley. He noted the air quality conformity issue and the potential for the “lock down” for three Valley MPOs. He noted the Directors are working on a plan of action to deal with this. The annual Fall Policy Conference will be reworked to add an events planner. The Conference will move to early spring beginning in 2017 with Fresno COG hosting.

2. Member Comments

Chair Dhaliwal thanked the board for electing him as chair. There were no other member comments.

3. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:02 P.M.

Next Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, June 17, 2016

Appendix A: List of Others Attending

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Abraham Lopez	Sigala Inc.
Marisa Sigala	Sigala Inc.
Tanisha Taylor	SJ COG
Diane Nguyen	SJ COG
Robert Phipps	Kern COG
Andy Chesley	SJ COG
Marjie Kirn	MCAG

On the phone:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Jeff Finely	Madera CTC
Rob Terry	Fresno COG
Ken Baxter	Stockton