



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 12, 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	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Troy McNeil for Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Steve Dial for 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. June 7, 2018 Directors' Meeting**

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the June 7, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Terri King  
Second Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
 No Nays, Motion Carried

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 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*

Ryan Niblock reported on a public workshop hosted by ARB on June 25<sup>th</sup> in Fresno. ARB sought public input on development of SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) first program performance report and updates to its program evaluation guidelines. A draft will be released in August/September for comment. Mr. Niblock noted that a majority of the workshop was spent discussing SB 150, which requires ARB to prepare a report to the Legislature by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The report is meant to provide update on SB 375, highlighting best practices and describing ongoing challenges. Mr. Niblock also noted the joint ARB-CTC meeting on June 27, discussion ensued.

- 3. Valley Voice D.C. 2018 (September 12-13)** M. Sigala  
*Update and Discussion of Priority Advocacy Items, and Meeting Information*

Michael Sigala reviewed a list of legislative and regulatory priority advocacy items previously approved by the Director's Committee and by the Regional Policy Council at their June 22, 2018 meeting. Mr. Sigala discussed the presentation of the brochure, which will group the priority issue items into four major categories: 1) Funding, 2) Transportation Policy, 3) Air Quality, and 4) San Joaquin Passenger Rail. Further discussion on items and clarification of requests ensued.

- 4. Regional Project Prioritization** A. Chesley/ T. Smalley

**a. Update and Discussion of Matrix Submittals**

No update was provided.

**b. Approve Use of 99 Bond Savings for Madera SR 99 Project**

There was a motion to approve use of 99 bond savings for the Madera SR 99 project.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Patrick Pittenger  
No Nays, Motion Carried

**c. Approve BUILD Letter of Support for Kern SR 46**

There was a motion to approve BUILD letters of support for Kern SR 46, Madera SR 99 and Fresno Veterans Boulevard projects.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Ben Kimball  
No Nays, Motion Carried

- 5. California Transportation Funding—SB 1**

**Program and Project Funding Updates:**

• **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SJCOG & MCOG)**

Ryan Niblock noted ARB requested more influence in scoring, and encouraged MPOs to consider air quality benefits that projects do have under this program.

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

No update was provided.

• **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**

No update was provided.

- **ATP Cycle 4—Due July 31, 2018**

No update was provided.

**6. Regional Policy Council, July 20 Meeting**

M. Sigala

***Discuss Meeting Agenda Items***

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed a draft agenda. SB 1 discussion to will be added to agenda. Mr. Sigala noted the meeting will be held via conference call.

**7. Climate Investment Workshops**

M. Sigala

**a. Institute for Local Government, July 19 and August 22**

Steve Sanders announced an upcoming workshop on July 19<sup>th</sup> in Tulare. The workshop is intended to bring together state policy makers from CARB and the SGC in a dialogue with local and regional persons in the Valley to discuss approaches for obtaining a better working relationship between the state and the region for the use of climate investments. The second workshop will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Stockton.

**b. Strategic Growth Council (Enterprise Community Partners),**

***July 10, August 2, and August 14***

Michael Sigala highlighted important notes from July 10<sup>th</sup> workshop hosted at Fresno COG. This workshop was meant to provide a deep dive training for MPOs, who's role is to provide technical assistance on Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) applications. AHSC Round 4 NOFA will be released in October 2018, with applications likely due in February 2019. Mr. Sigala noted that Enterprise Community Partners is the lead TA provider for the Valley. Details on upcoming workshops will be announced.

**INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS**

**8. Caltrans Directors' Report**

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Ken Baxter reported Port of Stockton received funding for Fyffe Avenue Grade Separation project.

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

D. Leavitt

Ridership for Morning Express is steadily increasing.

**10. California High Speed Rail**

D. Gomez

No update was provided.

**11. Goods Movement Planning**

M. Sigala

Next California Freight Advisory Committee meeting will be held September 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reported that the study completed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. A meeting with ARB and Valley Air District was held on June 28<sup>th</sup> to kick-off the ARB funded project based on this study. There will be two project kick-off meetings on July 30<sup>th</sup> at StanCOG and July 31<sup>st</sup> at TCAG with project partners to kick-off the project.

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

I. Herrera

No update was provided.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**14. Director Items**

**15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:50 A.M.**

**Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018 in Fresno**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Robert Phipps (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D6
Rob Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Jeff Findley (ph)	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elisabeth Hahn (ph)	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Sam Yniguez	Caltrans D6
Rene Guitierrez	San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Steve Sanders (ph)	Institute for Local Government
Sandy Ebersole (ph)	Madera County Transportation Commission