



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2016**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting Location:  
 Fresno Council of Governments  
 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
 Fresno CA, 93721

*Teleconference Number: 1-712-432-1212*  
*Participant Code: 432-600-639*

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

*Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Enclosure*

**1. April 7, 2016 Directors' Meeting**

A. Chesley



There was a motion to approve the April 7, 2016 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Ted Smalley  
 Second Motion: Mrs. Rosa Parks  
 No Nays  
 Motion Carried

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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

### 2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

Ryan Niblock

#### *Update and Discussion*

Ryan Niblock updated on the EPA disapproval of the San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 as they are withdrawing measures in response to court of appeals. The EPA also noted that the final disapproval triggers mandatory clock for sanctions and a federal implementation plan upon inspected date. The disapproval will not result in a conformity freeze for the San Joaquin Valley. However, 30 days after being published in a federal register this action will start a sanctions clock during which ARB and Air District will have 24 months to address contingency measure requirements before Highway sanctions accrue.

As to the RTP lockdown, Merced and Stan has successfully circulated off cycle RTP amendments. Ryan will be reaching out to state and federal reviewer to request an expedited review of these amendments. The four counties (Fresno, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare) are preparing TIP without capacity increasing projects, other counties not in lockdown. Boiler plate are in the works for all and any scenarios moving forward.

Mr. Ryan Niblock also reported an update from ARB as to SB375. ARB is open to scheduling one on one calls with all MPO's in the Valley within the next few months. Also noted that they are willing to help with target setting up until July as they hope take any recommendations to their board in September.

### 3. STIP, Federal Earmark Repurposing and other Funding

T. Smalley

#### *Update and Discussion*

Mr. Ted Smalley reported on TCIF local match issue and voicing these concerns at the California Council of Governments and Self Help was commended. Mr. Smalley noted of a rally to be held on May 19 in Sacramento for state transportation funding plan. Also, the STIP is up for vote and the valley is set to lose \$150 million in funding, there was further discussion continued. No update to report for the repurposing of the Earmarks.

### 4. San Joaquin Valley Overall Work Program Fiscal Year 2016-17

M. Sigala

#### *Discuss and Consider Approving*

Mr. Michael Sigala gave an update to the San Joaquin Valley Overall Work Program form, and noted no substantial changes to the activities section and the form has been finalized. Also, the events coordinator items for the policy conference have been eliminated from the agenda with the presumption that the event will be handled on a yearly basis with the help of all the MPOs. Mr. Sigala requested help from Ryan Niblock in regards to the Air Quality planning amounts for next year. Mrs. Rosa Parks was concerned with who the liaison would be for the sustainable community efforts, as it stands Fresno COG and San Joaquin COG will take the lead on those efforts moving forward. Mr. Tony Boren had a question about the Sierra Research contract as the contract is soon to expire at the end of this year, further discussion ensued.

There was a motion to approve the final form subject to the air quality numbers, change MCAG to SJCOG, remove consultant name and to only show as consultant on budget, and leave coordinator as the title for Mr. Michael Sigala.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Mrs. Patricia Taylor  
No Nays  
Motioned Carried

**5. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee**

R. Phipps

***Discuss Valley Voice DC***

Mr. Robert Phipps discussed the concerns over dates for valley voice trip to DC following Labor Day and is proposing the approval for the dates of September 6-9. There seems to be no objection with the dates proposed and will move forward to the electives to note their calendars. Mr. Tony Boren asked for clarification regarding water not being one of the talking points while in DC. There was some concern with this topic being a focus, discussion continued. Mr. Phipps noted the pursuit of legislation of interest in SB375 eliminating design build and noted a possible impact to valley projects.

**6. First-Round California “SCS and Conservation” Report**

***Presented by Adam Livingston, Sequoia Riverlands Trust***

Mr. Adam Livingston presented a power point in which he highlighted SB375. Some of the key talking points Mr. Livingston talked about were, what was done in the first round in terms of conservation, what proposals were made by advocates to be adopted. In addition, based on the information gathered he discussed the various policies and best practices for the next round.

**INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS**

**7. Caltrans Directors’ Report**

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Mrs. Gail Miller reported of another round of APT, and information has already been sent out to the directors.

**8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt reported to the letter sent from the valley, as it helped modify the High Speed Rail Business Plan and discussed how it improve High Speed Rail interactions with the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Leavitt noted a board meeting coming up May 27, in Merced.

**9. CA High Speed Rail Authority**

D. Gomez

No update was reported

**10. SJV Goods Movement Planning**

M. Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala reported on various activities across both studies, noting a webinar was held May 4. Also, there will be some deliverables out next month by email, and optioned to include a specific item on the agenda if requested. Mr. Sigala also informed of the stakeholder outreach on June 8 in Kern County and May 18 San Joaquin County, and a Valley wide meeting to be held in June.

**11. Proposition84/Blueprint/GreenPrint**

R. Terry

Mr. Clark Thompson discussed a handout of summaries of proposals to conduct pilot projects, noting five proposals from the valley. They will be making recommendation on which proposals to move forward. There was some concern on how the recommendations are chosen. Mr. Ted Smalley suggested for the recommendations to be sent to all the directors and if there is any objection at which point can be brought back for discussion.

Mr. Rob Terry discussed GreenPrint and pass out a chart noting the near completion of task three amendment process, waiting on DOC the last approve.

**12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

J. Chilingirian

Mr. Sigala reported on two workshops on the affordable housing and sustainable communities program, and noted 12 applicants were invited to the final round.

**13. Regional Energy Planning**

M. Sigala

No update was reported

**OTHER ITEMS****14. Director Items**

Mr. Michael Sigala made note to the next Regional Policy Council meeting June 17, and requested recommendation as to whether to hold the meeting at a specific location or via phone. The directors will inform Mr. Sigala by email.

**15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**

There were no public presentations.

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:45 A.M**

**Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2016 in Madera**

Appendix A – Meeting Attendees:

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Robert Phipps	Kern Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Ben Kimball	Tulare Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	San Joaquin Valley Coordinator
Clark Thompson	Fresno Council of Governments
Adam Livingston	Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Rob Terry	Fresno Council of Governments
Rudy Serrato	Sigala Inc.
Dan Leavitt	SJPA
Gail Miller	Caltrans Planning
Michael Navarro	Caltrans Planning
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Clark Thompson	Fresno Council of Governments
Jennifer Gray (phone)	ARB
Ryan Niblock (phone)	San Joaquin
Jeff Findley (phone)	MCTC