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**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
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

Madera County
Transportation
Commission
Patricia Taylor - Chair

Kings County
Association of
Governments
Terri King - Vice Chair

Tulare County
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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.

- 8. Annual Policy Conference (May 13-15, 2020)** P. Taylor
Receive Update
Michael Sigala reported that registration and sponsorships are now open online at 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** A. Hakimi
Receive Update
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 ITEMS

- 10. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/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 ITEMS

- 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

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Scott Carson (ph)	Federal Highway Administration
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans
Ellen Greenberg	Caltrans
Sharri Ehlert	Caltrans
Laura Gordon	Caltrans
Ken Baxter	Caltrans
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments