



## ITEM B

### Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 27, 2017


Time: 10:30 a.m.


Meeting Location:  
 San Joaquin Council of Governments  
 555 East Weber Avenue  
 Stockton, CA 95202

*Regional Policy Council Attendees:*


| MEMBER                             | MPO/COG    | TITLE              | JURISDICTION        |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Amarpreet Dhaliwal – Chair (phone) | Fresno COG | Mayor              | City of San Joaquin |
| Gary Yep (phone)                   | Fresno COG | Mayor              | City of Kerman      |
| Cheryl Wegman (phone)              | Kern COG   | Mayor              | City of Wasco       |
| Doug Verboon                       | KCAG       | Supervisor         | Kings County        |
| Brett Frazier                      | MCTC       | Supervisor         | Madera County       |
| Robert Poythress                   | MCTC       | Supervisor         | City of Madera      |
| Mike Villalta (phone)              | MCAG       | Mayor              | City of Los Banos   |
| Daron McDaniel (phone)             | MCAG       | Supervisor         | Merced County       |
| Chuck Winn                         | SJ COG     | Supervisor         | San Joaquin County  |
| Elbert Holman                      | SJ COG     | Vice Mayor         | City of Stockton    |
| Bill Zoslocki                      | StanCOG    | Councilmember      | City of Modesto     |
| Vito Chiesa                        | StanCOG    | Supervisor         | Stanislaus County   |
| Rudy Mendoza – Incoming Chair      | TCAG       | Mayor              | City of Woodlake    |
| Kuyler Crocker                     | TCAG       | Supervisor         | County of Tulare    |
| Seyed Sadredin (phone)             | SJVAPCD    | Executive Director |                     |

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

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**Chair**  
 Mayor Rudy Mendoza  
 City of Woodlake

**Vice-Chair**  
 Supervisor Chuck Winn  
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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Michael Sigala

**B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Chair Dhaliwal

Chair Dhaliwal announced that he will be stepping down as chairman and opened the nominations for chairman and vice chairman. Supervisor Robert Poythress nominated Mayor Rudy Mendoza for chairman. There were no other nominations.

There was a motion to appoint Mayor Rudy Mendoza as chairman of the policy council.

- First Motion: Supervisor Robert Poythress
- Second Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel
- No Nays
- Motioned Carried

Newly appointed Chair Mendoza proceeded with facilitating the meeting and moved forward with nominations for vice chairman.

There was a motion to appoint Supervisor Chuck Winn as vice chairman of the policy council.

- First Motion: Vice Mayor Elbert Holman
- Second Motion: Supervisor Doug Verboon
- No Nays
- Motioned Carried

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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- First Motion: Supervisor Doug Verboon
- Second Motion: Supervisor Brett Frazier
- No Nays
- Motioned Carried

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee**

Ben Kimball

*a. Recap from Valley Voice Washington D.C. 2016*

Mr. Ben Kimball, Tulare County Association of Governments, briefly touched on the success of the Valley Voice D.C. trip and welcomed any comments and/or feedback to improve on for the next trip. He announced that planning efforts for Valley Voice Sacramento 2017 have already started.

*b. Discuss California Legislative Platform and Valley Voice Sacramento 2017 (March 1)*

Mr. Ted Smalley, Tulare County Association of Governments, opened discussions on the upcoming legislation as it applies to goods movement. He noted that numerous transportation packages are being discussed, and the importance of the Valley to have one voice while going after national freight funding. A policy council conference call will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. to discuss the details of each proposal and ensure that everyone is up to speed on all topics.

## **2. Goods Movement Funding for Major SJV Projects**

### *a. Receive Update on Current Goods Movement Planning Efforts and FAST Act Funding – Cambridge Systematics*

Mr. Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics, presented a PowerPoint and discussed the importance of goods movement in the Valley, background of the FAST Act legislation, and SJV projects that are in progress. He noted that economic activity in the Valley is critically dependent on goods movement, and discussed key issues that need to be addressed for goods movement to be more efficient and cost effective for industries. Mr. Fischer mentioned that the FAST Act creates a national freight program with funding behind it and there are several funding programs now available, however, projects must be a part of the National Highway Freight Network to be eligible to receive funding. He went on to discuss in detail two projects in the Valley that are underway. A final report will be completed in early March 2017, and will be presented to the COG directors in April 2017 for approval to be released to the public. Further discussion regarding the projects ensued.

### *b. Discuss and Approve Next Steps for State and Federal Funding Strategies for Major Valley Corridors; Consider Approving Letter of Support Outlining Major Projects – Ted Smalley*

Mr. Ted Smalley presented a letter highlighting national freight projects that are ready for construction, and urging support for critical highway investments in the SJV.

There was a motion to approve signing the letter of support from the policy council.

First Motion: Supervisor Brett Frazier  
Second Motion: Supervisor Doug Verboon  
No Nays  
Motioned Carried

## **3. Air Quality/SCS/RTPs**

Andy Chesley

### *Receive Update and Discuss Possible Next Steps*

Mr. Ryan Niblock, San Joaquin Council of Governments, led the discussion on air quality efforts and greenhouse gas emissions reduction. He provided an update on the Valley's interactions with ARB regarding RTP/SCS. Since his last update, the Valley has submitted a letter to ARB establishing a timeline for target setting and highlighting factors beyond the Valley's control that create challenges for establishing higher greenhouse gas targets. Mr. Niblock reported that the Valley has continued regular coordination with ARB staff and the entire valley has been delivering on the on the promises of the 2014 RTP/SCS. A single report from the entire valley was submitted to ARB by the end of the year deadline, and positive feedback from ARB was received.

## **4. Rural Transit Alternatives Study**

Michael Sigala

### *Receive Project Update*

Mr. Michael Sigala, SJV coordinator, provided a brief overview of the Rural Transit Alternatives Study Project. Valley MPOs were awarded a Caltrans planning grant to work with UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies in looking at alternates for meeting rural transit needs. Various factors are considered to find alternatives that fit the needs of residents, are cost effective, and reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. The goal is to implement a pilot program in a community in the valley that can be replicated in other communities.

**5. Annual Policy Conference – March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Fresno**

Rob Terry

*Receive Update*

Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno Council of Governments, announced that registration for the conference is now open, sponsorship requests were sent out in December, and the committee is continuing to work on confirming guest speakers. Ms. Veenendaal briefly described optional events that are scheduled during the conference. A draft agenda will be shared once items are closer to being finalized.

**D. OTHER ITEMS**

1. Executive Directors’ Report

Mr. Andy Chesley gave a congratulation to the two new self-help counties, Stanislaus and Merced.

2. Policy Council Member Comments.

Chair Mendoza thanked policy council members for their support and confidence, and stated that he looks forward to successful year in 2017 and promoting the good work done in central valley.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments presented.

**Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.**

**Next Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, June 19, 2017 (later changed to June 23)**

*Appendix A: list of other meeting attendees.*

| <b>In Attendance:</b> |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Individual(s)</b>  | <b>Organization</b>        |
| Ted Smalley           | TCAG                       |
| Michael Sigala        | SJV Coordinator/Sigala Inc |
| Tony Boren            | Fresno COG                 |
| Ryan Niblock          | SJCOG                      |
| Rosa Park             | StanCOG                    |
| Andy Chesley          | SJCOG                      |
| Patricia Taylor       | MCTC                       |
| Dan Leavitt           | ACE Rail                   |
| Michael Fischer       | Cambridge Systematics      |
| Ben Kimball           | TCAG                       |
| Anthony Zepeda        | MCAG                       |
| Tom Dumas             | Caltrans                   |
| David Rippera         | SJCOG                      |
| Rob Cunningham        | SJCOG                      |