



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 THIS WAS A PHONE CONFERENCE MEETING

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. March 7, 2019 Directors' Meeting

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the March 7, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
Second Motion: Terri King
 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

Update and Discussion

Ryan Niblock provided a brief overview of SB 526, which would require ARB to adopt a regulation that requires an MPO to provide any data that ARB determines is necessary to fulfil the requirements of the SCS review and to determine if the MPO is on track to meet its 2035 GHG reduction target. Essentially, ARB would then be able to require that MPOs provide metrics on a sub-regional level and modeling would become more sophisticated to provide an output on a state-by-state basis. This will allow ARB to determine which communities are or are not following through on the SCS. Currently, ARB can only penalize MPOs, however, it may be that the cities are the ones who are not doing their share. Overall, SB 526 would help root out the cause.

Further, Mr. Niblock noted key discussion items from a recently held joint CTC/ARB meeting. Both CTC and ARB are fully supportive of upholding the CA waiver, and Mr. Niblock recommends valleywide position of support as well. The CA waiver allows California to establish tougher tailpipe standards to help Valley MPOs meet GHG goals and conformity. Loss of the waiver would make it much harder to meet those goals and could interrupt the flow of federal funds for regionally significant projects. CTC and ARB are hoping to organize a workshop to better inform regional and local agencies about the impacts. Lastly, Mr. Niblock reported that the SCS Review Guidelines were brought up at the meeting by commenters from the Valley as well as by Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg. Discussion followed.

3. Valley Voice Sacramento, April 3, 2019

M. Sigala

Post Valley Voice Discussion; Follow Up Items

Michael Sigala briefly noted a few bills mentioned in the meetings that he will follow up on depending on direction from the Directors. "Thank You" letters are currently being drafted and will be sent out in the following week. Directors' discussion regarding impressions from the trip will be held during a later meeting.

4. California Transportation Funding

R. Park

Program and Project Funding Updates

- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)**
No update was provided.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
Tony Boren encouraged gearing up for a project submittal and requested that Caltrans D10 and D6 staff run the numbers to determine the most congested segment of SR 99 in the Valley. Caltrans D10 and D6 will follow up on the request.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
Gail Miller, Caltrans D6, reported that there will only be an estimated \$100m available statewide to work with for the next 2-year cycle due to backlogged projects from 2016. She indicated that the TCEP and SCCP are better options for "new" project funding in the coming year.

5. SB 152 (Beall), Active Transportation Funding

A. Chesley

Discuss and Consider a Valleywide Position of Support

Directors discussed the potential implications of SB 152. Terri King noted that the bill as written allows for only 10 MPOs to receive 75% of the funds. Further discussion concerning the distribution of benefits to larger MPOs versus smaller Valley MPOs followed.

6. State Local Partnership Program

P. Taylor

Discuss Valleywide Consensus on Allocation Methodology

Self-Help Counties Coalition formed a committee to discuss the formula and distribution and policies related to the State Local Partnership Program. The committee has not been able to come to an

agreement on how funds are to be distributed. Self-Help Counties Coalition will put two proposals for how the funds are allocated to a vote in the following week. Patricia Taylor stated her support of the proposal for status quo, and asked Directors for their thoughts. Discussion followed.

- 7. California Transit Agencies TDA Reform** A. Chesley
Discuss a Valleywide Position
Directors commented on the CTA's seemingly unclear goal of the TDA reform activities.
- 8. SB 742 (Allen), Eliminates Rail Ticket Requirement for Thruway Buses** D. Leavitt
Discuss and Consider a Valleywide Position of Support
Dan Leavitt provided a brief overview of SB 742, and requested that the Directors sponsor the bill. The Directors unanimously agreed to the request.
- 9. Valley EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Coalition** S. Dabbs
Discuss and Consider a Valleywide Position of Support
Stacie Dabbs wanted to gauge the Directors' level of interest on this effort, and begin a conversation around potentially solidifying a valleywide position of support. Discussion ensued. Stacie Dabbs suggested revisiting this item in June after presentations to boards at other valley COGs have been made, to discuss potentially including it in the Valley Voice federal platform.
- 10. Governor's Trailer Bill for Affordable Housing Planning** T. Boren
Discuss Preliminary Implementation Items for Valley MPOs
Tony Boren provided a brief overview of funding that will be made available through the Governor's Trailer Bill, and posed questions regarding how funding will be allocated within the San Joaquin Valley region. Discussion ensued and Bill Higgins of CalCOG was available to provide additional information regarding regional participation in this effort.
- 11. FY 2019-20 Valleywide Overall Work Program** M. Sigala
Discuss Work Program Items and Budget
Michael Sigala referred to last year's OWP and noted that this year's OWP will be similar. Mr. Sigala highlighted a few changes that he will be making to the document and requested feedback from Directors.
- 12. Annual Policy Conference, May 8-10 in Lemoore** T. King
Receive Update
Terri King provided a reminder to register for the conference. She noted that they anticipate having at least 100 registrants. Ms. King provided additional information on the conference planning efforts and noted several sponsors to date.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 13. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney
Planning grants to be announced in mid-May.
- 14. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
No update was provided.
- 15. California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez
No update was provided.
- 16. Goods Movement Planning** M. Sigala
No update was provided.

17. Rural Transit Alternatives Implementation (Valley GO & Valley FLEX) M. Sigala
 Valley GO now has 5 EVs through CalVans. The software component of each pilot has been developed, and a soft-launch is planned for the end of April.

18. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley F. Cardoza
 Nine submissions for the Blueprint Awards were received. Selection committee will score by April 17th and announce awardees shortly after. The Blueprint Awards will be presented at the Annual Policy Conference. Also, save the date for the Annual Affordable Housing Summit on September 19th in Visalia.

OTHER ITEMS

19. Director Items

20. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 3:00 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019 (Madera)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Her-Cole	Fresno Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Gail Miller	Caltrans D6
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans D10
Tom Dumas	Caltrans D10
Bill Higgins	CALCOG
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments