



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2017**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**ITEM 1**

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

Directors	MPOs
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (via ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Stacie Dabbs, Interim (via ph)	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. January 5, 2017 Directors' Meeting**

T. Smalley

There was a motion to approve the January 5, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ms. Terri King  
 Second Motion: Mr. Tony Boren  
 No Nays  
 Motion Carried

Tulare County  
 Association of  
 Governments  
 Ted Smalley- Chair

Merced County  
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 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 announced that a staff call is being organized to discuss off-cycle amendments, status of modeling efforts, and to have an overall discussion of RTP schedule. Additionally, Safety and Performance Management Target Setting workshops will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>. The February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was noted as very important for target setting purposes Mr. Niblock went on to report that the revised PM 10 budget plan was approved. Mr. Ted Smalley inquired about each county's plans for targets, and discussion followed. Directors agreed for StanCOG to take the lead on identifying a list of priority projects delayed by funding constraints as part of CTC's assessment.
- 3. California Freight Investment Program** R. Ball  
*Follow Up From January 17 and 30, 2017 Workshops*

Mr. Robert Ball announced that a meeting to discuss funding sources for freight was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, and a second meeting to discuss urban and rural freight corridors was held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ball reiterated four different approaches decided upon by the committee during these meetings with an emphasis on funding ready to go projects. A deficit in rural projects was noted by Mr. Ball.
- 4. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee** B. Kimball  
*Discuss and Approve Draft Legislative Platform and Agenda*

Mr. Ben Kimball distributed an updated agenda and announced that a conference call with Policy Council electives will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> to review details and prepare for the March 1<sup>st</sup> visit to Sacramento. He stressed that this is a great opportunity for the Valley to make an impact and present a unified front on issues.
- 5. Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2017-18** M. Sigala  
*Discuss and Receive Input for Content*

Mr. Michael Sigala requested input on the Policy Conference host rotation for upcoming years. KernCOG will host the Policy Conference next year. Mr. Sigala announced that he will begin working on the OWP for the next fiscal year, and discussion on changes to current major categories ensued. It was agreed that Mr. Sigala would return to the Directors' meeting in April with the revised or final OWP.
- 6. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference, March 8 and 9** B. Veenendaal  
*Update and Discussion*

Ms. Brenda Veenendaal provided an update on the Policy Conference website, agenda and keynote speakers. Further discussion on logistics followed.
- 7. California Transportation Funding** T. Smalley  
*Update and Discussion*

Mr. Ted Smalley discussed current efforts at the state capitol to push for a Valley representative to CTC.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 8. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar  
Mr. Ken Baxter (D10) provided an update on most recent Mile Marker publication, upcoming Department of Housing and Community Development workshops, and AB 13 Assembly Bill. Further discussion on AB 13 ensued. Mr. Andrew Chesley announced he received word that the publication regarding MPO boundary is on a list of regulations that congress is to rescind. Mr. Chesley reports SJ COG is currently going through federal recertification, and EJ documentation is an issue. Mr. Chesley also noted resolving their transit board membership issue.
- 9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt  
An update on the last meeting held was given.
- 10. CA High Speed Rail Authority** D. Gomez  
Tours scheduled as part of Policy Conference.
- 11. Goods Movement Planning** M. Sigala  
Mr. Michael Sigala reported that major documents are currently under review, and demonstration project was pushed back to May 2017.
- 12. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis** M. Sigala  
Ms. Caroline Rodier (UC Davis-ITS) provided a brief update on the project. She noted \$8M has been set aside for a ARB carsharing and mobility options pilot program. Mr. Ted Smalley requested an amendment for eight pilots, and to relook at the county data. Additionally, Mr. Smalley requested to have revised scopes/pilot project descriptions ready for the next RTP. Ms. Rodier will be placed on the agenda for the next Directors meeting.
- 13. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint** R. Terry  
Mr. Rob Terry announced that there will be Greenprint breakout activities at the Policy Conference and gave a reminder that invoices need to be submitted by the end of March 2017.
- 14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** J. Chilingirian  
Blueprint Award Nomination packets are due Friday at noon.
- 15. Regional Energy Planning** M. Sigala  
Continuing to wrap up the project.

## OTHER ITEMS

- 16. Director Items**  
Ms. Patricia announced that she was contacted by the Bigelow office, and provided an overview of AB 174, which concerns CTC members from counties with a population of less than 100,000.
- 17. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**  
There were no public presentations.

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:30 A.M**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ken Baxter	Caltrans
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Dan Stewart	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Elizabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Dave Reed	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Anthony Zepeda	Merced County Association of Governments
Rob Terry (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Brenda Veenendaal (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Ryan Niblock (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans
Robert Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Caroline Rodier (ph)	UC Davis-ITS