



ITEM B

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 25, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Teleconference Number: 1-515-739-1015

Participant Code: 432-600-639

Meeting Attendees:

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Amarpreet Dhaliwal	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Gary Yep	Fresno COG	Councilmember	City of Kerman
Manual Cantu	Kern COG	Mayor	City of McFarland
Robert Poythress	Madera CTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Daron McDaniel	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Mike Villalta (phone)	MCAG	Mayor	City of Los Banos
Chuck Winn – Vice Chair	SJ COG	Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Dan Wright (phone)	SJ COG	Vice-Mayor	City of Stockton
Vito Chiesa	Stan COG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Jenny Kenoyer	Stan COG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Kuyler Crocker	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Rudy Mendoza – Chair	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Linda Launer	TCAG	Councilmember	City of Dinuba
Samir Sheikh	SJVAPCD	Executive Director	San Joaquin Valley

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

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Mayor Rudy Mendoza
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Vice-Chair
Supervisor Chuck Winn
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Association of
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Fresno
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Kings County
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Madera County
Transportation
Commission

Merced County
Association of
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Stanislaus
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A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mendoza

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

There was a motion to nominate Rudy Mendoza as Chair

First Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel

Second Motion: Supervisor Chuck Winn

No Nays

Motioned Carried

There was a motion to nominate Chuck Winn as Vice Chair

First Motion: Supervisor Kuyler Crocker

Second Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel

No Nays

Motioned Carried

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve August 24, 2018, Regional Policy Council Meeting Minutes

First Motion: Mayor Gary Yep

Second Motion: Supervisor Kuyler Crocker

No Nays

Motioned Carried

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Executive and Water Committees

a. Review and Update Membership

Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the current members of the Executive and Water Policy Committees. Mr. Sigala will work with the Executive Committee to put together a purpose statement and discuss the Washington D.C. trip in the fall. There was discussion of increasing the Water Policy Committee members from five to eight to allow for a representative from each county. Since the subcommittees were established through the bylaws, they have to be amended to reflect any changes. The board will take action on bylaws at the next meeting.

There was a nomination to add Mayor Cantu as alternate member on the Executive Committee representing Kern County.

First Motion: Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal

Second Motion: Supervisor Chuck Winn

No Nays

Motioned Carried

2. Categorical Exclusions for Certain Caltrans' Projects

Ahron Hakimi

Discuss and Approve Letter of Support

Ahron Hakimi reviewed the letter to Caltrans requesting a change in the language to the MOU between FHWA's California Divisions and Caltrans for its pending May 2019 renewal.

There was a motion to accept this letter of support and submit with minor modifications.

First Motion: Supervisor Kuyler Crocker

Second Motion: Supervisor Robert Poythress

No Nays

Motioned Carried

3. Sustainable Communities Strategies

Ryan Niblock

Discuss SB 150 Report from the California Air Resources Board

Ryan Niblock gave an update on SB 150 report from CARB. Mr. Niblock noted that since the inception of SB 375 all MPOs in the Valley and throughout the state have met and exceeded all its GHG reduction targets. However, in the SB 150 report CARB is concluding that the state is not on track to meet GHG reduction based on progress made to date. There are two themes noted in the report to be problematic: 1) existing GHG reducing strategies have not been effective as anticipated 2) All MPOs have to do a whole lot more of the same strategies. Mr. Niblock highlighted that MPOs have been united against CARB with their conclusions. In the staff report it underlines points made by Valley staff to attempt to refocus efforts. Valley MPOs are following through on the implementation of their RTP/SCS's and will continue to support innovative planning solutions going forward.

4. Valley Voice Sacramento: April 3, 2019

Michael Sigala

a. Discuss and Approve Legislative Priorities

Gus Khouri

Michael Sigala introduced a preliminary draft platform of priorities. Gus Khouri, legislative consultant, provided context on maintaining distribution of transportation funding, acquiring SB 1 competitive programs funds, meeting Green House Gas emission reduction goals, solutions to improving air quality, obtain Categorical Exclusions for projects of limited Federal assistance, synching Regional Transportation Plan Adoption Cycle- Pilot Program and water reliability, quality and supply.

b. Review Itinerary and Logistics

Gus Khouri briefly reviewed the agenda and noted the times are tentatively scheduled. Chair Rudy Mendoza suggested meeting with the delegation involved in the talking points.

There was a motion to approve the San Joaquin Valley Regional Priorities in draft form.

First Motion: Mayor Rudy Mendoza (Chair)

Second Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel

No Nays

Motioned Carried

5. Federal Transportation Reauthorization Principles

a. Discuss and Approve Legislative Priorities for 2019

Stacie Dabbs

Stacy Dabbs reviewed the White Paper in the agenda packet that outlines policy issues for discussion for the Washington trip. Chair Rudy Mendoza asked to identify the target audience and work closely with our federal representatives.

There was a motion to approve the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council White Paper FAST Act Reauthorization in draft form.

First Motion: Mayor Rudy Mendoza (Chair)
Second Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel
No Nays
Motioned Carried

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Caltrans Report

Staff

Staff reported that there was a total of 554 ATP (active transportation program) applications, 45 in the state are being recommended to the commission for approval and ten (10) of those are from the Valley.

2. 2019 Annual Policy Conference (May 8-10, 2019)

Terri King

Terri King noted the Policy Conference will be held in Lemoore at the Tachi Palace. They are working on inviting the new congressional representatives and state legislators. Terri also noted the Blue Print Awards will be held on the first day and nominations have gone out already. There are off site visits scheduled at the high-speed rail girder fabrication site in Hanford, Lemoore Naval Air Station and Faraday Future.

3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant

Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala gave a brief update and noted they have installed EV charging stations at Self Help Communities and Kern and Wasco Affordable Housing Communities. Also, they are purchasing a fleet of electric vehicles for this pilot car sharing program.

4. California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley

Ismael Herrera

Frida Cardoza noted that call for nominations for the Blue Print Awards went out and the deadline is April 5.

F. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors Report

Rosa Park

Rosa Park commented on the discussions about the Air Resources Board and noted the directors will continue to be engaged with those issues.

2. Policy Council Member Comments

Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal shared with the board he was able to attend the Freight Advisory Committee and noted a very robust presence from the industry.

Supervisor Winn noted that he and Mayor Tubbs from the City of Stockton toured the GoMentum Station in Walnut Creek, an autonomous vehicle testing facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Van Konynenburg, CTC Commissioner, gave a brief update about the CTC Commission meeting in Los Angeles. Mr. Konynenburg noted that there is going to be a series of joint workshops with the CTC and the Air Resources Board throughout the Valley and exact locations will be determined at a later time.

Appendix: A

Other Meeting Attendees:	
Individual(s)	Organization
Michael Sigala	SJV Coordinator
Tony Boren	Fresno COG
Terri King	KCAG
Andy Chesley (phone)	SJ COG
Stacie Dabbs (phone)	MCAG
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Rosa Parks	Stan COG
Sandy Ebersole (phone)	MCTC
Becky Napier	Kern COG
Patricia Taylor	Madera CTC
Ryan Niblock	SJ COG
Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Nick Martinez	Fresno State OCED
Frida Cardoza	Fresno State OCED
Paul Van Konynenburg (phone)	CTC Commissioner
Ken Baxter (phone)	Caltrans District 10
Dan McElhinney (phone)	Caltrans District 10