



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 Stanislaus Council of Governments
 1111 "I" Street, Suite 308
 Modesto, CA 95354

Directors	MPOs
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Ben Kimball for Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King (ph)	Kings County Association of Governments
Dylan Stone for 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. May 2, 2019 Directors' Meeting** R. Park
 There was a motion to approve the May 2, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Andrew Chesley
Second Motion: Tony Boren
 Motion Carried

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Madera County
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 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 briefly reported on a joint California Air Resources Board, California Transportation Commission, and California Department of Transportation informational workshop on the Safe Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule held on May 16th. Mr. Niblock noted that Tanisha Taylor circulated a draft letter to MPOs outlining shared concerns and describing potential financial ramifications to the State. Discussion followed.

3. Valley Voice

M. Sigala

A) Discuss Planning Items for DC Visit

Michael Sigala announced that Jen Covino (Simon and Company) will present potential legislative platform items to the Policy Council at the June 14th Regional Policy Council meeting. Mr. Sigala also reported that he has a pending hotel contract with the Hyatt, and requested approval from the Directors to execute the contract.

There was a motion to approve executing the Hyatt hotel contract for Valley Voice DC 2019.

First Motion: Tony Boren
Second Motion: Stacie Dabbs
Motion Carried

B) Review Sacramento Trip Summary from Gus Khouri

Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting) shared his observations from the Valley Voice Sacramento 2019 trip and provided some recommendations for Directors to consider to help make future trips more productive. Discussion followed.

4. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study

A. Hakimi

Discuss Preliminary Scope, and Funding Opportunities

Rob Ball briefly reported on a Caltrans non-competitive funding opportunity for a truck platooning pilot project. More information can be requested from Mr. Hakimi.

5. California Transportation Funding

R. Park

Discuss and Receive Input for the Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan

- **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.

6. California's Economic Summit, November 2019

I. Herrera

Discuss and Receive Input for the Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan

The California Economic Summit will be held November 7-8, 2019 in Fresno, with activities leading up to the summit beginning November 6th. Ishmael Herrera noted that this will be the first time that the summit is hosted in the San Joaquin Valley. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

7. Governor's Housing Trailer Bill for Planning

M. Sigala/R. Phipps

Receive Update, and Review and Approve Critical Next Steps

Michael Sigala provided an overview of the Trailer Bill and discussed potential next steps. An estimated \$20.3m will be allocated to the San Joaquin Valley multi-agency working group for technical assistance, preparation and adoptions of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the Sixth Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Mr. Sigala recommended using the Regional Policy Council as a

foundation for creating the multi-agency working group, and selecting Fresno COG to be the fiscal agent.

There was a motion to conditionally approve using the Regional Policy Council as a standing committee for the working group and Fresno COG as the fiscal agent should the Trailer Bill be passed.

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

- 8. Regional Policy Council** M. Sigala
Discuss Agenda Items for June 14, 2019 Meeting in Merced
Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting, and discussion followed.
- 9. Rural Transit Alternative Implementation** C. Rodier
Valley FLEX and Valley GO Update, and Future Funding Opportunities
Caroline Rodier (Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis) provided an update on the status of the cap-and-trade funded Valley FLEX and Valley GO pilot projects, and discussed upcoming funding opportunities from the Department of Energy and the Federal Transit Administration to expand these projects. Directors expressed interest in supporting both grant proposals.
- 10. Administrative** M. Sigala
Review and Approve Meeting Calendar for FY 2019-20
Approval of meeting dates was provided with a slight modification for the Merced meeting location date.
- 11. Annual Policy Conference, May 8-10 in Lemoore** T. King
Post Conference Update
Michael Sigala and Terri King gave a brief overview on the success of the conference.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 12. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney
Ken Baxter gave a brief update.
- 13. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
Dan Leavitt provided an update (via text) that a new San Joaquins schedule was deployed on May 20. This "slotted" schedule returns all San Joaquins trains to full corridor service. SB 742 is now in the Assembly and is expected to be heard in the Transportation Committee soon. The SJJPA approved its final Business Plan at the May 31 board meeting, and approved the environmental contract for the Madera station relocation project.
- 14. California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez
No update was provided.
- 15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** I. Herrera
The June 21 Partnership meeting in Hanford was noted.

OTHER ITEMS

- 16. Director Items**

17. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:30 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 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
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Kristine Cai (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Rob Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Frida Cardoza (ph)	Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development
Nick Martinez (ph)	Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans D10
Caroline Rodier	UC Davis ITS
Josey Oshana	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D6
Ishmael Herrera (ph)	Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development
Meg Prince (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Her-Cole (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments