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## Meeting Minutes


**Friday, June 17, 2016**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.**


Meeting Location:  
 Tulare County Agri-Center Auditorium  
 Conference Room  
 4437 S. Laspina  
 Tulare, CA 93274

*Regional Policy Council Attendees:*

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Amarpreet Dhaliwal – Chair	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Gary Yep (phone)	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of Kerman
Cheryl Wegman	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Wasco
Rueben Pascual	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Delano
Joe Neves	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Brett Frazier	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Mayor	City of Madera
Mike Villalta (phone)	MCAG	Mayor	City of Los Banos
Daron McDaniel (phone)	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Chuck Winn (phone)	SJ COG	Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Bill O'Brien – Vice Chair (phone)	Stan COG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Allen Ishida	TCAG	Supervisor	County of Tulare
Seyed Sadredin	SJVAPCD	Executive Director	

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

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 Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal  
 City of San Joaquin

**Vice-Chair**  
 Supervisor Bill O'Brien  
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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Dhaliwal

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 14, 2016 Regional Policy Council Meeting

First Motion: Supervisor Joe Neves  
Second Motion: Mayor Gary Yep  
No Nays  
Motioned Carried

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Valley Voice Washington DC – September 7 and 8, 2016**

Robert Phipps

*a. Discuss and Approve Legislative Platform*

Mr. Robert Phipps briefly reviewed the draft summary packet that included various discussion topics (federal transportation grant applications, goods movement, policy and funding for priority projects, RTP adoption, farm to market routes, etc.). Supervisor O’Brien had a question about adding an air pollution component to the platform. Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake, addressed the topic of water taken off this discussion for the trip and would consider it to be on the platform. Supervisor Allen Ishida, Tulare County, recommended a flyer to hand out if needed for discussion and not have it on the platform. Also, Supervisor Ishida suggested for the people who have impacted counties could spend an extra day to address water specifically. Andy Chesley San Joaquin COG, noted an attempt to write a policy statement that would go into the platform and discussed concerns from some agencies. Supervisor Chuck Winn, San Joaquin County, commented and further discussion ensued.

There was a motion to approve the Legislative Platform as is presented by Robert Phipps, and have a handout regarding water.

First Motion: Supervisor Neves  
Second Motion: Supervisor Ishida  
Nays: Mayor Rudy Mendoza  
Motioned: Carried

*b. Select Speakers for Key Topics Areas*

Mr. Robert Phipps asked for volunteers for the following:

- Grant Applications – Mayor Pascual (primary) & Supervisor McDaniel (alternate)
- Goods Movement – Mayor Mendoza (primary) & Mayor Mendez (alternate)
- RTP Adoption – Supervisor O’Brien (primary) & Mayor Pro Tem Yep (alternate)
- Farm Market Route – Mayor Mendez (primary) & Supervisor Fraizer (alternate)
- MPO Flexibility – Mayor Poythress (primary) & Supervisor Frazier (alternate)

*c. Review Valley Voice Itinerary and Logistics*

Mr. Robert Phipps briefly reviewed the itinerary for Washington DC trip September 7 and 8. Mr. Phipps noted Simon and Company was approved to coordinate and make all arrangements for the trip. There was a notable mention for PG&E for sponsoring the visit.

**2. California Transportation Funding Update**

Ted Smalley

Mr. Ted Smalley noted STIP funding has not been resolved leading to a short of transportation funding and is discouraged that a solution will not get done. Mr. Smalley introduced a couple ideas as to solving transportation issue, the first principle is a combination of raising fees and the other being a combination of reprioritization.

**3. Upcoming Federal Clean Air Act Mandate**

Seyed Sadredin

Mr. Seyed Sadredin presented a power point and discussed mandates under the Federal Clean Air Act. Mr. Sadredin noted Valley assignments to the federal government, and outlined tough obstacles the Valley has overcome. Mr. Sadredin expressed concern with EPA's willingness to develop federally approvable incentive-based measures and discussed the conundrum the valley faces with EPA disapproval. There is a possibility of federal takeover and devastating sanctions if mandates are not met, such as loss of federal highway funds of \$2.5 billion in the San Joaquin Valley. The next steps are in August 2017 – Valley's PM2.5 Attainment Plan due to EPA (EPA to act on the plan one year after submittal). Sanctions may be triggered 18 months after EPA disapproval. Continuous effort by the Valley Air District to advance common sense tweaks to the Federal Clean Air Act to allow Valley sufficient time to reach attainment are needed. Mayor Mendoza commented as to the ongoing outreach discussions and education with the public. Further discussion ensued.

**4. Sustainable Communities Strategies/RTP's**

Andy Chesley

Mr. Andy Chesley noted current discussions with executive directors regarding SB 375 target setting. Air Resources Board staff requested targets for the next round of regional transportation sustainable communities strategies plan by July 29. There is a request in form of a letter to move the due date to December 31, 2016, to be able to come up with good targets. Mr. Ryan Niblock added further insight to ARB target concerns and performance from the last round. Mr. Niblock reviewed a draft letter in the agenda packet, noting summarization of the positive work in the valley and it concludes with the request to move target setting to December.

**5. Federal Aviation Administration 79 FR 66282**

Ted Smalley

Mr. Ted Smalley briefly reviewed the FAA determination process. Mr. Smalley noted concerns with the state rights on special sales tax. Mr. Smalley introduced three principle alternatives being pursued; 1) Can there be a general fix that states "California general fund covers..."; 2) Can there be a legislative fix in Washington DC; and, 3) Legal action against Federal Aviation Administration. Chair Dahliwal advised to proceed with a response letter.

**6. Valleywide Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17**

Michael Sigala

*Accept and Consider Approving*

Mr. Michael Sigala, noted the Valley MPO's working with the Air District signed an MOU and state the need to continue to work together. Mr. Sigala discussed OWP document attached to the report highlighting major highways and interstates activity, joint funding strategies, goods movement, air quality planning, SCS planning, relationship building with external agencies and entities, and other activities for the coming year. Mr. Sigala noted the Regional Policy conference moved to Spring 2017 in Fresno. The budget is approximately \$337k for various Valley wide projects and activities.

There was a motion to accept and approve the OWP document.

First Motion: Supervisor Neves

Second Motion: Supervisor Bill O'Brien

Nays:

Motioned: Carried

**7. Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2016-17**

Michael Sigala

*Accept and Consider Approving*

Mr. Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the calendar for the upcoming year.

There was a motion to accept and approve the meeting calendar for fiscal year 2016-17:

First Motion: Mayor Rudy Mendoza

Second Motion: Supervisor Allen Ishida

Nays:

Motioned: Carried

**D. OTHER ITEMS**

1. Executive Directors’ Report

Mr. Andy Chesley noted this is his last meeting as Chair of the Directors Committee and thanked the council members. Mr. Ted Smalley will take his place for the upcoming year. Mr. Chesley will be present at the Air District meeting next week, and report back to the Directors.

2. Policy Council Member Comments. None.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tashia Clemons FHWA noted a final planning rule has been released and are working on an approach with Caltrans to implement the requirements. Also, she asked the council members to review the rule as it will be up for 120 days on the FHWA website.

Cecilia Crenshaw FHWA, noted Tashia Clemons is the new Director for Program Development

*Appendix A: list of other meeting attendees.*

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Justin Mendez - Mayor	City of Hanford
Tashia Clemons	FHWA
Cecilia Crenshaw	FHWA
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Michael Sigala	SJV Cordinator/Sigala Inc
Tom Jordan	SJVAD
Tony Boren	Fresno COG
Rudy Serrato	Sigala Inc.
Robert Phipps	Kern COG
Terry King	KCAG
Ryan Niblock	SJCOG
Jaime Holt	Valley Air Dist.
Rosa Park	Stan COG
Andy Chesley (ph)	SJ COG