



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 2, 2019**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**ITEM 1**

Meeting Location:  
Madera County Transportation Commission  
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201  
Madera, CA 93637

Directors	MPO
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
<i>Not Present</i>	Merced County Association of Governments
Ben Kimball for 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. April 12, 2019 Directors' Meeting**

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the April 12, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Andrew Chesley  
Second Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Motion Carried

Stanislaus  
Council of  
Governments  
Rosa Park - Chair

Madera County  
Transportation  
Commission  
Patricia Taylor - Vice Chair

Tulare County  
Association of  
Governments  
Ted Smalley

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**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. Guest Speaker: Egon Terplan, Governor's Office**

***Economic Strategy for Inland California***

Egon Terplan, Senior Advisor on Economic Development and Transportation at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, expressed that the Governor's Office has great interest in understanding the issues, needs, and opportunities in inland California and the San Joaquin Valley, and what the State can do to help uplift these communities from an economic perspective. He announced that a series of listening sessions will be held throughout the summer in different geographies throughout inland California and the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Terplan asked the Directors to share key priorities by their respective counties, as well as across the entire San Joaquin Valley. Discussions on transportation, goods movement, housing, and employment ensued.

**3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality**

R. Niblock

***Update and Discussion***

Ryan Niblock announced that there will be an upcoming CTC workshop in San Diego where Andrew Chesley has been asked to speak on the impact of the loss of the CA waiver on our region. Additionally, Mr. Niblock noted that the SCS guidelines were meant to be finalized in April, however, he now expects this to happen June. Mr. Niblock stated that it seems very unlikely that a fundamental shift in what the guidelines are trying to accomplish will happen and suggested shifting the focus to can be achieved out of discussions with ARB and CTC staff. Mr. Niblock recommended a few discussion items for the Directors to consider.

**4. Valley Voice D.C. 2019**

M. Sigala

***Discuss Options and Potential Dates***

Michael Sigala requested input on potential dates for the trip. Directors recommended exploring dates in either the first or second week of September.

**5. 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) – Discuss Most Congested Portions of SR 99 for Potential Project(s)**

Tony Boren reiterated the importance for the Valley to submit a project. At the next Directors meeting, he will provide the data from Caltrans D10 and D6 staff that identifies the most congested piece of SR 99 in the Valley for a viable project submittal.

- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**

StanCOG is working on SR 132 in their north county quarter to hopefully include it in the ITSP.

**6. California's Economic Summit, November 2019**

I. Herrera

***Discuss and Receive Input for the Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan***

This item was moved to the next Directors meeting.

**7. FY 2019-20 Valleywide Overall Work Program**

M. Sigala

***a) Discuss and Consider Approving***

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the Overall Work Program, and noted a few suggested changes to the document from Terri King.

There was a motion to approve the FY 2019-20 Valleywide Overall Work Program subject to the minor changes noted.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Tony Boren  
Motion Carried

**b) Considering Approving Valleywide Coordinator Contract with Sigala Inc. for FY 2019-20**

There was a motion to approve the Valleywide coordinator contract with Sigala Inc. for FY 2019-20

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Ben Kimball  
Motion Carried

**8. Annual Policy Conference, May 8-10 in Lemoore** M. Sigala  
**Receive Update**

Michael Sigala reviewed the draft program. He noted the strong sponsorships this year.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**9. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney  
Ken Baxter reported that there is \$100m available for existing ITIP projects.

**10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt  
Dan Leavitt provided an update on the progress of SB 742. The next JPA board meeting is May 31<sup>st</sup> in Sacramento. Mr. Leavitt noted that a key action item on the agenda will be asking the board to approve the Madera relocated station contract.

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

**12. Rural Transit Alternatives Implementation (Valley GO & Valley FLEX)** M. Sigala  
Valley GO now has six EVs through CalVans. Two EVs will be showcased at the Policy Conference. The Valley FLEX technology platform is still being testing before being introduced to the public.

**13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** F. Cardoza  
Blueprint awardees have been announced. The next partnership board meeting will be in Kings County on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. A San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative workshop on opportunity and investment in the San Joaquin Valley will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Fresno. The Affordable Housing Summit will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Visalia. Registrations for both the San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative workshop and the Affordable Housing Summit are now open.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**14. Director Items**

**15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.**

**Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2019 (Visalia, later changed to Modesto)**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt (ph)	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Rob Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Linda Urata (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Frida Cardoza (ph)	Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Egon Terplan	Governor's Office
Scott Carson (ph)	Federal Highway Administration