



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 San Joaquin Council of Governments
 555 E. Weber Avenue
 Stockton, CA 95202

Directors	MPOs
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
<i>Ted Smalley Absent</i>	<i>Tulare County Association of Governments</i>
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

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 10, 2019 Directors' Meeting

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the January 10, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Andrew Chesley
Second Motion: Stacie Dabbs
 Motion Carried

Stanislaus
 Council of
 Governments
 Rosa Park - Chair

Madera County
 Transportation
 Commission
 Patricia Taylor - Vice Chair

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 Ted Smalley

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

A Valley staff call was held to discuss EPA's request to push Board adoption of RTP Amendments/2015 Ozone Conformity analysis to March, allowing Board resolutions to reflect the precise adoption date of 2015 Ozone Budgets; and EPA's proposed withdrawal of the vehicle emissions California Waiver. The Waiver allows California to establish its own GHG standards for motor vehicles. California's tougher standards are necessary for the Valley and other regions in the State to pass conformity. Valley Staff is supporting CARB's effort to push back on the proposed withdrawal, and cataloging all projects that would be at risk in the event that conformity is unable to be demonstrated as a result of a CA Waiver withdrawal (this includes all capacity increasing projects, and all regionally significant projects).

Steven Cliff, Deputy Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board was present (was not on the agenda) to meet with the Directors and discuss staff items and concerns related to the SB 150 report and other matters pertaining to the green house gas emission targets. Directors expressed concerns with CARB'S SCS Evaluation Guidelines, particularly the requests for additional modeling information. Directors also expressed concerns over comments not being addressed and/or incorporated into the Draft Guidelines. Mr. Cliff and the Directors discussed strategies to improve communication between CARB staff and Valley staff. The Directors and Mr. Cliff agreed to meet approximately every other month to continue discussions.

3. Valley Voice Sacramento, April 3, 2019

M. Sigala

Review Platform, Draft Itinerary & Other Items

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, provided a brief update on progressions made to the itinerary and legislative platform. Mr. Khouri announced that he has secured meetings with Mr. Anthony Williams (Legislative Secretary for Governor Newsom) and with Ms. Susan Bransen (Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission). Further discussion on the platform followed.

4. California Transportation Funding

R. Park

Program and Project Funding Updates

- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCOG)**
No update was provided.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
No update was provided.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No update was provided.

5. Regional Project Prioritization

T. Smalley/A. Chesley

Discuss Project Matrix Submittals

No projects were submitted.

6. January 25th Regional Policy Council Meeting

M. Sigala

Discuss and Receive Direction for Follow Up Items

Michael Sigala summarized key discussion points from the January 25th Regional Policy Council meeting in Fresno.

7. Electric Airplane Concept for the San Joaquin Valley

R. Phipps

Joseph Oldham will present the concept being developed in Reedley CA, and the potential for expanding short-hop commercial flights

Joseph Oldham and Keith Bergthold provided an informative presentation on the Sustainable Aviation Project and the concept of all-electric aviation. Mr. Oldham noted that all-electric aviation provides new job and training opportunities, improves zero-emission mobility in rural communities,

and supports the California Air Resources Board's goals of reducing emissions. The main objective of Mr. Oldham's and Mr. Bergthold's presentation was to introduce a vision to the Directors for establishing a zero-emission aviation working group in California to engage with the Governor's office on this topic and to promote the expansion of electric aircraft charging infrastructure at airports in the San Joaquin Valley. The presentation was well-received by the Directors, and discussion ensued.

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

Terri King reported that letters have been sent to four Valley legislators inviting them to be speakers at the conference, and a call for workshop proposals will be announced shortly. Rosa Park suggested presenting a video highlighting Valley projects during the conference.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Caltrans Directors' Report S. Ehlert/D. Agar
Ken Baxter highlighted a few important items from the CTC's 2018 Annual Report to the California Legislature. Mr. Baxter also called attention to some of the State's challenges, particularly in D10, due to the recent storms and snow.

10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail D. Leavitt
Dan Leavitt announced that the SJJPA's Business Plan will be due April 1st, and highlighted key changes. Discussion regarding ridership followed.

11. California High Speed Rail D. Gomez
No update was provided.

12. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis M. Sigala
For Valley GO, in the south Valley, the project team is currently in working with CalVans, Self-Help Enterprises, and Mobility Development Operations to launch and operate an EV carsharing program. For Valley FLEX, in the north Valley, the project team is working with DemandTrans to provide a Mobility as a Services (MaaS) technology platform.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley I. Herrera
The Blueprint Awards Nomination Package will be sent out via email and made available at <http://valleyblueprint.org/>

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items
Directors had a discussion on the upcoming February 19th round-table workshop.

15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda
None.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 1:30 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2019 (Visalia)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Scott Carson (ph)	Federal Highway Administration
Gus Khouri (ph)	Khouri Consulting
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Steve Cliff	CARB
Tanisha Taylor	CALCOG
Nicole Gorman	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Will Barrett	American Lung Association in California
Elizabeth Forte (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Kristine Cai (ph)	Fresno COG
Frida Cardoza (ph)	Office of Community & Economic Development, Fresno State
Keith Bergthold	Regenerate California Innovation
Joseph Oldham	Calstart
Shane Gunn (ph)	Caltrans D6