



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 6, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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

Directors	MPOs
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Robert Phipps (for Ahron Hakimi)	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Patrick Pittenger	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. June 1, 2017 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the June 1, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ms. Terri King
 Second Motion: Mr. Robert Phipps
 No Nays
 Motion Carried

Fresno
 Council of
 Governments
 Tony Boren - Chair

Merced County
 Association of
 Governments
 Patrick Pittenger - Vice Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ryan Niblock noted that in early June, EPA delayed the approval of the 2015 ozone standard designations until October 2018, so off-cycle amendments in the fall of 2017 are no longer required. Also, EPA signed the transportation conformity budget adequacy notice on June 13th. Mr. Niblock discussed Valleywide RTP chapter and encouraged Directors to volunteer their staff to handle various sections. Mr. Ted Smalley encouraged the group to keep the document short as a summary of activities.

ARB staff report on SB 375 has been released, and a Valley comment letter has been prepared as a draft for Directors to consider. Comments on staff report are due July 28th. SB 375 workshops were held in Kern, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Deadline to update target recommendations July 31st. ARB is open to having one-on-one meetings with interested MPOs prior to July 21st to discuss target recommendations that were circulated.

Mr. Niblock discussed the “rebound effect” (auto operating cost and economic recovery issue) and disagreement with ARB’s perspective on it having a one percent impact and not being a major factor in targets. Ryan indicated the MPOs have backup to support our position that the impact is higher than one percent. Further discussions ensued.

3. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

S. Dabbs

a. Review Federal Legislative Platform for Valley Voice D.C.

Ms. Stacie Dabbs noted that air quality issues have not been updated however, Mr. Tom Jordan (SJVAPCD) will continue to work on changes that will be included; language for RTP cycle has been slightly altered; farm-to-market route language was expanded to include more agriculture commodities beyond the dairy industry; and the goods movement chart has been updated. Discussions regarding VLAC logistics followed.

b. Discuss and Approve Valleywide Letter Regarding Buy America Waivers

Mr. Ted Smalley requested to have a letter listing Valley projects that are on hold due to Buy America drafted and sent to congressmen. Further discussion regarding the impact of Buy America waivers ensued.

4. Rural Transit Alternatives Study

M. Sigala

Letter of Support Request for MCAG’s Grant Application to the California Energy Commission

Mr. Michael Sigala gave a brief overview of MCAG’s project proposal to CEC, noting similarities and differences to the project proposal submitted to ARB, and requested a letter of support from Directors. Mr. Boren requested an inventory list mapping alternative fuels/vehicle pilot projects in the Valley.

5. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

M. Sigala

Review Formation Language for Executive and Water Committees

Mr. Michael Sigala requested clarification regarding committee parameters. Mr. Andrew Chesley explained the executive committee exists to take action on behalf of the Policy Council in interim periods of time, and is a standing committee subject to the Brown Act. Directors came to a consensus that the water committee would begin as an ad hoc committee. Mr. Sigala will continue to work on the formation language for the committees to be completed by July 21st.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 6. **Caltrans Directors’ Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar
Mr. Tom Dumas (D10) announced a planning research grant for I-5, 205, and 120 for \$350,000 that is underway. Ms. Gail Miller (D6) discussed work on 2020 PID program.
- 7. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
ACE Forward Draft Environmental Impact Report has been and comments are due by July 31ST.
- 8. **CA High Speed Rail Authority** D. Gomez
- 9. **Goods Movement Planning** M. Sigala
Final reports are under review.
- 10. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** K. Biawogi
Code Enforcement Symposium will be held July 26th in Stockton at the University of the Pacific.

OTHER ITEMS

- 11. **Director Items**
 - Ms. Terri King attended the last Partnership meeting in Lemoore and reiterated information presented during the meeting.
 - Ted Smalley noted the need to communicate and coordinate on three competitive programs in SB 1; Congested Corridor, Trade Corridor Enhancement and the ITIP. MPOs volunteered to take the lead in identifying valley projects to support in these categories.
- 12. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:15 P.M

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2017 in Visalia

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Trai Her	Fresno Council of Governments
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Stephanie Maynard	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gail Miller	Caltrans
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Robert Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Elizabeth Forte (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn (ph)	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans