



San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

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Executive Minutes

Regional Policy Council Meeting Friday, June 19, 2015 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.

*Meeting Location:
Hanford Civic Auditorium
400 N. Douty Street
Hanford, CA 93230*

Members Attending:

MEMBER	COG	TITLE	REGION
Amarpreet Dhaliwal – Vice Chair	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Gary Yep (via phone)	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of Kerman
Cheryl Wegman (via phone)	Kern COG	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Wasco
Harold Hanson (via phone)	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Bakersfield
Doug Verboon	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Bill O'Brien	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Steve Bestolarides	SJ COG	Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Vito Chiesa	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Allen Ishida	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake

Others:

See Appendix A for list of others attending

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – VICE CHAIR DHALIWAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 6, 2015 Regional Policy Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve the February 6, 2015 Regional Policy Council meeting minutes:

First Motion:	Mr. Rudy Mendoza
Seconded Motion:	Mr. Doug Verboon
No Nays	
Motioned Carried	

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

Tanisha Taylor

Update and Discussion

Mrs. Taylor reported that California Air Resources Board took action in the previous month on the SJCOG SCS indicating they did meet the target. For the StanCOG SCS, it's expected that ARB discuss reaching their target at their Thursday meeting, June 25, 2015 in Sacramento. Kern County is pending review. Kings and Tulare Counties are beginning the review with ARB, while Madera and Merced are working through their alternative planning scenarios processes and reviewing the SCS and APS.

In terms of project delivery, Mrs. Taylor highlighted that as the 2016 year approached, it is important for each agency and local jurisdiction to ensure that their RTP project list reflects the most recent schedule for their widening projects.

Mrs. Taylor noted that there are currently five projects in the valley participating in the Affordable Housing Sustainable Community grant programs. The total request for those projects is roughly \$27 million dollars. A funding recommendation is anticipated to be released on Saturday.

3. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

Robert Phipps

a. Discuss Logistics for Valley Voice D.C September 9-10, 2015

Mr. Phipps stated that each respective COG should have reserved rooms for the Washington D.C trip scheduled for September 9th and 10th, 2015. Mr. Phipps noted that one representative with PG&E and two representatives from the Valley Air District would also be joining the Council.

b. Discuss Priority Policy Requests and Assign Speakers

Mr. Phipps noted that there are five priority requests that the Council plans on making during their Washington visit. Three of the priorities were the same as last year, since no reauthorization bill has come forward. The two new issues that were brought forward are 1) National Freight Program and Revenue Source and 2) Federal Clean Act Organization Proposal.

Mr. Mendoza, Mayor of Woodlake, asked if there was there any discussion to going back to D.C and talking about the issue of water. Mr. Phipps stated that for the time being, water was not an issue on the agenda. There is currently not a valley wide consensus in terms of a water solution. After discussion amongst the Council, it was agreed that the issue of water would be added as one of the priorities areas to the agenda.

Speaker and alternates for each of the priority issues were identified.

Issue	Primary Speaker	Alternate
Freight Program and Revenue Sources	Allen Ishida	Daron McDaniel
Goods Movement	David Rogers	Luis Molina
Reauthorization Principles	Robert Poythress	Mike Villalta
Bridges	Rudy Mendoza	Gary Yep
Air Quality	William O'Brian	Steve Bestolarides
Water	Rudy Mendoza	Amarpreet Dhaliwal

c. Approve Letters of Support for Pending California Legislation

Mr. Phipps made note that the legislative staff requested support on a number of bills with the intent of keeping it positive. Letters of support included bills AB227, AB857, AB1043, AB1176, AB1364, SB16, SB321, SB516, SCA7, and AB1533.

Supervisor Ashida questioned how bill AB1176 benefits disadvantaged communities for low carbon diesel fuel? Mr. Phipps made note that disadvantaged communities would be given preference in terms of funding formula decisions under the bill. After discussion, council members agreed that AB1176 would be set aside for further discussion by council members, until an agreement could be reached. All other items were approved by the council members.

First Motion: Amarpreet Dhaliwal
Seconded Motion: Allen Ishida
No Nays
Motioned Carried

4. Building a San Joaquin Valley Cap and Trade Coalition

SJVAPCD

Discussion and Possible Action for Next Steps

Mr. Tom Jordan stated that cap and trade funding is significant in California. The way the state has dealt with allocating these funds in most parts is to allocate to all the states agencies, creating new programs or append existing programs. The legislation requires 10% of the funds to be spent on disadvantage communities and 25% of the funds be spent to benefit disadvantaged communities. Mr. Jordan stressed working together as a Valley to receive its fair share of funding. He noted recent actions and priorities by the SJVAPCD board towards this end. Mr. Jordan expressed interest in gathering stakeholders who support advocating for cap and trade funding for the Valley. After a short discussion, there was consensus from the Council to move forward on this item.

5. Administrative

Staff

Approve Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Sigala made note of important dates for meetings during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. All information and dates were attached to the agenda packet.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

Dan Leavitt

The JPA gave the chair ability to sign the transfer agreement with the State Department of Rail effective July 1. The next meeting will be taking place July 24th in Sacramento.

7. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement

Michael Sigala

Two major planning efforts are underway in the Valley. Cal Trans and all 8 COGs of the San Joaquin Valley are working together in doing additional work prioritizing I-5 improvements, SR 99 and many other goods movement activities.

8. SR 99/Caltrans Report

Sharri Ehlert/Dennis T. Agar

There were no informational items presented

9. Short Haul Rail (SB 325)

Ted Smalley

No new updates were reported.

10. High Speed Rail

Diana Gomez

There were no informational items presented

11. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint

Rob Terry

There were no informational items presented

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Jenna Chilingierian

Ms. Chilingierian stated that Fresno state is presenting blue print awards this year. She requested the participation of the Policy Council in this effort.

13. SJV Regional Energy Planning

Michael Sigala

a. Sustainable Energy Roadmap

There were no informational items presented

b. Central Valley Power Connect (Transmission Line)

Ann Kloose/Babetta Nagra

Ann Kloose gave an explanation of partnerships, program development, and the formulating of routes for a new transmission line in western Fresno, Kings and Madera counties. More details will be given at an additional time when more information is available. Fact sheets were provided to Council members.

OTHER ITEMS

14. Executive Directors Report

Ahron Hakimi

All counties were on par with meeting the requirements and guidelines of ARB and the SCS process.

15. Members Comments

There were no member comments

16. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda

There were no public presentations

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Next Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, August 28, 2015

(Tentative Date for a Phone Conference Meeting to Discuss Valley Voice D.C, time TBD)

Appendix A: List of Other Attendees

In Attendance (phone):	
Individual	Organization
Dan Leavitt	SJ JPA
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Jenna Chilingirian	OCED
Ann Kloose	PG&E
Babeeta Nagra	PG&E
John Gonzales	OCED
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	San Joaquin Valley Coordinator
Jose Ramirez	Sigala Inc
Terri King	KCAG
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Kern Council of Governments
Ken Baxter	Caltrans, District 10
Rob Terry	Fresno COG
Jay Sayer	Kings County EDC
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments