



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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

Directors	MPOs
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Patrick Pittenger	Merced County Association of Governments
Ben Kimball for Ted Smalley (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (ph)	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. February 1, 2018 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the February 1, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ms. Terri King
 Second Motion: Mr. Patrick Pittenger
 No Nays
 Motion Carried

Fresno
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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

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ryan Niblock reported that ARB has requested three statewide conference calls on March 15th, 20th, 29th to brainstorm the future of SB 375 analysis. At this time, no agenda or materials for review have been circulated, and the goals of these meetings have not been laid out. Mr. Niblock also reported that ARB released their staff report ahead of their March meeting which included acknowledgement that the models are faulty, acknowledgement that there are elements in the model that SCS's cannot affect, discussion on SB 375 being refocused on only those things that SCS's can control, and the same 3rd round targets that have been acknowledged since June 2017. Mr. Niblock announced that he will be attending the ARB meeting on March 22nd in Riverside, and requested feedback on the best approach to communicate concerns, discussion followed. In person appearance at the March 22 meeting, and written communication with ARB was encouraged.

3. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

S. Dabbs

Valley Voice Sacramento, March 7, 2018

Ms. Stacie Dabbs provided an update on logistics and reviewed the itinerary. Ms. Dabbs requested feedback on the brochure, discussion followed. Directors agreed to remove the high-density housing item as long as it is discussed with the Strategic Growth Council. Ms. Patricia Taylor inquired about EnviroScreen issue as part of the platform, discussion followed regarding the Bay Area's position to reduce the weight given to environmental and air quality criteria for EnviroScreen scoring, this would adversely affect San Joaquin Valley communities. Lastly, updates on attendees was provided.

4. California Transportation Funding—SB 1

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SJCOG & MCAG)**
Currently, the only TCEP project that was on the prioritized list is SR-99 northbound in Livingston (Merced County).
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors (Fresno COG)**
SJ COG submitted SR-99/SR-120 interchange project, and ACE rail has a project.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No report was provided.

5. Regional Project Prioritization

A. Chesley/ T. Smalley

Continued Discussion on Project Evaluation Matrix

Mr. Andrew Chesley recommends waiting until after the STIP, and continuing this discussion again at the next Directors' meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Madera SR-99 project and SB 1 projects. Mr. Tony Boren inquired about attaining a list of SHOPP projects from Caltrans.

6. 2018 Annual Policy Conference (May 9-11)

Rosa Park/Cindy Malekos

Receive Update

The conference will be hosted by StanCOG and held at the DoubleTree Hilton hotel in Modesto. A Save the Date announcement was distributed. Ms. Cindy Malekos announced that registration and sponsorship information would be available in the upcoming week (www.sjvcogs.org/events).

INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS

- 7. **Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar
Ms. Laurie Berman appointed as the new Director for Caltrans.

- 8. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
A board meeting will be held March 23rd in Fresno to adopt updated business plan. SJJPA Morning Express train from Fresno to Sacramento will begin service in May 7, 2018. ACE Saturday Service pilot program from Stockton to San Jose will be rolled out June 2018.

- 9. **California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez
No report.

- 10. **Goods Movement Planning** M. 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.

- 11. **Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis** M. Sigala
The ARB grant contract is under review with the SJVAPCD at this time. Team meetings will held in Modesto (StanCOG) on March 19th, and Visalia (Self Help Enterprises) on March 20th to discuss work to date and strategize for the implementation of the ARB grant.

- 12. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** I. Herrera
No report.

OTHER ITIEMS

- 13. **Director Items**

- 14. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:30 A.M.
Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018 (Fresno)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt	SJJPA
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Matt Fell (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Trai Her-Cole (ph)	Fresno COG
Michael Navarro (ph)	Caltrans D6
Elisabeth Hahn (ph)	StanCOG
Tom Jordan (ph)	SJVAPCD
Jeff Finley (ph)	Madera County Transportation Commission
Scott Carson (ph)	FHWA
Cindy Malekos	StanCOG