



Meeting Minutes

ITEM B

**Friday, January 17, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.**

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

Meeting Attendees:

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Amarpreet Dhaliwal	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Gary Yep	Fresno COG	Mayor Pro-Tem	City of Kerman
Bob Smith	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Bakersfield
Cathy Prout	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Shafter
Daron McDaniel	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Mike Villalta	MCAG	Mayor	City of Los Banos
Dan Wright	SJ COG	Vice Mayor	City of Stockton
Gary Singh (phone)	SJ COG	Councilmember	City of Manteca
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Vito Chiesa	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Bill Zoslocki (phone)	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Jenny Kenoyer	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Doug Verboon	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Linda Launer (phone)	TCAG	Councilmember	City of Dinuba
Kuyler Crocker	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Tom Jordan (for Samir)	SJVAPCD	Senior Policy Advisor	SJVAPCD

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mendoza

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Mayor Rudy Mendoza
City of Woodlake

Vice-Chair
Supervisor Chuck Winn
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Tulare County
Association of
Governments

Fresno
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Kern
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Kings County
Association of
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Madera County
Transportation
Commission

Merced County
Association of
Governments

Stanislaus
Council of
Governments

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

There was a motion to approve Supervisor Chuck Winn as Chair.

- First Motion: Supervisor Vito Chiesa
- Second Motion: Vice Mayor Dan Wright
- No Nays
- Motioned Carried

There was a motion to approve Supervisor Robert Poythress as Vice Chair.

- First Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel
- Second Motion: Supervisor Doug Verboon
- No Nays
- Motioned Carried

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the June 14, 2019 Regional Policy Council Meeting minutes.

- First Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Yep
- Second Motion: Mayor Rudy Mendoza
- No Nays
- Motioned Carried

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. State Route 99 Funding

Sharri Ehlert

Receive Update

Sharri Ehlert, Caltrans District 6 Director, gave a brief update on funding and advised the Council of the past events the led to the decisions of eliminating funding from 2021 STIP. A couple of local projects were in danger because of this. Ms. Ehlert noted that they have developed new proposals to reallocate funds back to the Tulare SR 99 and Madera SR 99 projects. These new proposals were introduced at the December CTC meeting and will go to vote in March of this year. There is currently \$10-\$12 million in 99 bond program savings. They anticipate the funding to be increased in the 2022 STIP. In the meantime, Caltrans will compete for competitive funding through the SB1 program. There were discussions about how the Policy Council can continue to keep open dialogue with Caltrans in order to ensure funding stays in the Valley.

2. Valley Voice Sacramento (March 11, 2020)

Michael Sigala/Gus Khouri

a. Discuss and Approval Regional Priorities

Michael Sigala provided an overview of the Regional Priorities 2020 draft that highlighted the following topics; Goods Movement, Passenger Rail, California Climate Goals, Air Quality, Housing Planning and Production, and Water Reliability, Quality and Supply. Gus Khouri reported that the SB 1 cycle two applications are due in June and is expected to be more competitive. Mayor Mike Villalta commented on the SR 152 corridor and briefly pointed out issues within the region. There were some comments on the water supply topic to be amended into the platform. Further discussions ensued.

Speaker assignments were discussed and identified.

There was a motion to approve the Regional Priorities 2020.

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

b. Review Itinerary and Logistics

Michael Sigala noted that the Valley Voice Sacramento trip will be on Wednesday, March 11th. There will be a reception the night before from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Gus Khouri briefly reviewed the itinerary list and read through the names of guest speakers and times.

3. High Speed Rail Merced-Fresno-Bakersfield Interim Operating Segment Michael Sigala

Consider Approving Letter of Support

Michael Sigala introduced a draft letter of support for the Interim Operating Segment. Michael reported that the directors approved a similar letter to be sent the High-Speed Rail.

There was a motion to approve the letter of support for the Merced-Fresno-Bakersfield Interim Operating Segment.

First Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel
Second Motion: Mayor Mike Villalta
No Nays
Motioned Carried

4. San Joaquin Valley Multiagency Working Group for Housing Michael Sigala

Receive Update and Overview

Michael Sigala reported the MPO's of the valley were awarded \$19 million to be distributed for RHNA, Housing Element and Activities to increase housing production. The kickoff meeting will be today at 1pm, which includes 24 elected officials from across the Valley. The committee will be asked to approve applying for 25 percent of the \$19 million up front.

5. EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Network for the SJV Keith Bergthold/Joseph Oldman

a. Presentation and Consideration to Approve Support

Keith Bergthold and Joseph Oldman gave a power point presentation on EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Networks for the SJV. Joseph outlined the current SJV transportation choices, the EV Aviation/ground innovation goals, the regional benefits, new electric aircrafts, current and new flight operations, innovations objectives and organizing framework. Keith reviewed the Resolution to form the Valley EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Coalition and the Implementation Elements. There were questions regarding operating efficiency, cost of purchasing equipment and ecotourism. Supervisor Kuyler Crocker had concerns with the Policy Council taking a formal position to support these efforts at the moment. Michael Sigala was asked to clarify what the vote was for and he noted that the board was voting today to support this in concept and that there would not be any fiscal commitment. Additional comments were made and further discussion ensued.

There was a motion to approve supporting EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Network for the SJV.

First Motion: Supervisor Doug Verboon
Second Motion: Mayor Ruby Dhaliwal
One Nay: Supervisor Kuyler Crocker
Motioned Carried

E. 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.

1. Caltrans Report Sharri Ehlert/Dan McElhinney
Sharri Ehlert, District 6, reported the governor issued an executive order 2320 to address homelessness in California. Caltrans is preparing a letter to inform all 26 counties the possibility of leasing access properties owned by Caltrans for \$1 to help address homelessness needs.

2. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail Dan Leavitt
Dan Leavitt reported the JPA business plan draft will be coming out in February. There are a couple of items emphasized in the plan which include, the integration work between the San Joaquin's, ACE Service and the High-Speed Rail Merced to Bakersfield Segment and Stockton Dimond Separation project. They will be pursuing both federal and state grants for the Stockton project. Dan noted that construction for ACE extension will begin this year. The environmental draft for the extension from Stockton to Sacramento will come out next month and construction is expected to start later this year. The project level environmental document for the Ceres to Merced extension should start in a couple of months and the environmental document will begin next month for the Madera Amtrak station relocation project. The implementation of SB 742 is going very well and has made bus only tickets available at various locations throughout the Valley.

3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant Michael Sigala
Michael Sigala gave a brief update and noted that in addition to the carsharing program that rolled out in the South Valley called MioCar, they are also implementing a similar program called Vamos in the North Valley. ARB is going to fund these two projects to run for one more year.

4. California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley Frida Cardoza
Frida Cardoza reported since the last board meeting, they added a new board member, Supervisor Scott Silveira of Merced County. Frida noted upcoming events which include: the next California Partnership meeting on March 20th at Foster Farms in Livingston Ca, The Housing Collaborative's next workshop will be on January 30th in Stockton Ca, and The San Joaquin Valley Blueprint awards will be presented at the Annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference on May 14th.

F. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors Report Patricia Taylor
Patricia Taylor gave an overview of a meeting with CTC and ARB in October and noted it was a successful meeting because they were able to showcase the San Joaquin Valley's plans, priorities and accomplishments. Ms. Taylor acknowledged the whole group for its efforts and support in the STIP.

2. Policy Council Member Comments

Mayor Rudy Mendoza asked to discuss the topic shortage of market rate housing.

Supervisor Vito Chiesa asked for letter of support for Paul Van Konynenburg who is up for re-appointment as CTC Commissioner.

There was a motion to approve a letter of support for Paul Van Konynenburg for CTC Commissioner

First Motion: Supervisor Vito Chiesa
Second Motion: Mayor Ruby Dhaliwal
No Nays
Motioned Carried

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Item above

There were no public comments.

Appendix: A – List of other meeting attendees.

On the Phone:	
Individual(s)	Organization
Michael Sigala	SJV Coordinator, Sigala Inc.
Rosa Park	Stan COG
Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Robert Phipps	Fresno COG
Sandy Ebersole (phone)	MCTC
Becky Napier	Kern COG
Ken Baxter	Caltrans District 10
Rudy Serrato	Sigala Inc.
Jennifer Khy	Sigala Inc.
Ben Kimball	TCAG
Frida Cardoza	Fresno State OCED
Dan Levitt	San Joaquin PRA
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Elisabeth Hahn	Stan COG
Sharri Ehlert	Caltrans
Matt Fell	MCAG
Joseph Oldham	New Vision Aviation, Inc.
Keith Bergthold	Fresno Metro Ministry
Kristine Cai	Fresno COG