



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 2, 2017**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**ITEM 1**

Meeting Location:  
 Merced County Association of Governments  
 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Merced, CA 95340

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
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. October 5, 2017 Directors' Meeting**

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the October 5, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi  
 Second Motion: Ms. Rosa Park  
 No Nays  
 Motion Carried

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 Governments  
 Tony Boren - Chair

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 Patrick Pittenger - Vice Chair

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**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

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

R. Niblock

***a. Update and Discussion***

Mr. Ryan Niblock announced an upcoming call with ARB and the Air District to discuss budget setting and the adoption schedule for the next PM10 maintenance plan. He reviewed PM2.5 deadlines. In regard to SB 375, Mr. Niblock reported that ARB will be moving forward with their target setting recommendation from June at their upcoming November 16, 2017 meeting. Further discussion on target setting ensued.

***b. Discuss and Consider Approving Sierra Research Contract Extension, and Allocation of AQ Contingency Budget***

A new one-year contract with Sierra Research to provide Valleywide air quality planning support was initiated on January 1, 2017. The contract includes a \$25,000 contingency; however, access to funds can only be granted through a formal request to Directors.

There was a motion to approve extending the contract with Sierra Research for another year (thru December 31, 2018).

First Motion: Mr. Ted Smalley  
Second Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi  
No Nays  
Motion Carried

There was a motion to approve the allocation of air quality contingency budget for this contract year.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Ms. Terri King  
No Nays  
Motion Carried

**3. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee**

S. Dabbs

***a. Discuss Valley Voice Sacramento, March 7, 2018 (tentative), and Support for any Pending Legislation***

Ms. Stacie Dabbs requested input from Directors regarding the Valley Voice Sacramento date, lobbyist contract, brochure of issues, and development schedule. She noted that a poll was circulated and Wednesday, March 7, 2018 was indicated as the preferred date for the trip. Additionally, Ms. Dabbs followed up on previous discussions pertaining to a lobbyist contract with Mr. Gus Khouri. She reviewed Item 3A in the agenda packet, which led to a discussion on updating and refining issues previously presented. Directors' provided input on issues to be discussed. Lastly, Ms. Dabbs highlighted important dates in the development schedule. VLAC's goal is to have the final platform presented to Directors on February 1, 2018.

There was a motion to approve March 7, 2018 date for Valley Voice Sacramento.

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

**4. California Transportation Funding—SB 1**

***Implementation Strategy Updates:***

- **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SJCOG & MCAG)**

The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program guidelines were approved. Applications are due January 30, 2018 and require 30% match.

- **Solutions for Congested Corridors (Fresno COG)**

Mr. Andrew Chesley noted the multi-modal corridor plan requirement.

- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**

Mr. Ted Smalley thanked District 6 staff for their efforts in getting the SR 99 projects in the ITIP.

**5. State Route 99 Project Prioritization**

M. Sigala

***Review Existing Conditions and Current Planned Projects, and Preliminarily Discuss Framework for Criteria and Evaluation***

Mr. Michael Sigala provided a Powerpoint overview of existing conditions on SR 99. The information was derived from the recent goods movement studies. Discussion ensued. Mr. Smalley and Mr. Chesley will work on developing criteria for further project prioritization discussions.

**6. Additional Discussion Items:**

***a. Directors Workshop, January 2018***

Mr. Michael Sigala requested input from Directors regarding a workshop date, facilitator and location. Agenda topics will be discussed during Directors' December meeting.

***b. Spring 2018 Policy Conference***

Mrs. Rosa Park announced the conference dates, May 9 thru 11, 2018 in Modesto.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**7. Caltrans Directors' Report**

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Caltrans will be organizing an SB 1 partnership forum.

**8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

D. Leavitt

- Currently working on TRCP application to increase service to Sacramento.
- Beginning the process of drafting 2018 SJJPA business plan update.

**9. California High Speed Rail**

D. Gomez

**10. Goods Movement Planning**

M. Sigala

Hard copy of final report will be circulated at next Directors' meeting.

**11. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis**

M. Sigala

Final report has been uploaded to website. TAC meetings will resume in November.

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

I. Herrera

A letter listing deliverables for MPO contributions was circulated and discussed.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- 13. **Director Items** – Activities covered under the Valleywide Coordinator contract (Sigala) will be discussed under closed session at the December meeting.
  
- 14. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**  
There were no public presentations.

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M**

**Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2017 in Bakersfield**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Daniel Krauss	SJJPA
Ishmael Herrera	San Joaquin Partnership
Trai Her (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Sharri Elert (ph)	Caltrans
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans
Tom Dumas (ph)	Caltrans
Alex Maricucui (ph)	Sierra Research
Robert Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Scott Carson (ph)	Federal Highway Administration