Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 6, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Host and Location:
Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N. Church Street, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291

Teleconference Number: 1-515-604-9094
Participant Code: 432-600-639

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 9, 2020 Directors’ Meeting

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
   P. Taylor
   Update and Discussion

3. California Transportation Funding
   Program and Project Funding Updates:
   - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)
   - Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)
   P. Taylor

4. San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning (REAP)
   Committee for Housing
   R. Phipps
   M. Sigala
   Update and Discussion
5. San Joaquin Valley Broadband Preferred Scenario
   Receive Presentation by Miguel Lopez (OCED)

6. Valley Voice Sacramento
   Update and Discussion
   M. Sigala
   G. Khouri

7. CalCOG RTPA Staff Training
   Discuss Options for Valley Staff
   A. Chesley

   Receive Update
   P. Taylor

9. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study
   Receive Update
   A. Hakimi

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Written summaries
of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.

10. Caltrans Directors’ Report
    S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney

11. California High Speed Rail
    D. Gomez

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail
    D. Leavitt

13. Rural Transit Alternatives (Valley Go and Valley Flex)
    M. Sigala

14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
    F. Cardoza

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items

16. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda.
   This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its
   jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to three minutes. The public may
   comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

ADJOURN MEETING

Directors Only Closed Session

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2020 in Bakersfield

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least three days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the
meeting.
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Directors | MPOs
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Patricia Taylor | Madera County Transportation Commission
Rosa Park (ph) | Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren | Fresno Council of Governments
Matt Fell for Stacie Guzman | Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley (ph) | Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi | Kern Council of Governments
Terri King | Kings County Association of Governments
Andrew Chesley | San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 2, 2019 Directors’ Meeting  P. Taylor
There was a motion to approve the December 2, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

   First Motion: Ahron Hakimi
   Second Motion: Terri King
   Motion Carried
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. Guest Speaker: Ellen Greenberg, Deputy Director for Sustainability, Caltrans
   Caltrans’ SB 743 Implementation: Changes to CEQA Review and the Local Development/Intergovernmental Review Process
   Ellen Greenberg provided a high-level presentation on SB 743, and addressed questions from Directors and staff.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
   R. Niblock
   Update and Discussion
   Ryan Niblock reported that SAFE Rule Part 2, which was meant to be released at the end of 2019, still has not been released. The timetable for its release is unknown. Additionally, EPA is still reviewing EMFAC adjustment factors circulated by CARB. There is no timeline from EPA on when they will submit comments, however the adjustment factors are expected to change with the release of SAFE Rule Part 2. FHWA has publicly stated at the December CTC meeting that California does not have an emission model for conformity use, therefore FHWA will not be issuing any conformity determinations meaning we are in a conformity lockdown period.

   Mr. Niblock went on to discuss some current project impacts. He noted that SJCOG has two projects impacted by the SAFE Rule already. Additionally, some hot-spot analyses are not moving through as expected. Tanisha Taylor, CALCOG, will be requesting an updated list of projects being affected by the SAFE Rule. Discussion followed.

   Lastly, Mr. Niblock requested Directors select a common horizon year for the next RTP, and suggested to the group 2045 or 2046. Discussion followed.

4. California Transportation Funding
   P. Taylor
   Program and Project Funding Updates:
   - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)
     Andrew Chesley announced that SJCOG, SACOG and MTC are in discussions regarding the breakdown of regions outlined by CTC.
   - Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)
     No update was provided.
   Identify Valley Priority Projects for TCEP and SCC
   Projects Diamond Grade Separation (Stockton), Tracy Gateway, Kern SR 46, and Tulare SR 99.

5. San Joaquin Valley Multiagency Working Group for Housing
   R. Phipps/M. Sigala
   Update and Discussion
   Michael Sigala discussed the draft agenda package for the first meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Committee for Housing, to be held on January 17th. Discussion followed.

6. Valley Voice Sacramento
   M. Sigala/G. Khouri
   Update and Discussion
   Michael Sigala circulated an updated Valley Voice platform and noted the six major categories: (1) Goods Movement, (2) Passenger Rail, (3) California Climate Goals, (4) Air Quality, (5) Housing Planning and Production, and (6) Water Reliability, Quality and Supply. Mr. Sigala provided a thorough overview of each platform item and addressed Directors’ questions.

7. Regional Policy Council Meeting
   M. Sigala
   Review Agenda Items for January 17, 2020 Meeting
   Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the following discussion items on the agenda: (1) State Route 99 Funding, (2) Valley Voice Sacramento, (3) High Speed Rail Merced-Fresno-Bakersfield Interim
Operating Segment, (4) San Joaquin Valley Multiagency Working Group for Housing, and (5) EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Network for the SJV.


   **Receive Update**

   P. Taylor

   Michael Sigala reported that registration and sponsorships are now open online at [www.sjvcogs.org/events](http://www.sjvcogs.org/events). The early registration deadline is April 1st. A draft itinerary will be provided at the next Directors’ meeting.

9. **I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study**

   **Receive Update**

   A. Hakimi

   Ahron Hakimi reported that a contract between KernCOG and UC Davis is on the next board meeting agenda. After the contract is approved, the completion period will be two years.

**INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS**

10. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**

    S. Ehler/D. McElhinney

    Caltrans will be engaged in conversations with cities to lease or sale excess property for temporary homeless housing.

11. **California High Speed Rail**

    D. Gomez

    The next meeting is on January 14th. There are no action items on the agenda.

12. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

    D. Leavitt

    A draft business plan will be release in February for public review, with approval anticipated in March.

13. **Valley Go (MioCar) and Valley Flex**

    M. Sigala

    No update was provided.

14. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

    F. Cardoza

    The Blueprint nomination packet for 2020 has been released. The Blueprint Awards will be announced at the Annual Policy Conference. The next Partnership meeting is March 20th in Livingston.

**OTHER ITIEMS**

15. **Director Items**

    Andrew Chesley discussed results of SJCOG’s indirect cost allocation plan audit performed by Caltrans.

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

    Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 1:00 P.M.

    Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2020 in Visalia
Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

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San Joaquin Valley Preferred Scenario to Achieve 98% Deployment

**Background:** The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) sponsored the Internet For All Now Act of 2017 (AB 1665) which established in statute the goal to achieve 98% broadband deployment in each region of California. AB 1665 also assigned the responsibility to achieve the 98% deployment goal to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as the administrator of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF). AB 1665 also directs the CPUC to optimize opportunities to leverage federal funding and other resources to prudently use CASF.

During the rulemaking process to implement AB 1665, CETF strongly recommended that the CPUC work with the Regional Consortia to engage all stakeholders in each region, including Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and local governments, to develop a “Preferred Scenario” to achieve the 98% goal. CETF underscored to the CPUC that it is essential to harness the power of “economies of scale” in infrastructure construction to accurately determine the percentage of CASF subsidy required to achieve the 98% goal and to avoid cherry-picking by ISPs of the most lucrative unserved communities for CASF applications without helping the region determine the most cost-effective strategies for achieving the 98% goal.

**Purpose:** The California State University, Fresno Office of Community and Economic Development (Fresno State OCED) administers the San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium (RC). Fresno State OCED on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley RC has been tasked to develop a Preferred Scenario to achieve the 98% deployment goal for 8-county region, engage stakeholders and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to reach consensus, and facilitate the submission of applications by April 1, 2020 to the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

**Action:** Fresno State OCED seeks input from cities and water districts to develop a preferred scenario that identifies and maps priority unserved communities to be reached with high-speed broadband infrastructure to achieve the 98% deployment goal. This is to be completed through five elements: A) inventory of public assets that local governments are willing to contribute to the preferred scenario; B) Identification of known middle-mile back-haul facilities; C) delineation of the new last-mile and middle-mile infrastructure that must be constructed to achieve connectivity to priority unserved communities; D) determination and documentation of the willingness of existing ISPs to participate; and E) Estimate the amount of CASF funds required to achieve the preferred scenario and proposed applicant(s) for CASF grant(s). It is our goal to complete this preferred scenario by the end of February 2020.

For more information, contact Miguel Lopez, project manager of Fresno State OCED, at email: miguellopez@mail.fresnostate.edu or phone: 559-278-0518.
Agenda
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
State Capitol, Rooms TBD - Sacramento, CA

9:00 am – 9:30 am  Pre-Briefing w/ Gus Khouri (All)
Caltrans Director’s Conference Room

9:30 am – 10:15 am  Jim Davis, Deputy Executive Director, Caltrans
Caltrans Director’s Conference Room, 1120 N Street
Topics: Goods movement, SB 1 Cycle 2 projects, Passenger Rail, EV Charging Stations

10:15 am – 11:00 am  David Kim, Secretary, CalSTA
State Capitol, Room TBD
Topics: SB 1 Cycle 2 projects, Passenger Rail, EV Charging Stations

11:00 am – 11:45 am  Dean Florez, Member, California Air Resources Board
State Capitol, Room TBD
Topics: Air Quality, Passenger rail, EV Infrastructure

11:45 am – 1:00 pm  Box Lunch w/ CTC Chair Paul Van Konynenburg & Staff
CTC Conference Room, 1120 N Street
Topics: SB 1 Cycle 2 projects

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm  Governor Gavin Newsom
Christina Hironaka, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Governor Newsom
Mark Tollefson, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Governor Newsom
Ronda Paschal, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor Newsom
Governor’s Conference Room
Topics: SB 1 Cycle 2 Projects, Passenger Rail, Housing, EV, Water

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm  Kate Gordon, Director, Governor’s Office of Planning & Research
State Capitol, Room TBD
Topics: California Climate Goals, Housing, EV Infrastructure, Water

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm  Senator Jim Beall, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee or Senator Anna Caballero
State Capitol, TBD
Topics: Housing, EV Infrastructure, SB 795

- Toks is out of town.
- Waiting until week of 2/10 to confirm Governor.
AGENDA ITEM 8: EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. BACKGROUND
We are working to develop general training programs that will serve the interests of our members and build staff capacity. We are seeking your input on designing content and programs that will be useful to our members.

Potentially, our “value add” would be to take existing courses and tailor it specifically with regional case studies. For example, a class in negotiation could be tailored with case studies and discussion that highlight the issue within the context of regional planning or project delivery.

B. FOR DISCUSSION
Staff is seeking input on various factors of the program to assure that it meets the needs of your members.

C. SCOPE OF TRAINING
To start the conversation, below is a description of several possible trainings we have identified as of being of interest to our members and their staff.

- **Facilitation and Effective Meeting Planning.** How you structure and run a meeting has a huge impact on its success. Learn how to make the decisions that will best help you achieve your objectives. This course will focus on both how to structure a meeting, who to invite and strategies and tips to run the meeting to best accomplish your desired outcomes.

- **Community Engagement.** This one day training focuses on how to effectively use public engagement to work with your community and stakeholders. This workshop is developed in partnership with the Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership at Pepperdine University.

- **Cultural and Implicit Bias and Diversity Training.** Implicit bias refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. These biases, both positive and negative, are activated involuntarily and without an individual’s awareness or control. Implicit biases feed into our cultural structures. Both cultural and implicit biases impact how we engage with the communities we serve and how effective we are in our jobs. This is increasingly important as our communities become increasingly diversified.

- **Coaching and Mentoring for Leadership Development.** Coaching and mentoring are different tools to help people realize professional and personal goals. Coaches partner with their clients to design the life they want, bring out their clients’ own brilliance and resources so that they can achieve excellence and create purposeful, extraordinary lives. Mentors
provide support and guidance. Sharpen your personal coaching and mentoring skills and
learn about different options for developing programs in your organization.

- **Media Training.** This day long training will discuss how to work with the media, how to
craft an effective message, and when and how to engage the media to address conflicts.

- **In-House Agency Trainings.** CALCOG can provide training on location on a wide range of
topics. Agencies will provide the location and we will provide the instructor and materials. Hosting agencies will have the opportunity to customized focus. Topics include:
  - Writing Essentials
  - Leadership Styles (e.g., DISC analysis)
  - Regional Leadership Introduction (for elected officials appointed to regional boards)
  - Ethics

**D. COMMENTS & OBSERVATIONS**

- **Target Group:** Workshops and trainings will both supplement our California Academy
  of Regional Leaders program and provide crucial professional development skills. Workshops will be developed for emerging leaders and management level staff unless specified. Trainings can be customized for other staff.

- **Timing:** Workshops should be offered at times that are most convenient for attendees. What are these days or months?

- **Locations:** We will offer trainings in different parts of the state to reduce travel costs
  unless they are place specific or participants would benefit from interacting with a
  broader range of participants. One of the strengths of the CARL program is the
  opportunity for member staff to network and build cross-agency relationships.

- **Pricing:** Pricing will be competitive with existing high quality trainings. We will offer
discounts to CARL alumni. Should we offer different prices based on member size?

- **What Else Do Leaders Need to Know?** Policy Issues such as housing? How legislation is
  made and unmade? The wonderful world of Transportation Funding?

- **Ultimate Goal: Building Capacity of our “Regional Team.”** This program should be
designed to serve our members’ needs and interests in terms of building their capacity to
serve their own member cities and counti
10. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**

   S.Ehlert/D. McElhinney

   Sharri Ehlert (District 6 Director) and Dan McElhinney (District 10 Director), or their representatives, may be in attendance to provide an update, and answer any questions.

11. **California High Speed Rail**

   D. Gomez

   Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, or her representative may be in attendance to provide an update, and answer any questions.

12. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

   D. Leavitt

   Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, or his representative may be in attendance to provide an update, and answer any questions.

13. **Rural Transit Alternatives (Valley Go and Valley Flex)**

   M. Sigala

   - Valley Go/MioCar – 17 EV charging stations in eight affordable housing communities have been installed in Tulare and Kern Counties.
   - 27 electric vehicles have been purchased, delivered, prepped and deployed into the MioCar system. The user software development is complete and user registrations are ongoing. There are currently over 170 active users for MioCar, with several applications pending.
   - Valley Flex/Vamos Mobility - Development of the Valley Flex software is complete. The free smartphone app "Vamos Mobility" is now downloadable for users to find the best transit options in and around San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. Outreach for Vamos Mobility is ongoing. A volunteer ride-sharing service (VoGo) led by Move Stanislaus is currently being tested and will eventually be integrated into the Vamos Mobility app.
   - CARB has requested a funding proposal to continue the Valley Go and Valley Flex for one more year. The project team is in discussions with CARB and the Air District for continued “gap” funding.
   - $20M in Clean Mobility Options Vouchers are available for expansion of shared mobility services. The team is currently assessing options for expanding MioCar services area(s).
   - All Major work efforts are posted on the sjvcog’s website: [http://sjvcogs.org/rural-transit-needs-related-projects/](http://sjvcogs.org/rural-transit-needs-related-projects/)

14. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

   F. Cardoza

   Frida Cardoza, Community and Regional Planning Center Coordinator, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.
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