



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 1, 2017**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:  
Madera County Transportation Commission  
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201  
Madera, CA 93637

Directors	MPOs
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Stacie Dabbs, Interim	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. May 9, 2017 Directors' Meeting**

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the May 9, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Andrew Chesley  
Second Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi  
No Nays  
Motion Carried

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Governments  
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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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

R. Niblock

#### *Update and Discussion*

Mr. Ryan Niblock reported a conformity training for SJV staff was held and included discussion on conformity requirements, Valley-specific conformity coordination and demonstration process, plan amendment procedures, and project-level conformity.

During a statewide conformity working group meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, EPA discussed 2015 ozone plan adequacy. Updated budgets will be incorporated into conformity documents this summer via the off-cycle RTP amendment previously discussed. Beginning 2019, conformity demonstration for carbon monoxide will no longer be required since the state has demonstrated maintenance of the standard for 20 years.

Mr. Niblock reported ARB staff presented an informational update during a public meeting on PM2.5 Plan development. Attainment strategies focus on direct PM and include measures targeting residential wood burning, charbroiling and dust controls, and mobile source measures such as clean fuel vehicle incentives. The Plan is scheduled for Air District adoption in August, and ARB action in September.

Mr. Andrew Chesley commented on modest targets set by the Valley, and stated that ARB is looking to increase targets set by Valley MPOs and will provide tools to help meet those increased targets. Further discussion ensued regarding feasible targets for the Valley.

### 3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study

M. Sigala

#### *Receive Update Regarding ARB Pilot Project Submittal*

Mr. Michael Sigala provided an update on the ARB grant application submitted on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Awarded projects will be announced in late July 2017.

Ms. Caroline Rodier discussed a CEC grant solicitation opportunity for eligible MPOs who were not included in the ARB proposal. A total of \$3 million in funding is available, and there are no match requirements. Individual projects can request between \$500K to \$750K in funding. CEC grant applications are due July 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stacie Dabbs expressed interest in MCAG partnering with UC Davis-ITS to submit an application.

### 4. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning Studies

#### *Presentation of Final Recommendations by Cambridge Systematics:*

##### *a) I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study*

Ms. Jolene Hayes provided a PowerPoint presentation overviewing the I-5/SR 99 GM study and discussed findings and next steps for securing funding. Directors discussed bundling projects and supporting projects in other counties.

##### *b) SJV Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan*

Mr. Michael Fischer provided an overview of SJVGMSIP and discussed final recommendations. Additionally, Mr. Fischer discussed next steps in securing funding from available sources. Mr. Tony Boren inquired about truck parking and electronic logging devices, and further discussion followed.

**5. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee**

B. Kimball

Mr. Kimball provided an update. The RTP cycle proposal is moving along slowly as support is fragmented and weak across various regions of the United States. Mr. Kimball noted the FAA fuel tax issue. Discussion ensued about the federal platform for Valley Voice DC. It was noted that the Trump Infrastructure Plan heavily endorses the “self-help” concept. VLAC noted a June 22 workshop for further detailing the federal platform to present to the Regional Policy Council on June 23. It was also noted that the Regional Policy Council will have phone call meeting on July 21 to approve the revised platform.

**6. SB 1 Implementation**

T. Boren

**Discuss Valleywide Comments, and Comments on Specific Programs such as the Local Partnership Program and Congested Corridors Program**

Mr. Tony Boren opened the floor to Valley comments related to SB 1. Comments included the need to leverage SHOPP, concern over corridor program being geared toward large metropolitan areas, and including impact fees as match for local match. Mr. Boren requested additional comments be sent to him.

**7. Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program**

T. Boren

***Discuss Technical Assistance RFP***

Ms. Melody Lin discussed the need to include Enterprise Community Partners to the technical assistance team during this AHSC program funding cycle. Mr. Andrew Chelsey supported bringing Enterprise on board, and further discussion ensued.

**8. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council**

M. Sigala

***Review June 23, 2017 Draft Agenda and Discuss the Formation of an Executive Committee***

Mr. Michael Sigala reviewed items on draft agenda. An update on Goods Movement Final Recommendations will be added to the agenda.

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

T. Boren

***Discuss Valley MPO Funding Commitment to the Community and Regional Planning Center (2017-18)***

Mr. Mike Dozier expressed concern over loss of funding to the Community and Regional Planning Center and made a request for funding to support keeping the center open. MPOs pledged to provide Mr. Dozier by the following week with a breakdown of amount of funding available to commit

**10. Administrative**

M. Sigala

***Approve Fiscal Year 2017-18 Meeting Calendar***

Mr. Michael Sigala reviewed meeting dates on the calendar. Important items noted were upcoming July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in Fresno, no meeting in September due to Valley Voice, and possibility of Valley Voice Sacramento in March. Ms. Stacie Dabbs requested to switch May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Merced to Madera.

There was a motion to approve the meeting calendar for fiscal year 2017-18.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Mr. Andrew Chesley  
No Nays  
Motion Carried

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 11. **Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar  
Ms. Gail Miller reported continued work on State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).
- 12. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt  
Upcoming working group meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM.
- 13. **CA High Speed Rail Authority** D. Gomez  
CEO Jeff Morales stepped down.
- 14. **Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint** M. Prince  
Final presentation will be given next month.
- 15. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** K. Biawogi  
No update was given.
- 16. **Regional Energy Planning** M. Sigala  
Continuing to wrap up the project.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- 17. **Director Items**
  - Ms. Stacie Dabbs reported a new executive director is pending.
  - Ms. Terri King inquired about ATP related to SB 1, and further discussion ensued.
- 18. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**  
There were no public presentations.

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 1:00 P.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
Tanisha Taylor	CalCOG
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Mike Dozier	CSU Fresno Office of Community and Economic Development
Ismael Herrera	CSU Fresno Office of Community and Economic Development
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gail Miller	Caltrans
Michael Fischer	Cambridge Systematics
Melody Lin (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Caroline Rodier (ph)	UC Davis-ITS
Laura Podolsky (ph)	UC Davis-ITS
Tom Dumas (ph)	Caltrans
Jolene Hayes (ph)	Cambridge Systematics
Meg Prince (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Her (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Robert Phipps (ph)	Kern Council of Governments