



## Meeting Agenda

Friday, December 15, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Teleconference Number: 1-515-739-1015

Participant Code: 432-600-639

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

### B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 23, 2017 and July 21, 2017, Regional Policy Council Meetings

Chair

Enclosure



### D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

*Discuss Legislative Platform for Valley Voice  
 Sacramento (March 7, 2018)*

Stacie Dabbs



#### 2. State Route 99/Regional Projects Funding

a. *Receive Update from Caltrans on SR 99  
 ITIP Proposed Funding*


Gail Miller & Monica Kress


b. *Consider Letter of Support to Caltrans for ITIP Funding*


Ted Smalley


c. *Discuss Criteria for Support of other Regional Projects*

Ted Smalley & Andy Chesley

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**E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**



*The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Written summaries of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.*

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|---|----------------|
| 1. Spring 2018 Policy Conference (May 9-11, 2018)     | Rosa Park      |
| 2. SB 375 Green House Gas Target Update               | Ryan Niblock   |
| 3. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail                 | Dan Leavitt    |
| 4. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant         | Michael Sigala |
| 5. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning Studies | Michael Sigala |
| 6. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley  | Ismael Herrera |

**F. OTHER ITEMS**

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Executive Directors' Report    | Tony Boren |
| 2. Policy Council Member Comments |            |

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Items above.*

***Phone Conference on Friday, February 23, 2018 at 10 am to Discuss Valley Voice Sacramento***

**Next Regular Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, June 22, 2018, 10 am**

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# ITEM C

## Meeting Minutes


**Friday, June 23, 2017**  
**Time: 11:00 a.m.**


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


*Regional Policy Council Attendees:*


MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Rudy Mendoza – Chair	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Chuck Winn – Vice Chair	SJ COG	Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Elbert Holman	SJ COG	Vice Mayor	City of Stockton
Kuyler Crocker	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Gary Yep (phone)	Fresno COG	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Kerman
Rueben Pascual	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Delano
Doug Verboon (phone)	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Mike Murphy	MCAG	Mayor	City of Merced
Bill Zoslocki	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Vito Chiesa	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Jenny Kenoyer (alternate)	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto

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

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Mendoza

January 27, 2017 Regional Policy Council Meeting

First Motion: Supervisor Crocker  
Second Motion: Vice Mayor Holman  
No Nays  
Motioned Carried

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee**

Ben Kimball

*a. Discuss Legislative Platform for Valley Voice Washington D.C. 2017 (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>)*

Mr. Ben Kimball, Tulare County Association of Governments, reviewed a draft one-page summary of the legislative platform recommended to the policy council. There was a request to add the Department of Agriculture to the list of meetings, and changes to the air quality platform were also discussed. Further discussion ensued.

**2. Discuss and Consider the Formation of Committees**

*a. Executive Committee*

Andy Chesley

Mr. Andy Chesley, San Joaquin Council of Governments, addressed the challenge of not being able to respond promptly to legislative issues in part due to the Policy Council meeting roughly four times a year. Mr. Chesley proposed forming an Executive Committee of 3 to 5 members who can be pulled together quickly to respond to immediate legislative issues to get a determination from the Policy Council on how to proceed. He requested input from the Policy Council and suggested drafting bylaws to reflect the creation of an Executive Committee and the powers associated to be presented and reviewed at the next meeting.

*b. Water Policy Committee*

Chair Mendoza

Chair Mendoza recommended forming a permanent sub-committee for Water and Water-Infrastructure with the expectation to keep the issue as part of the Valley Voice legislative platform. Formation of a sub-committee would allow Valley MPOs to continue working collaboratively and presenting a united front in recognizing solutions. Chair Mendoza’s recommendation received strong support from the Policy Council and he proposed that this item be brought back for a vote at the next meeting.

**3. SB 1 Implementation**

Ted Smalley

*Receive Update and Discuss Implications for Valley Projects and Programs*

Mr. Tony Boren, Fresno Council of Governments, provided a brief overview and reported on available funding for following programs:

- Active Transportation Program—\$100 million annually
- Local Partnership Program—\$200 million annually

- Local Streets and Roads Program—\$1.5 billion annually
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program—\$250 million annually
- State Highway Operation and Protection Program—addition of \$1.9 billion annually
- State Transportation Improvement Program
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program--\$300 million annually

Additionally, Mr. Boren discussed concerns and issues of each program from a Valleywide perspective.

**4. Rural Transit Alternatives Study**

Michael Sigala

*Receive Project Update*

Mr. Michael Sigala, SJV coordinator, reported on the progress of the Rural Transit Alternatives Study headed by UC Davis. Select alternative concepts for meeting rural transit needs will be piloted at three locations in the Valley. Ultimately, one community will be evaluated for further study and a business plan for implementation will be developed.

Additionally, ARB and CEC have each circulated RFPs for development and implementation of pilot projects with a similar concept to the study. Mr. Sigala reported that the Valley COGs have submitted a grant application to ARB for \$2.5m and currently working on a grant application to CEC for \$750k.

**5. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning Studies**

Michael Sigala

*Receive Updates*

Mr. Michael Sigala provided a brief overview of findings and major recommendations from the goods movement studies.

**6. California Transportation Commission Member**

Ted Smalley

*Discuss Nominees from the San Joaquin Valley*

Mr. Tony Boren announced a vacancy on the CTC and encouraged recommendations for a candidate to represent the Valley. Discussion ensued. Nominees will be identified and discussed at the next meeting.

**7. Valleywide Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

Michael Sigala

*Accept and Consider Approving*

Mr. Michael Sigala discussed OWP document, highlighting various Valleywide activities. He noted that the Directors have approved the OWP at their April meeting, and requested approval from the Policy Council. There was a motion to accept and approve the Valleywide Overall Work Program for fiscal year 2017-18:

First Motion: Vice Mayor Holman  
 Second Motion: Councilmember Pascual  
 No Nays  
 Motioned Carried

**8. Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

Michael Sigala

*Review 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 2017-18:

First Motion: Supervisor Crocker  
 Second Motion: Councilmember Zoslocki  
 No Nays  
 Motioned Carried

**9. Pacific Gas & Electric Company Economic Development Rate** Supervisor Crocker  
*Discuss and Consider Supporting*

PG&E made a request to consider supporting their call to continue with the enhanced Economic Development Rate Program (EDR). More information was provided via handout. There was a motion to provide a letter of support for PG&E's EDR Program:

First Motion: Councilmember Zoslocki  
 Second Motion: Supervisor Crocker  
 No Nays  
 Motioned Carried

**D. OTHER ITEMS**

1. Executive Directors' Report Ted Smalley

Mr. Tony Boren was announced as the incoming Chair and Mr. Patrick Pittenger, Merced County Association of Governments, as the incoming Vice Chair. Mr. Andy Chesley provided comments on work that has been done with ARB and identification of targets.

2. Policy Council Member Comments

Councilmember Pascual acknowledged and thanked Stanislaus and Fresno county for directing their unspent funds to Kern County to repair Highway 46.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Meeting Adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.**

*Appendix A: list of other meeting attendees.*

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Michael Sigala	SJV Coordinator/Sigala Inc
Tony Boren	Fresno COG
Rosa Park	StanCOG
Andy Chesley	SJCOG
Patricia Taylor	MCTC
Trai Her-Cole (ph)	Fresno COG
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Robert Phipps	Kern COG
Matt Fell	MCAG
Cindy Malekos	StanCOG



# ITEM C

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 21, 2017


Time: 10 a.m.


***THIS WAS A PHONE CONFERENCE MEETING***


*Regional Policy Council Attendees:*

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Rudy Mendoza – Chair	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Chuck Winn – Vice Chair	SJCOG	Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Gary Yep	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of Kerman
Rueben Pascual	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Delano
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Andrew Medellin	MCTC	Mayor	City of Madera
Mike Villalta	MCAG	Mayor	City of Los Banos
Daron McDaniel	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Bill Zoslocki	Stan COG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Kuylar Crocker	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County

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

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Mendoza

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee**

Stacie Dabbs

**a. *Discussion and Consider Approving the Legislative Platform for Valley Voice Washington D.C. 2017 (Sep. 6 & 7)***

Stacie Dabbs briefly reviewed the draft fact sheets of the eight items for the federal legislative platform and answered any questions.

There was a motion to approve the Legislative Platform.

First Motion:	Mr. Daron McDaniel
Second Motion:	Mr. Gary Yep
No Nays	
Motion Carried	

**b. *Review Valley Voice Itinerary and Logistics***

Stacie Dabbs gave a quick overview of the itinerary for the Valley Voice Washington D.C. 2017 trip from September 6 through September 7. Jen Covino (Len Simon & Co.) discussed securing a meeting with White House Council of Government Affairs, or the Council of Environment and Equality, who both have jurisdiction on most the issue items. There was some concern only having one of the two groups at the meeting and recommended leveraging the majority leader's office for help. Michael Sigala noted the morning briefing will be at the Hyatt hotel along with breakfast. Chair Mendoza asked for volunteers for speaker assignments:

- David Ayers – Air Quality
- Bill Zoslocki – Goods Movement
- Poythress – Goods Movement
- Mike Villalta – Farm to Market
- Gary Yep (alternate) – Farm to Market
- Daron McDaniel – Geographic and Social Economic Equity
- Veto Chiesa (backup) – Geographic and Social Economic Equity
- Rueben Pascual – Regional Transportation Plan Adoption Cycle
- Wegman (backup) – Regional Transportation Plan Adoption Cycle
- Bill Zoslocki – Aviation Sales Tax
- Gary Yep – Aviation Sales Tax
- Andy Medellin – Buy America Waivers
- Mike Villalta (backup) – Buy America Waivers
- Rudy Mendoza - Water



## 2. Establishing an Executive and Water Policy Committee

Chair Mendoza

*Discuss and Consider Approving the Creation of Two Standing Committees to the Regional Policy Council*

Chair Rudy Mendoza reviewed the direction given to staff to come with the frame work for the Water Policy Sub Committee and Executive Committee. Michael Sigala briefly described the duty and actions of the Executive Committee. In addition, they will need five members in the committee.

There was a motion to approve amendments to the bylaws and create the Executive Committee and appoint five members.

Executive Committee members:

- Chair Rudy Mendoza
- Vice Chair Chuck Winn
- Bill Zoslocki
- Mike Villalta
- Medellin
- Rueben Pasqual (alternate)
- Daron McDaniel (alternate)
- Gary Yep (alternate)

First Motion:	Mr. Villalta
Second Motion:	Mr. Croker
No Nays	
Motion Carried	

Michael Sigala summarized the structure and the duties of the Water Subcommittee. This committee will need five members to be nominated or volunteered.

Water Subcommittee members:

- Chair Rudy Mendoza
- Vice Chair Chuck Winn
- Daron McDaniel
- Doug Vernon
- Robert Poythress
- Gary Yep (alternate)
- Kuyler Crocker (alternate)

There is a motion to approve the members and alternates as listed to serve on the Water Subcommittee.

First Motion:	Mr. Villalta
Second Motion:	Mr. Croker
No Nays	
Motion Carried	

### 3. California Transportation Commissioner Vacancy

Chair Mendoza

*Discuss and Consider Nominations from the San Joaquin Valley*

Chair Rudy Mendoza reviewed previous discussions of having a representative/nomination from the Valley. Michael Sigala suggested this would be good timing to send a recommendation letter from the Policy Council to the Governor's office, further discussion ensued, and a list of three nominees was compiled:

- Allen Ishida
- Paul Van Konyenburg
- John Pedrozo

There was a motion for staff to put together a letter to the Governor recommending the three individuals.

First Motion: Mr. Gary Yep  
Second Motion: Mr. Croker  
No Nays  
Motion Carried

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment made.

#### Appendix A: List of Others Attending

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Individual(s)	Organization
Rosa Parks	StanCOG
Tony Boren	Fresno COG
Jenn Covino	Len Simon & Co
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Michael Sigala	Valley Wide Coordinator
Robert Phipps	Kern COG
Terri King	KCAG
Stacie Dabbs	MCAG
Trai Cole	Fresno COG

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL POLICY COUNCIL VALLEY VOICE 2018 – SACRAMENTO

March 7, 2018

ITEM D.1.

## DRAFT Regional Priorities Summary

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### AIR QUALITY REGULATION FUNDING

Request: Provide funding for regional and local governments to meet new air quality regulations.

Despite achieving significant emissions reductions through decades of implanting the most stringent stationary and mobile regulatory control program in the nation, NOx emissions in the San Joaquin Valley must be reduced by an additional 90% in order to attain the latest federal standards. Support is needed for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to petition the EPA for new national standards for on-road, heavy-duty trucks and locomotives under federal jurisdiction and the establishment of a National Clean Air investment fund to accelerate the deployment of low-emission vehicles in a timeframe that will meet the standards, protect public health and avoid federal sanctions.

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### CAP AND TRADE FUNDING

Request: Structure investments to favor integrated transportation and land use strategies with an emphasis on poor air quality regions. Funding should be allocated regionally by population, air quality status and disadvantaged community status, recognizing different strategies are necessary to achieve GHG reductions in different areas of the state. This requires maintaining CalEnviroScreen criteria to determine disadvantaged community status.

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### GOODS MOVEMENT

Requests:

1. Recommend the California Transportation Commission adopt the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as proposed by staff which includes several valley projects in the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).
  2. Consider air quality and low-income challenges to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of Senate Bill 1 program funds, specifically the Trade Corridor and Congested Corridor programs. These considerations can be incorporated in funding decisions through the use of existing tools such as CalEnviroScreen.
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### INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL

Request: Support the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) and the San Joaquin Rail Commission (SJRR) application for funding under the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for rail infrastructure improvements to better connect travelers to and from the Sacramento region with the San Joaquin Valley and Bay Area.

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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS FOR PROJECTS OF LIMITED FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

Request: Encourage Caltrans to exercise the authority provided to them by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to make NEPA categorical exclusion (CE) certifications or determinations.

Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration amended their joint procedures to streamline compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by designating two types of actions as categorical exclusions for transportation projects:

1. Any project (as defined in 23 U.S.C 101(a)) within an existing operational right-of-way; and
2. Any project that receives limited federal funding.

FHWA and FTA may enter into programmatic agreements with a State to allow a State DOT to make a NEPA CE certification or determination and approval on FHWA's or FTA's behalf for specific CE's that meet the law's criteria above.

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## **HIGH-DENSITY MARKET-RATE HOUSING**

Request: Support the development of high-density market-rate housing in the San Joaquin Valley.

To transform transportation and land use in the San Joaquin Valley, funding programs and policies need to support and incentivize the development of high-density market-rate housing in the region. Current state funding programs, policies and processes such as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) target low-income housing in California while the San Joaquin Valley region is challenged with providing market-rate high-density options.

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## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADOPTION CYCLE PILOT PROGRAM**

Request: Encourage state support for a federal pilot program to explore an 8-10 year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adoption cycle.

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### **OTHER KEY MESSAGES:**

In addition to the platform of issues listed above, staff is proposing to develop two handouts to communicate the following messages:

- 1. The San Joaquin Valley is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the region.**  
Staff is proposing to develop a stand-alone handout that will demonstrate, county-by-county, how our region has been successful in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through specific projects and programs.
- 2. Senate Bill 1 is making a difference in the San Joaquin Valley.**  
Staff is proposing to develop a stand-alone handout that will communicate the impact of SB 1 in the Valley. Each county will highlight SB 1 funded projects and programs that are making a difference in the region.



## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – December 15, 2017

# ITEM E

### **E.1. Spring 2018 Policy Conference**

**Rosa Park**

The 2018 Policy Conference is planned for May 9-11, 2018 in Modesto. The conference is being hosted by the Stanislaus Council of Governments. Mrs. Rosa Park will be available to answer any questions. More information will be provided in the coming months.

### **E.2. SB 375 Green House Gas Targets**

**Ryan Niblock**

Mr. Ryan Niblock, San Joaquin Council of Governments, will provide a brief update and be available to answer any questions.

### **E.3. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

**Dan Leavitt**

The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) was formed for the governance and management of the San Joaquins (Amtrak) passenger rail service.

SJJPA will be deploying a “Morning Express” train that starts in Fresno and reaches Sacramento before 8 am. The start date for the Morning Express train will be in early May 2018. SJJPA will have a focused advertising campaign to promote this new service starting in April.

SJJPA will be submitting a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) application by January 12, 2018 for the improvements and new equipment needed to increase San Joaquins service to Sacramento. The application will be done jointly with the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC). The SJRRC is the owner and operator of the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) rail service. This application will include the expansion of ACE service to Sacramento and down the San Joaquin Valley to Merced. A successful application will truly transform passenger rail service in the San Joaquin Valley. If successful, new trains are expected to be running by the end of 2020. The SJJPA and SJRRC are seeking letters of support for this important application. Please see the SJJPA’s website ([www.sjjpa.com](http://www.sjjpa.com)) for a sample letter of support. Please e-mail letters of support to Dan Leavitt ([dan@acerail.com](mailto:dan@acerail.com)) by the end of the year.

The next SJJPA Board Meeting will be held on January 26, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Fresno County Board of Supervisors Chambers (2281 Tulare Street, Fresno).

Mr. Dan Leavitt, SJ JPA, will be available to answer any questions.

### **E.4. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant**

**Michael Sigala**

The final draft report of the *Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Services in Rural Disadvantaged Communities in the California’s San Joaquin Valley: Existing Conditions and Conceptual Program Development* has been completed. Here is the link to the report: <http://sjvcogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Final-Report-Transit-Alternatives.pdf>



## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – DECEMBER 15, 2017

The report summarizes the work conducted by the UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies for this Caltrans funded study for the Valley MPOs. Overall, it shows that there is potential to reduce transit costs by utilizing shared mobility services, but to proceed with caution. Not all Valley rural communities can benefit from this approach, as many existing transit agencies do provide cost effective services in the rural disadvantaged areas of the Valley.

The conceptual program development was designed for areas that would most benefit from shared mobility services. The concepts developed and presented in this report are consistent with what has been presented to date:

- Carsharing and ridesourcing in affordable housing complexes in the Dinuba, Cutler, and Orosi community of Tulare County, and the Lamont-Arvin and Wasco communities of Kern County.
- A technology platform that enables improved efficiency for multiple independently operated demand responsive transportation services in jurisdictions in northeast Stanislaus and southeast San Joaquin counties.

The next step in this project is to conduct more in-depth evaluation of the proposed concepts, and further define an implementation strategy. The full implementation may be funded by the recent ARB Car Sharing and Mobility Options grant solicitation. The Valley has tentatively been awarded \$2.2 million for the implementation grant we applied for in May 2017. The ARB grant for shared mobility options will commence in 2018 and coincide with the ongoing implementation efforts.

Mr. Michael Sigala will be available to answer any questions.

### ***E.5. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning***

***Michael Sigala***

- All work for the I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study, and San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan has been completed.
- Major deliverables including the final reports, and other information for both studies, are posted on the sjvcog's website: [http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide\\_activities/good-movement/](http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/)

Hard copies of the final reports noted above will be available at the December 15 meeting. Mr. Michael Sigala will be available to answer any questions.

### ***12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley***

***I. Herrera***

Ismael Herrera, Lead Executive, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.