



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 29, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 Merced County Association of Governments
 369 W 18th Street
 Merced, CA 95340

Directors	MPOs
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	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

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 4, 2018 Directors' Meeting

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the October 4, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Terri King
Second Motion: Ahron Hakimi
 Motion Carried

Stanislaus
 Council of
 Governments
 Rosa Park - Chair

Madera County
 Transportation
 Commission
 Patricia Taylor - Vice Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality R. Niblock

a) Update and Discussion

Ryan Niblock reported that all RTPs for the Valley have been submitted and are awaiting federal approval at this time. He anticipates RTPs will be adopted within the next month. Mr. Niblock stated that in the meantime, Valley staff should be working on an all-eight RTP amendment. He noted that a conformity redetermination is required, whether or not a RTP amendment will be made, due to the 2015 ozone plan. Mr. Niblock provided further detail on the 2015 ozone plan and briefly reviewed the schedule for the amendment.

b) ARB/CTC Joint Meeting Discussion

Andrew Chesley reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that staff prepared for the upcoming joint ARB and CTC meeting, and requested feedback. Discussion regarding the SB 150 report ensued.

c) Extension of Trinity Consultants Contract for an Additional Year

There was a motion to extend the Trinity Consultants contract for another year.

First Motion: Patricia Taylor
Second Motion: Stacie Dabbs
Motion Carried

3. Valley Voice Sacramento, April 3, 2019 M. Sigala

a) Discuss Potential Legislative Platform Topics

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the priority items from Valley Voice Sacramento 2018, and requested input from Directors on important legislative platform topics for Valley Voice Sacramento 2019. Suggestions for potential new topics were received, discussion followed.

b) Review Options for Consulting Services

This item was moved to the Directors only closed session.

4. California Transportation Funding R. Park

a) Post-Election Discussion; Moving Forward

Rosa Park expressed her relief over the rejection of Prop 6 and the continuance of SB 1. A brief discussion on newly elected public officials followed.

b) Program and Project Funding Updates

- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCOG)**
Andrew Chesley shared an update regarding two awarded City of Tracy interchange projects that will not be moving forward at this time.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
No update was provided.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No update was provided.

Mr. Chesley announced that he intends to hold a workshop session in the Tracy area to discuss development of policies around congested corridor planning, and that SJCOG will be submitting a Solutions for Congested Corridors project in the next round.

Ted Smalley proposed that the Regional Project Prioritization discussion item be brought back to the agenda beginning February 2019. Project evaluation matrixes will be due one week before the February Directors meeting.

- 5. Annual Policy Conference** T. King
Receive Update: May 8-10, 2019 in Lemoore
 Michael Sigala announced that the conference will be held at Tachi Palace Hotel. He reported that planning meetings with West Directions and KCAG have been ongoing, and that the committee is developing a speakers list and potential workshop sessions at this time. Terri King requested input on potential discussion topics for the event. Some suggestions received were electric bike and scooter sharing; highlighting successful programs and projects in the SJV; and emerging technologies.
- 6. Federal Transportation Reauthorization** S. Dabbs
Review Draft White Paper of Valley Priorities
 Stacie Dabbs opened the discussion on the proposed outline for the San Joaquin Valley’s White Paper on the next Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, and noted that the included topics were drawn from previous Valley Voice platforms. Discussion followed. Ms. Dabbs will incorporate the feedback received and circulate a draft for comments.

INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS

- 7. Caltrans Directors’ Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar
 Gail Miller provided a reminder that the deadline for the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant is November 30th. Ken Baxter provided status updates on several projects.
- 8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
 Dan Leavitt announced that environmental work for the \$500.5m funded “Valley Rail” Project is underway.
- 9. California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez
 No update was provided.
- 10. Goods Movement Planning** M. Sigala
 No update was provided.
- 11. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis** M. Sigala
 The “Ecosystem of Shared Mobility in the SJV” Project is progressing. Currently installing EV chargers in Kern and Tulare counties, and in the RFQ process for a mobility software platform vendor in the North Valley, and car sharing vendor in the South Valley.
- 12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** I. Herrera
 Ismael Herrera provided a reminder that the next CA Partnership board meeting will be held on December 7th in Stockton, and highlighted some important items on the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Herrera introduced OCED staff, Nick Martinez and Frida Cardoza, and spoke more about the fairly new City and Regional Planning program at Fresno State. He offered staff support in coordinating the upcoming Annual Policy Conference, and announced that the RFP for the Blueprint Awards will be released by the end of December 2018.

OTHER ITIEMS

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

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 1:00 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2019 (Fresno)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D6
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Dan Leavitt	SJJPA
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ismael Herrera	Fresno State OCED
Nicholas Martinez	Fresno State OCED
Frida Cardoza	Fresno State OCED
Mary-Michal Rawling	Merced County Association of Governments
Sandy Ebersole (ph)	Madera County Transportation Commission
Will Barrett (ph)	American Lung Association