



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 10, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 Fresno Council of Governments
 203 Tulare Street, Suite 201
 Fresno, CA 93721

Directors	MPOs
Rosa Park (Chair)	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 (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 29, 2018 Directors' Meeting

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the November 29, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi
Second Motion: Ted Smalley
 Motion Carried

Stanislaus
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 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

Update and Discussion

RTP Amendment - Ryan Niblock noted a couple of items to be aware of while the EPA is closed due to the government shutdown. He reported that the proposed Ozone budgets in the current RTP amendment/conformity determination have yet to be finalized by the EPA. Mr. Niblock recommended not to send finalized and board approved amendments for Federal review until after the EPA is running and has approved the Ozone budgets.

SB 375 and SB 150 – Ryan Niblock reported that since the last Directors’ meeting, CARB released its SCS Review Guidelines and held a public workshop. Mr. Niblock highlighted some key concerns with the draft guidelines released for public comment. Including, the guidelines continue to mix SB 375 and SB 150 together, and do not make clear the distinctions between the two. Further, the guidelines continue to outline a highly technical and labor-intensive process. Public comments are due January 15th. CALCOG has organized an all-18 MPO letter, which addressed many of the biggest comments the MPOs had. However, Mr. Niblock emphasized that the comment letters haven’t had the desired effect and provided his recommendation to reach out to CARB’s board members directly.

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

a) Review and Approve Legislative Platform Topics

Gus Khouri thoroughly reviewed the proposed platform topics, which included acquiring SB 1 funding, meeting GHG emission reduction goals, air quality regulation, acquiring funding for intercity passenger rail, categorical exclusions for projects of limited federal assistance, regional transportation plan adoption cycle, and water. Discussion ensued.

b) Discuss Logistics

Gus Khouri briefly reviewed the draft itinerary.

4. California Transportation Funding R. Park

Program and Project Funding Updates

- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)**
Guidelines for the next corridor projects are currently being drafted.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
No update was provided.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No update was provided.

Additionally, Ted Smalley provided an update on the 99 Bond. Mr. Smalley announced that he and Andrew Chesley have been working with Caltrans and the CTC to provide updated numbers for all projects. Caltrans and the CTC will be putting together a final report, in which Mr. Smalley and Mr. Chesley have requested to have the cost per mile for all widening projects in the Valley included.

5. Federal Transportation Authorization Principles S. Dabbs

Discuss and Approve Revised Valley White Paper

Stacie Dabbs reviewed revisions made to the draft San Joaquin Valley White Paper, which incorporated feedback received during the last Directors’ meeting.

There was a motion to submit the final draft San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council White Paper on the FAST Act Reauthorization to the Policy Council for their consideration and action.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
Second Motion: Patricia Taylor
Motion Carried

6. Regional Policy Council Meeting on January 25th in Fresno M. Sigala

Discuss Meeting Agenda Topics

Michael Sigala noted the following discussion items on the agenda:

1. Election for Chair and Vice Chair
2. Update executive and water committees
3. Drill down on Valley Voice Sacramento platform
4. Federal transportation reauthorization principles

Ted Smalley suggested adding a standalone item for ARB discussion.

7. Annual Policy Conference, May 8-10 in Lemoore T. King

Receive Update

Terri King provided an update on workshop sessions, potential off-site tours, and the reception.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Caltrans Directors' Report S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Dan McElhinney, acting district director for D10, provided a brief introduction on himself. Ken Baxter announced that 554 applications were submitted in ATP Cycle 4. Forty-five projects moved forward with recommendation to commission for approval, including 10 projects in the Valley: Fresno (2); Kern (3); Merced (1); Stanislaus (2); and San Joaquin (2).

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail D. Leavitt

Next JPA board meeting will be on January 25th at 1pm in Fresno.

10. California High Speed Rail D. Gomez

No update was provided.

11. Goods Movement Planning M. Sigala

The new member to the Freight Advisory Committee, Amarpreet "Ruby" Dhaliwal, attended a meeting in San Diego this week.

12. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis M. Sigala

The "Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Services in the SJV" pilot project is progressing. For Valley GO, in the south Valley, EV infrastructure and chargers have been installed at 6 affordable housing communities in Kern and Tulare counties. The project team is currently in discussions with CalVans, Self-Help Enterprises, and others for a potential partnership to operate and maintain the EV carsharing program. For Valley FLEX, in the north Valley, the project team is currently in negotiations with a mobility software platform vendor.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley I. Herrera

The Blueprint Awards application package will be released at the end of next week.

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.
Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, February 7, 2019 (Stockton)**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D10
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Dan McElhinney (ph)	Caltrans D10
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Frida Cardoza	Fresno State OCED
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn (ph)	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Travis Yokoyama (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Scott Carson (ph)	FHWA
Linda Urata (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting