



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 1, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 San Joaquin Council of Governments
 555 East Weber Avenue
 Stockton, CA 95202

Directors	MPOs
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (ph)	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

1. November 10, 2016 Directors' Meeting

T. Smalley

There was a motion to approve the November 10, 2016 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Andrew Chesley
 Second Motion: Ms. Terri King
 No Nays
 Motion Carried

Tulare County
 Association of
 Governments
 Ted Smalley- Chair

Merced County
 Association of
 Governments
 Marjie Kirn - Vice Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ryan Niblock reported that each MPO continues to make progress on models and target setting reports. There was a staff call to further discuss the valleywide report contents. In addition, Mr. Niblock handed out a 2018 RTP schedule and discussed several important dates. Ms. Terry Roberts from the California Air Resources Board made several comments including that in the Spring of 2017, ARB staff will share information about the new targets.

3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study

a. Receive Update from Laura Podolsky and Caroline Rodier, UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies

Ms. Laura Podolsky provided a brief overview of the project. The goal of the project is to develop a pilot program for a new, technology-driven mobility service in rural communities. The project is currently in Phase 1, which is to identify potential pilot locations and tech-driven transit alternatives. Ms. Podolsky mentioned that a priority for the pilot program is to select two to three rural communities that are representative and can be replicated in other parts of the valley. Directors expressed their desire to have a demonstration project in each county. Further discussion on the exploration of having a demonstration project in all eight counties ensued.

b. Discuss Next Steps

Phase 2 of the project will evaluate recommended pilot locations and focus in on two to three rural communities. In Phase 3, one community will be selected to focus on developing the pilot program in.

4. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

B. Kimball

a. Discuss Sacramento Valley Voice 2017

Mr. Ben Kimball requested input from Directors on additional agencies to meet with that were not already discussed. Mr. Kimball reported that he is working on finalizing the contract with the selected lobbyist. Lastly, he reviewed the list of topics to confirm that the brochure reflects valley issues that the Directors want addressed. Further discussion on each topic ensued: Mr. Smalley commented that the freight funding match needs to be achievable; Mr. Boren asked if we were going to meet with legislative members Frazier and Bealle; Mr. Chesley noted that we need less restrictive guidelines for cap and trade programs; Mr. Smalley noted the need to advocate for a series of Valley projects related to goods movement; no changes to the intercity rail item were noted; ITIP projects that were deleted in the STIP should be prioritized when funding comes back; and, the RTP cycle change was discussed with an emphasis on asking for a ten year cycle.

5. FASTLANE Support Letters

R. Phipps

Discuss and Approve Letters of Support for Valley Projects

Mr. Ted Smalley proposed to support any agency's request for FASTLANE grants. Directors agreed to authorize all support letters from the Regional Policy Council to Valley projects.

6. California Transportation Funding

T. Smalley

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ted Smalley met with CTC staff to discuss capacity for ITIP projects that were deleted and the TCIF match. He reported that the Directors would ask the CA Partnership to send a letter to ensure that national freight funds are directed to the Valley at the next California Partnership meeting. Lastly, he mentioned that there has not been any movement on the CTC commissioner vacancy.

7. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Websites

R. Terry

Discuss Hosting Options

Mr. Rob Terry explained the previous hosting situation regarding the Blueprint and Toolkit websites and proposed \$66 annually per agency for website hosting moving forward. Directors approved Mr. Terry's proposal.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Mr. Tom Dumas announced that planning grant applications have all been submitted.

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Mr. Daniel Krause announced that there is a Central Valley Rail Working Group meeting on December 16th and a JPA Board meeting on January 27th.

10. CA High Speed Rail Authority

D. Gomez

No update was reported.

11. Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala announced that the demonstration project would be rescheduled from December 13th to late February or March.

12. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint

R. Terry

No update was reported

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

J. Chilingirian

The next California Partnership meeting will be on Friday, December 9th.

14. Regional Energy Planning

M. Sigala

Continuing to work on getting towards the end the project.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items

Mr. Tony Boren inquired about current staff vacancies and further discussion ensued.

16. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:59 A.M

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Daniel Krause	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Elizabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Rob Cunningham	San Joaquin COG
Melody Lin	San Joaquin COG
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin COG
Anthony Zepeda	Merced County Association of Governments
Rob Terry	Fresno Council of Governments
Dan Stewart	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans D10
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Alexandra Marcucci (ph)	Sierra Research
Terry Roberts (ph)	Air Resources Board
Joanne Striebich (ph)	Caltrans D6
Chelsea Gonzales (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan (ph)	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Will Barrett (ph)	American Lung Association
Jeff Findley (ph)	Madera County Transportation Commission
Roberto Brady (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments