



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
 Kern Council of Governments
 1401 19th Street, Suite 300
 Bakersfield, CA 93301

Directors	MPOs
Robert Phipps for Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Patrick Pittenger	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
None present	Stanislaus Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 2, 2017 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the November 2, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi
 Second Motion: Mr. Robert Phipps
 No Nays
 Motion Carried

Fresno
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 Governments
 Tony Boren - Chair

Merced County
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 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 a request for a complete conformity run and post processing files was previously sent out to Valley staff. The purpose of this request was to confirm that MPOs can all pass conformity, and to allow MPOs to circulate latest planning assumptions through the IAC.

Ozone Update: Mr. Niblock announced that since EPA has not yet released the final 2015 ozone standard designations, the new standard will not be addressed in the 2018 RTP/2019 FTIP conformity analysis.

Carbon Monoxide Update: On November 30th, EPA sent an email stating that carbon monoxide conformity will no longer be required as of June 1, 2018. This does not need to be included in the conformity analysis, including all RTPs, for plans adopted after June 1st. CMAG apportionment requirements will also be reduced in the future.

SB 375 Update: ARB is not taking their Target recommendations in December. CalCOG expects March/April for Target Adoption. An MPO call was hosted by CalCOG to discuss these developments. Further discussion followed.

3. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

S. Dabbs

Discuss Valley Voice Sacramento, March 7, 2018, Including Selection of Lobbyist

Ms. Stacie Dabbs reviewed the Draft Regional Priorities Summary for Valley Voice Sacramento 2018. Ms. Dabbs sought feedback and input for changes. Discussion on each item ensued. Final draft brochure will be presented at the next Regional Policy Council meeting.

Ms. Dabbs presented lobbyist proposals from Mr. Christopher Townsend (Townsend Public Affairs) and Mr. Mark Watts (Smith, Watts & Hartmann) for consideration. Discussion followed.

There was a motion to move forward with negotiating a contract with Mr. Watts first, and Mr. Townsend second if a contract is not agreed upon. MCAG will carry the contract.

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

4. California Transportation Funding—SB 1

Implementation Strategy Updates:

- **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SICOG & MCAG)**
No update.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors (Fresno COG)**
Approved at CTC meeting.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No update.

5. State Route 99 Project Prioritization

T. Smalley/A. Chesley

Discuss Preliminary Framework for Criteria and Evaluation

Mr. Ted Smalley and Mr. Andrew Chesley provided and discussed a handout on State Route 99 project prioritization. Some of the preliminary criteria developed includes “regional” determinations (SR 99, I-5 and interchanges at these), is project really ready, traffic volumes, safety, fund leveraging, and performance measures which are important at the federal level. Further discussion followed.

6. Additional Discussion Items:

a. Agenda for December 15 Regional Policy Council Meeting

Mr. Michael Sigala briefly reviewed agenda items for the upcoming meeting and requested feedback. RPC Chair Rudy Mendoza requested to hold an executive meeting beforehand, in which he will seek approval for a letter of support to retain private activity bonds for affordable housing in the latest federal tax bill. Mr. Sigala will be sending a notice for an executive committee phone meeting.

b. Directors’ Workshop, January 2018

Directors’ Workshop will be held January 22nd and 23rd in Fresno.

c. Spring Policy Conference

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Caltrans Directors’ Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

9. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

10. Goods Movement Planning

Final report has been circulated.

M. Sigala

11. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis

M. Sigala

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

M. Sigala

OTHER ITEMS

13. Director Items

Ms. Terri King announced that she is seeking eligible projects to expend surplus PL funds on.

14. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

- “EVs made EZ Workshop” hosted by San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicles Partnership in Stockton on Tuesday, January 23rd.
- “Clean Transportation Summit” in Fresno on March 14th and 15th

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2018 in Fresno (later moved to Jan 11).

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
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Robert Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Tom Dumas (ph)	Caltrans
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans
Dylan Stone (ph)	Madera County Transportation Commission
Tom Jordan (ph)	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Kristine Kai (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Matt Fell (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Ryan Niblock (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Trai Her (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Alex Maricucui (ph)	Sierra Research