



Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 5, 2016
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
Participant Code: 432-600-639

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. April 7, 2016 Directors' Meeting A. Chesley

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:


2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality Staff
Update and Discussion
3. STIP, Federal Earmark Repurposing and other Funding T. Smalley
Update and Discussion
4. San Joaquin Valley Overall Work Program Fiscal Year 2016-17 M. Sigala
Discuss and Consider Approving
5. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee R. Phipps
Discuss Valley Voice D.C.
6. First-Round California "SCS and Conservation" Report
Presentation by Adam Livingston, Sequoia Riverlands Trust
[Link to Report](#)

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. A member of the public or Director may request that any Informational Item be “pulled” for further discussion. Written summaries of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.



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| 7. Caltrans Directors’ Report | S. Ehlert /D. Agar |
| 8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | D. Leavitt |
| 9. CA High Speed Rail Authority | D. Gomez |
| 10. SJV Goods Movement Planning | M. Sigala |
| 11. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint | R. Terry |
| 12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | J. Chilingirian |
| 13. Regional Energy Planning | M. Sigala |

OTHER ITEMS

- 14. Director Items
- 15. 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)*

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2016 in Madera

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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

Directors Present	MPO
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (phone)	Kern Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Matt Fell for Marjie Kirn	Merced County Association of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 4, 2016 Directors' Meeting

A. Chesley

There was a motion to approve the February 4, 2016 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
 Second Motion: Tony Boren
 No Nays
 Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. High Speed Rail Draft 2016 Business Plan

Discuss Impact of New Business Plan on the Northern Region of the SJV

Mr. Andrew Chesley, Chair, noted important topics the San Joaquin Valley has over the 2016 High Speed Rail Draft Business Plan. Mr. Chesley identified several matters in the plan concerning the absence of communication to MPO's, and interconnectedness issues emphasizing the connection to Merced, commuter express service, and the Capital Corridor; further discussion proceeded.

Mrs. Elisabeth Johnanson, staff member of the High Speed Rail Authority, spoke and summarized the 2016 High Speed Rail Draft Business Plan. Mrs. Johnson introduced three objectives with the business plan regarding accessing revenue service sooner, making strategic investments, and completing all environmental analysis by 2017. Mrs. Johnson noted reduction cost of \$2 billion and discussion followed pertaining to routes, connectivity, and miscommunication. Mr. Andrew Chesley passed out a draft letter to the High Speed Rail Authority addressing concerns in terms to the draft business plan.

There was a motion to have Andrew Chesley sign a letter on behalf of the eight agencies, and to call a special meeting of the Regional Policy Council to take up this issue and potentially act on a similar letter.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
Second Motion: Rosa Park
No Nays
Motion Carried

3. FAST Act

a. Presentation by Janice Williams, FHWA California Director of Finance

Mrs. Janice Williams, FHWA, presented a power point in regards to the (FAST) Act which provides five years of funding certainly for infrastructure planning and investment. Janice Williams highlighted the various apportioned programs and discussed changes to the NHPP, STP, TAP, CMAQ, and HSIP programs. The presentation displayed new programs and funding available to Freight, Federal Lands and Tribal, Research, Development, Technology, Education, Planning, Performance and Project Delivery. Mr. Andrew Chesley commented as to a timeframe of a new guidance on planning, further discussion ensued.

b. Discuss FASTLANE Freight Funding Proposals from the SJV

Mr. Andrew Chesley reported on the various projects in the valley and each MPO described their individual proposals. Mr. Chesley noted a shared interest from most of the counties of projects involving SR-99. Mr. Ted Smalley shared and discussed a letter sent from the United States Congress, concerning the FAST Act in which it calls out specific components and projects involving SR-99 widening in the San Joaquin Valley.

There was a motion in support of drafting a letter in the interest of Valley Wide Projects encompassing all SR-99 projects for FAST Act funding.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
Second Motion: Tony Boren
No Nays
Motion Carried

4. STIP Funding

T. Smalley

Discuss Impact of Reduced Funding for SJV Projects and Identify

Next Steps for taking Action as a Region

Mr. Ted Smalley, Vice Chair, introduced a letter for discussion intended for the State Governor and state officials which stemmed from a \$750 million budget cutback to the STIP. Mr. Smalley recommended for the Regional Policy Council to sign the letter and to review the table inserted in the letter that underlines valley projects that will be stopped in the middle of design because of the cutback. Mr. Smalley also requested the Partnership to write a similar letter voicing their concern with the budget cuts. Mr. Smalley requested a special meeting of the Policy Council for next week to discuss both the STIP issue and the high speed rail item. There was concurrence among the Directors to hold a special meeting.

5. Repurposing of Federal Earmarks

M. Garza

Discuss Programming of Funds from Previous Remaining Earmarks

Melissa Garza, Fresno COG, reported to the repurposing of the earmarks and noted that FHWA did release guidance, also stating old earmarks can be repurposed. Mrs. Garza advised that earmarks that are considered to be repurposed have to be within a 50-mile radius from the original earmark. Mrs. Garza provided a list of the 2016 Earmark Repurposing Workgroup, and passed out an agenda draft. Comments were made and discussions ensued.

6. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

Staff

Update and Discussion

Ryan Niblock, San Joaquin COG, provided a handout of a new updated air quality planning schedule and reported changes to the lockdown as the revised schedule has the end of the lockdown for San Joaquin in mid September but all other MPO's remain the same. In addition, all off cycle amendments must be approved before the effective date of the PM2.5 Plan in July 2016. In reference to SB 375 target setting, ARB encourages submitting a target recommendation by the end of April, although May would still be acceptable. Further comments and discussion continued. As noted both of these changes will likely require modifications in the planning schedule.

7. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

M. Lin

Update and Discussion of Round Two Submittals and Technical Assistance

Melody Lin, San Joaquin COG, gave an update of the round two submittals, there were 22 projects submitted all totaling \$190 million. Mrs. Lin noted a change to the transit oriented development definition, making most if not all of the projects ineligible for funding. In regards to technical assistance, Mrs. Lin reported all applicant's who missed funding the first time have applied again. Additionally, Mrs. Lin passed out a capacity building workshops flyer to gear up for next years funding cycle.

8. San Joaquin Valley Overall Work Program Fiscal Year 2016-2017

M. Sigala

a. Draft and Consider Approving Draft OWP

Mr. Michael Sigala, Valley Wide Coordinator, plans to bring the OWP back for final draft approval in May. Mr. Sigala noted a number of items in consideration of the budget, the included items are Valley Voice estimated at \$25k, and Annual Fall Policy Conference Consultant estimated at \$30k a year. There were a few financial concerns from the MPO's in relation to conference coordinator, further discussion ensued.

b. Discuss and Consider Approving Valleywide Coordinator 2016-2017 Contract

Mr. Sigala requested a contract extension, as detailed in a April 1 letter to the Directors, which includes an additional \$5k funding for upkeep of the SJVCOG website.

First Motion: Andrew Chesley
Second Motion: Tony Boren
No Nays
Motion Carried

9. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

R. Phipps

Mr. Robert Phipps, Kern COG, discussed the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee’s trip to Sacramento, and applauded the positive outcomes in terms of the policy goals presented and keeping the issues on the forefront. Mr. Phipps informed the directors that thank you letters have went out to every party met at the event. Mr. Phipps also noted that he emailed everyone the most recent update of the legislative watch and encourages all to review. Discussion ensued over the planning for the D.C. trip in the fall. Directors commented that their elected officials benefit from the visit.

10. UC Davis ITS – Rural Transit Needs Caltrans Planning Grant

C. Rodier

Mrs. Caroline Rodier, UC Davis, discussed a SCS implementation project they have in partnership with the eight MPO’s in the San Joaquin Valley. The project if funded by Caltrans Planning Grant of \$500k, \$100k in-kind matching grants from the COG’s and two-year timeframe. The goals of the project are to develop new technology driven mobility services, and achieve Green House Gas and BMT targets. The main focus is shared access services (Uber/Lift/Zip Car, and some ridesharing). Mrs. Rodier reviewed the different phases of the project and noted Autumn Bernstein would be evaluating the projects’ efforts.

11. Beacon Program – Institute for Local Government

J. Lave Johnston

Mrs. Julia Lave Johnston, ILG, spoke briefly about the Institute for Local Government concentrations and collaborations within the San Joaquin Valley. Mrs. Karalee Browne, ILG member discussed the framework surrounding the Beacon Program with reference to helping cities reduce energy, implementing climate action plan, and to better sustainability measures. Mrs. Browne noted only three member agencies in the San Joaquin Valley are currently participating out of 81 total and asked for everyone’s support in the program.

12. Administrative

M. Sigala

Review Draft Marketing Materials for Directors’ Committee/Valleywide Planning Efforts

Mr. Michael Sigala reviewed the SJVCOG website as it is up and going and discussed marketing materials in terms of business cards.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

13. Caltrans Directors’ Report

S. Ehlert / D. Agar

Caltrans Staff handed out a flyer pertaining to the California Bike and Ped Plan announcing regional forums to be held across the state.

14. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Mr. Dan Leavitt gave an update to passenger rail upon the first daily round trip rail between San Joaquin Valley to Oakland and is expected to be operating the first week of June. The next board meeting will be on held May 27, in Merced.

15. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint

R. Terry

Mr. Rob Terry covered Task 1 and 3 that the Strategic Growth Council approved the request to extend the time end date to April 1, 2017, which allows for some enhancements to the greenprint program and opens up time to utilize some of the remaining funds. Mr. Clark Thomson added there will be additional funds available for the demonstration projects.

16. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

J. Chilingarian

There are three flyers attached to the agenda for upcoming events.

17. Regional Energy Planning

M. Sigala

No update was reported

OTHER ITEMS

18. Directors Items

Tony Boren reported issues with the programing with CMAQ projects and discussions preceded. Terry King informed the directors of \$2 million of unused PL Funds available for a Valleywide project and it is a possibility it may be on the agenda next month. Andrew Chesley gave an update to the Northern Region meetings where discussion of the High Speed Rail Business Plan transpired and found support from SACOG regarding the high speed rail business plan.

19. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda

There were no public presentations

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 1:15 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2016 in Fresno

Appendix A – Meeting Attendees:

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Robert Phipps (phone)	Kern Council of Governments
Ryan Niblock	SJCOG
Gail Miller	Caltrans D6
Ben Kimball	Tulare Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	San Joaquin Valley Coordinator
Dan Leavitt	SJPPA
Rob Terry (phone)	Fresno COG
Cecilia Crenshaw	FHWA
Janice Williams	FHWA
David R.	SJCOG
Anthony Zepeda	SACOG
Caroline Rodier	UC Davis
Melody Lin	SJCOG
Karalee Browne	ILG
Julia Lave Johnston	ILG
Stacie Dabbs	MCAG
Kim Anderson	SJCOG
Jeanette Fabela	StanCOG
Isael Ojeda	StanCOG
Darren Rose	HSR
Elizabeth Johnson	HSR
Claudia Cazares (phone)	Granville Homes
Melissa Garza (phone)	Fresno COG
Scott Carson (phone)	FHWA

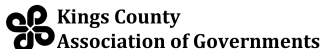


ITEM 4

San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies



Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Overall Work Program



San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

Members and Staff as of April 2016

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin, Regional Policy Council Chair

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman

[Alternate: Mayor Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis]

STAFF: Tony Boren, Executive Director – Fresno COG

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

Mayor Cheryl Wegman, City of Wasco

Councilmember Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield

[Alternate: Mayor Jennifer Wood, California City]

STAFF: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director – Kern COG

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County

Councilmember Mark Cartwright, City of Corcoran

[Alternate: Supervisor Joe Neves, Kings County]

STAFF: Terri King, Executive Director – KCAG

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

Mayor Robert Poythress, City of Madera,

Supervisor Brett Frazier, County of Madera

[Alternate: Councilmember Andrew Medellin, City of Madera]

STAFF: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director – MCTC

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

Supervisor John Pedrozo, County of Merced

Mayor Mike Villalta, City of Los Banos

[Alternate: Supervisor Daron McDaniel, County of Merced]

STAFF: Marjie Kirn, Executive Director – MCAG

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

Supervisor Chuck Winn, County of San Joaquin

[Alternate: Councilmember Elbert Holman, Jr., City of Stockton]

STAFF: Andy Chesley, Executive Director – SJ COG

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Supervisor Bill O'Brien, County of Stanislaus, Regional Policy Council Vice Chair

Mayor Luis Molina, City of Patterson

[Alternate - Supervisor Vito Chiesa, County of Stanislaus]

[Alternate – Councilmember Jenny Kenoyer, City of Modesto]

STAFF: Rosa Park, Executive Director – StanCOG

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Supervisor Allen Ishida, County of Tulare

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake

[Alternate – Councilmember Craig Vejoda, City of Tulare]

STAFF: Ted Smalley, Executive Director – TCAG

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director

Introduction

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) covers over 27,000 square miles and encompasses the eight-county region of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Since 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (Valley RPAs) have worked in close coordination on planning activities where interregional issues are involved, including air quality conformity, funding for regional transportation projects, and recently, Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Planning efforts of Valleywide importance are conducted among the eight RPAs through staffing coordination, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, a governing board of elected officials from each Valley RPA.

The FY 2016-2017 Valleywide Overall Work Program is a summary document and details major coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies are actively engaged in. The Valleywide OWP does not replace the need or requirements of each RPA to conduct their own OWP, rather it is a planning and budgeting tool for shared Valleywide activities.

{Note – the terms Regional Planning Agency (RPA), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG) are used interchangeably in this document.}

Current Valleywide Major Activities

1. MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES

Objective: To develop and foster regional coordination and prioritization for SR 99, I-5, and other regionally significant corridor improvements.

Lead: Kern COG and MCAG

The Valley RPAs work in close consultation with Caltrans and other stakeholders to prioritize funding for SR 99 and other major highways and interstates. The 99 Business Plan helped the Valley achieve dedicated funding for SR 99 through Proposition 1B, the only transportation earmark in the bond placed before the voters. Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have completed the necessary Corridor System Management Plans required by the State, updated the 99 Business Plan and Master Plan, and coordinated continued project selection and funding alternatives. The Directors, working in close consultation with Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff, routinely meet and discuss Prop. 1B bond savings, FAST Act, and other funding strategies to enhance and improve SR 99, I-5, and other critical projects.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Explore SHOPP funding for the updated Business Plan and auxiliary lane concepts, as projects are eligible. Develop Master Strategy for the SHOPP. Kern COG to coordinate with Caltrans D6, SJ COG to coordinate with D10 on opportunities for additional programming.
- Establish a list of projects that are eligible for 99 bond funding, research what resources can be leveraged to deliver additional projects on the 99 corridor.

2. JOINT FUNDING STRATEGIES – STIP, IIP AND OTHER FUNDING

Objective: To develop and foster greater coordination across various funding programs to enhance and increase transportation funding to the Valley.

Lead: TCAG and San Joaquin COG

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program to assist the State and local entities to plan and implement transportation improvements, and to utilize resources in a cost effective manner. STIP funded improvements include state highways, local roads, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, intermodal facilities, etc. Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds are programmed by Caltrans on a statewide priority basis, for use primarily on the State highway system (outside urbanized areas) and projects that generate economic development.

The eight Valley RPAs developed a coordinated programming proposal for the 2012 STIP to balance the collective annual programming capacity of all eight RPAs against programming priorities of each RPA that may exceed or be below the individual annual programming shares. In 2015, the Valley RPAs through the newly formed “Valley Swap Meet” working group, reached consensus on a coordinated Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and shifted programming to the outer years of the 2016 STIP in response to a request by the California Transportation Commission.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Establish a coordinated eight county effort to advocate for continued project funding in light of the recent budgetary actions to reduce STIP funding
- Collective advocate for the Valley to receive national or state freight funding
- Develop a milestone timeline for IIP programming – establish a goal of 20 percent
- Discuss whether there should be a regional set aside
- Develop an optimized strategy for STIP/IIP funding for the next 20 years with the goal of all eight counties getting priority projects and therefore supporting the full 20 year plan
- Continue coordinated planning efforts through the “Valley Swap Meet”

3. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INTERREGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT

Objective: To prioritize, coordinate and implement goods movement planning and capital projects to improve the Valley’s economic competitiveness.

Lead: Fresno COG and TCAG

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) has always been California’s geographic and agricultural production center generating more than \$35 billion every year in nuts, lettuce, tomatoes, wine, and other grains and agricultural products. It also plays a major role in the national and international distribution of processed foods and energy products, and has a burgeoning logistics and distribution industry. The region has relatively inexpensive land and low cost labor, good access to the national rail and interstate highway networks, connections to major deep-water ports in Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach, and proximity to major consumer markets in Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Recognizing the importance of goods movement to the region, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans commissioned the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan completed in 2013. The Goods Movement Plan (Plan) builds upon recent traffic, logistics, and long-term infrastructure improvement planning efforts throughout the region. In FY 2014-15, the Valley RPAs were awarded two additional goods movement related planning grants from Caltrans to continue to identify strategies and recommendations for improving freight movement in the Valley, the San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan and the San Joaquin Valley Sustainable Implementation Plan.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Continue to coordinate for FASTLANE goods movement funding under the new federal FAST Act transportation authorization
- Continue to participate in the California Freight Advisory Committee (Supervisor Ishida and the SJVAPCD are current members)
- Provide input to California's Freight Mobility Plan
- San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan (Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant)
- Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan (Caltrans Emerging Priorities Planning Grant)
- Continue to work with regional partners conducting logistics, economic development and other analysis related to goods movement
- Advocate and support efforts to maintain short line rail corridors
- Continue to explore alternative fuels and strategies for meeting the California's Sustainable Freight mandates

4. AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Objective: To continue successful coordination of Valleywide air quality planning minimizing potential impacts to project delivery.

Lead: San Joaquin COG and StanCOG

Transportation conformity is required by the federal Clean Air Act and ensures that federal funding is given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. The Clean Air Act strengthened conformity requirements for transportation projects, necessitating a more enhanced level of technical analysis of plans, programs, and projects than in the past. Conformity determinations must be conducted at least every four years, or as amendments are made to plans or projects. The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC). The IAC has been established to provide a coordinated approach to Valley air quality, conformity and transportation modeling issues. Each of the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and the Air Pollution Control District are represented. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and Caltrans have members on the committee.

Coordination among the Valley RPAs, the Air District and other air quality and transportation agencies is proving to be a very effective process. The Valley RPA Directors have budgeted to continue joint funding for a valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, responsible to the Directors, to ensure that air quality

conformity and related modeling within the Valley is accomplished on a consistent and timely basis. In addition, the Valley RPA Directors have budgeted additional funding to provide coordination on air quality policy issues beyond the technical needs of the Valley.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements
- Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, FTIP, and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), as required by federal laws and regulations
- Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board as requested
- Continue to utilize the Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) for routine communication and coordination

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Objective: To develop and coordinate SB 375 compliant Sustainable Communities Strategies for the Valley

Lead: Fresno COG and MCAG

California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires each MPO to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A SCS outlines the plan for reducing per capita greenhouse gas emission by integrating the transportation network and related strategies with an overall land use pattern that accounts for projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and forecasted transportation needs among all modes of travel.

Under the Sustainable Communities Act, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) sets regional targets for GHG emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use. The ARB established these targets in the San Joaquin Valley as per capita GHG reductions of five percent by 2020 and 10 percent by 2035. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies have worked independently and collectively to meet these targets and have invested considerable resources towards technical staff, modeling, and scenario development. To date, all RPAs have submitted a SCS to the ARB for review with the exception of Merced County Association of Governments who submitted an Alternative Planning Strategy.

The Valley's Regional Planning Agencies are currently working with FHWA and ARB to establish timelines and protocol for the next round of RTPs.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Continue to implement the 2014 RTP/SCS
- Continue to work with ARB staff on the second round of greenhouse gas reduction target recommendation
- Establish and advocate "Valley" position for the 2018 RTP/SCS
- Initiate 2018 RTP/SCS development efforts

6. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTERNAL AGENICES AND ENTITIES

Objective: To develop and foster greater communication and coordination within Valley Regional Planning Agencies and with other related agencies and stakeholders.

Lead: TCAG and StanCOG

In order to maintain ongoing communication and cooperation with other external agencies, the Valley RPAs have included a relationship development component to foster routine “two way” communication with our related state and federal transportation agencies.

Federal entities include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State entities include the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Transportation Commission (CTC), Caltrans Districts 6 and 10, Caltrans Headquarters, California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG), Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Regional entities include the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Other stakeholders include the California Trucking Association, agricultural associations, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, colleges and universities, environmental groups, and the general public.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Directors to coordinate and attend one-third of CTC meetings
- Directors to meet with at least two CTC Board Members they don't currently know
- Directors to meet quarterly with CTC Valley representative
- Directors to meet annually with CalSTA Director
- CTC staff to be invited to Directors' Committee meeting once a year
- RPA staff to be encouraged to take more leadership positions on Valleywide matters
- Valley Directors to develop and maintain relationships with Caltrans Director and Deputy for Planning
- Caltrans staff to be invited to attend “Valley Voice” advocacy trips
- All Valley Directors should attend and speak at each CALCOG meeting
- Valley Directors' Committee meetings should be moved to a time of the month where Valley Directors can review and discuss CALCOG agenda prior to CALCOG meeting to develop joint strategy on issues
- Request MTC or SCAG staff come to a Valley Directors' Committee meeting
- Valley Directors to meet annually with management of ARB
- The Valley ARB representative should be added to the SJV Regional Policy Council
- Create Valley Brochure to highlight the various activities the Valley RPAs are engaged in
- Continue to produce and enhance the Fall Policy Conference by identifying an event planning consultant for a multiple year contract

7. VALLEY LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Objective: To engage in a unified process that allows the eight county region to discuss and comment on legislative affairs and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.

Lead: TCAG and KCAG

The Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC) has been established at the staff level. VLAC is responsible for tracking relevant legislation, which could have a Valleywide impact, in particular, legislation affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Valley's Regional Planning Agencies. In addition to tracking bills, VLAC also exchanges pertinent information that may be crucial towards developing a support/oppose/amend position for each of the agencies and makes recommendations as warranted. When legislative positions appear to have a consensus within the Valley, the Regional Policy Council is informed so they may make a unified statement. The intent is to increase the awareness at the State level that the Valley is actively engaged in the legislative process, and deserves being acknowledged as having a unified position. Too often, in looking at a bill analysis, the larger planning agencies in the state have been consulted and their positions will be posted. The San Joaquin Valley needs to weigh in on the legislative process on par with the larger planning agencies in order to be an effective voice for the collective eight-county region.

The annual "Valley Voice" advocacy visits are coordinated by VLAC. The Washington D.C. visit is held in the fall and the Sacramento visit is held in the spring.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Plan "Valley Voice" Washington D.C. visit for September 2016
- Plan "Valley Voice" Sacramento visit for early 2017
- Continue tracking legislation, communication with legislative offices, letter campaigns and other activities to increase awareness and a unified position for the Valley
- Develop the Valleywide Legislative Platform (state and federal)
- Facilitate discussions around controversial topics such as water and high speed rail among Regional Policy Council members
- Continue to meet monthly and make recommendations as warranted

8. VALLEYWIDE MODEL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process which is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Lead: Fresno COG

Fresno COG is the lead agency in the San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Plan, which has updated all eight San Joaquin Valley transportation demand models. These improvements were required to respond to the requirements Assembly Bill 32 the Global Solutions Warming Act of 2006 and Senate Bill 375, which requires the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in Regional Transportation Plans (RTP).

Traffic model runs are made as necessary to support transportation planning, conformity analysis and greenhouse gas emissions analysis. The COG staff also runs the latest EMFAC emissions model for air quality in support of transportation conformity. This activity supports both highway planning activities and the air quality conformity process. Some MPO staff used the Envision Tomorrow visioning tool to help test various land use scenarios for SB 375 target setting and Sustainable Communities Strategies. Envision Tomorrow is a suite of urban and regional planning tools used to design and test land use decisions and their effect on transportation and air quality. Staff will continue to support implementation of the latest EMFAC air quality model.

A related action is participation in activities related to coordination of valleywide modeling analysis and participation in the San Joaquin Valley model users group. These activities are critically important to an understanding of the role of the transportation sector in resolving serious air quality problems in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin.

Activities for FY 2016-17:

- Continue long-term model improvements
- Participate and monitor EMFAC 2017 development
- Continue to research off-model GHG reduction quantification methodology for technology strategies
- Continue development of advanced four step models, tour base models or activity based models in select counties
- Improve coordination and participation of the Valley model users group
- Coordinate with SJV Goods Movement planning efforts to develop a framework for a regional freight movement modeling tool

9. OTHER VALLEYWIDE ACTIVITIES

The Valley RPAs are also engaged in the following activities for FY 2016-17:

- Technical Assistance providers for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program
- Support for Intercity Passenger Rail (SJ JPA)
- Monitoring of policy and developments related to High Speed Rail
- Blueprint and Greenprint planning and implementation
- Regional Policy Council meetings and Directors' Committee meetings
- Producing the annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference (formally the Fall Policy Conference) for the Spring of 2017 in Fresno

Directors' Chair Rotation Schedule

Tulare County Association of Governments, 2016-17
Merced County Association of Governments, 2017-18
Fresno Council of Governments, 2018-19
Stanislaus Council of Governments, 2019-20
Madera County Transportation Commission, 2020-21
Kings County Association of Governments, 2021-22
Kern Council of Government, 2022-23
San Joaquin Council of Governments, 2023-24

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

Valleywide Activities			Air Quality Planning⁽²⁾	Valley Voice⁽³⁾	Valleywide Coordinator⁽⁴⁾	Total FY 2016-17
MPO Share By Population ⁽¹⁾						
Fresno	972,297	23.5%	\$46,386	\$5,882	\$27,059	\$79,327
Kern	874,264	21.2%	\$41,709	\$5,289	\$24,330	\$71,328
Kings	149,721	3.6%	\$7,143	\$906	\$4,167	\$12,215
Madera	155,878	3.8%	\$7,437	\$943	\$4,338	\$12,718
Merced	266,134	6.4%	\$12,697	\$1,610	\$7,406	\$21,713
San Joaquin	719,511	17.4%	\$34,326	\$4,353	\$20,024	\$58,703
Stanislaus	532,297	12.9%	\$25,394	\$3,220	\$14,814	\$43,428
Tulare	462,189	11.2%	\$22,050	\$2,796	\$12,863	\$37,708
Total FY 2016-17	4,132,291	100.0%	\$197,140	\$25,000	\$115,000	\$337,140

(1) DOF, January 2015 estimates

(2) SJ COG Staff (\$47,322) & Consultant (Sierra Research \$149,818)

(3) No PL Funds

(4) Sigala Inc

Budget amounts shown represent the total direct Valley RPA cost for this activity. SJ COG is the fiscal agent for Air Quality Planning. Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for Valley Voice and the Valleywide Coordinator contract.

In addition to the shared activities outlined above, the following grant programs represent additional Valleywide activities. These programs require no direct or shared RPA cost and are budgeted in the OWP of the respective lead agency.

- Greenprint (\$400,000), administered by Fresno COG
- SCS Implementation (\$150,000), administered by Fresno COG
- San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan (\$300,000), administered by SJ COG, includes a \$75,000 staff in-kind contribution from the Valley MPOs.
- San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study (\$550,000), administered by Fresno COG
- SCS Implementation Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley (\$500,000) administered by MCAG
- Technical Assistance for applicants in the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, administered by SJ COG (\$99,000)

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7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

- I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study – Work is ongoing with Cambridge Systematics. At this time, Task One Existing and Future Conditions is complete. Additional work on Strategic Programs, the Demonstration Project and Stakeholder Outreach is underway. Work to date will be presented at the San Joaquin County Goods Movement Task Force meeting on May 18 and at the Kern County Goods Movement Task Force meeting on June 8.
- SJV Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan – Work is ongoing with Cambridge Systematics. At this time, a memo outlining critical first-and-last-mile connectors is complete and memos are forthcoming outlining truck parking needs and priority rural corridors.
- The next month Technical Advisory Committee meeting is May 26, 2016 at 10am.

11. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint

C.Thompson/R.Terry

Prop 84, Round 2. Following is a brief report on the status of Round 2 activities:

- (Task 1) Greenprint: Proposals in response to the RFP for Greenprint Demonstration Projects are due Friday, April 29. A written summary of each proposal received will be emailed to the Directors prior to their meeting on May 5. Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions the Directors may have.

For any questions regarding the Greenprint, please contact Clark Thompson at (559) 233-4148 Ext. 203 or via email at clarkt@fresnocog.org.

- (Task 2) Model Land-Use Revalidation activities (Model Improvement Program Phase 2) have been ongoing since January 2014. Fehr and Peers, as the selected consultant, is conducting activities associated with the project, including data collection and processing, refinement of model input data; and model estimation, calibration, validation, evaluation and associated training activities. In addition, the consultant is overseeing all project management and information sharing details.

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For any questions regarding Model Land-Use Revalidation efforts, please contact Kristine Cai at (559) 233-4148 Ext. 215 or via email at kcai@fresnocog.org.

- (Task 3) Due to the completion of several anticipated Round 2 activities within Round 1, DOC representatives approved the re-allocation of line item funds to increase the amount of funding for both SCS printing/duplication for outreach and public involvement, as well as the amount available to assist with RHNA coordination, equating in a total of \$55,000 for RHNA coordination and \$88,674 for SCS printing/duplication. These amounts are to be allocated to each COG based upon population percentages (utilizing the Planning Center data), similar to other valley activities in the recent past. Below is a chart showing the **remaining balances for each agency, as of March 1, 2016**:

	Population	% of Valley Population	SCS \$ Share	<i>SCS \$ Remaining</i>	RHNA \$ Share	<i>RHNA \$ Remaining</i>
Fresno	995,868	24%	\$20,841.54	<i>\$20,224.01</i>	\$13,200.00	<i>\$4,129.70</i>
Kern	907,502	21%	\$18,992.21	<i>\$18,992.21</i>	\$11,550.00	<i>\$11,550.00</i>
Kings	164,291	4%	\$3,438.28	<i>\$0.00</i>	\$2,200.00	<i>\$0.00</i>
Madera	164,714	4%	\$3,447.14	<i>\$3,447.14</i>	\$2,200.00	<i>\$2,200.00</i>
Merced	271,651	6%	\$5,685.12	<i>\$5,651.79</i>	\$3,300.00	<i>\$0.00</i>
San Joaquin	730,119	17%	\$15,279.94	<i>\$15,279.94</i>	\$9,350.00	<i>\$6,016.66</i>
Stanislaus	543,172	13%	\$11,367.51	<i>\$11,367.51</i>	\$7,150.00	<i>\$3,816.67</i>
Tulare	459,779	11%	\$9,622.26	<i>\$9,622.26</i>	\$6,050.00	<i>\$6,050.00</i>
TOTAL	4,237,096	100%	\$88,674	<i>\$84,584.86</i>	\$55,000.00	<i>\$33,763.03</i>

For any questions regarding SCS Implementation activities, please contact Rob Terry at (559) 233-4148 Ext. 222 or via email at rterry@fresnocog.org.

ATTENTION: The SGC has formally approved the request to extend our Prop 84 Round 2 Grant end date to April 1, 2017, to accommodate enhancements to the Greenprint project, and allow for remaining SCS dollars to be utilized towards outreach activities for each agency’s 2018 SCS process. A formal scope/budget amendment with the DOC (now that the SGC has approved a time extension) is currently underway. The total dollar amounts shown above are still accurate, and will now be available for the extended activities, following the amendment. Additional details will be delivered to the Director’s following an official response from the DOC.

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

J. Chilingirian

Jenna Chilingirian, Program Director, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions. Here is a list of upcoming meetings:

2016 San Joaquin Valley Parks Summit

Thursday, May 12, 2016 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bitwise South Stadium, 700 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93721

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Preparing for Success: San Joaquin Valley Planning Commissioner's Workshop

SAVE THE DATE (Registration Coming Soon)

Thursday, May 26, 2016 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

CSU Fresno, University Business Center - PB 192, 5245 N Backer Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740

2nd Quarter Board of Director's Meeting - California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 17, 2016 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location - TBD (Tulare County)

Strategies for Encouraging Homeownership in San Joaquin Valley Communities

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 - time TBD

Ceres Community Center, 2701 4th Street, Ceres, CA 95307

5th Annual San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit: The Housing Connection

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, August 18, 2016 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Grand 1401, 1401 Fulton St., Fresno, CA 93721

13. Regional Energy Planning

M. Sigala

Sustainable Energy Roadmap for the San Joaquin Valley (Strategic Growth Council). Jurisdictional outreach and Roadmap development with Valley cities and counties is ongoing. To date, the cities of Visalia, Fresno, Avenal, Firebaugh, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, San Joaquin, Sanger, Kerman, Corcoran, Huron, McFarland and the Biola Community Services District have executed a program agreement. Work on the individual city "roadmaps" is underway for those cities that are under contract. The initial phase includes a survey of existing renewable energy policies and programs followed by the identification of programs and policy objectives participating jurisdictions would like to pursue. For more information, visit the Sustainable Energy Roadmap web page: <http://my.cleanenergyroadmap.com/partner/sanjoaquinvalley>