



Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 22, 2018

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

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 2017 Regional Policy Council Meeting

Chair Mendoza

Enclosure



C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **GUEST SPEAKER, CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER PAUL VAN KONYNENBURG**

2. **Valley Voice D.C. 2018 (Sep 12 & 13)**

a. *Discuss and Approve Priority Legislative Items*

b. *Discuss Itinerary*

Michael Sigala



3. **SB1 Funded Projects**

Approve Letter from the Regional Policy Council

Ted Smalley



4. **Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2018-19**

Review and Consider Approving

Michael Sigala



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5. San Joaquin Valley Passenger Rail
Update and Discussion

Dan Leavitt

6. FY 2018-19 Meeting Calendar
Review and Approve

Michael Sigala



D. 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. 2018 Annual Policy Conference

Rosa Park

2. SB 375 Green House Gas Target Update

Ryan Niblock

3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant

Michael Sigala

4. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning Studies

Michael Sigala

5. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Ismael Herrera

E. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors' Report

Tony Boren

2. Policy Council Member Comments

F. 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 Items above.

Phone Conference on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 10 am to Discuss Valley Voice D.C.

Next Regular Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, December 7, 2018, 10 am

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ITEM B

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 15, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
Fresno Council of Governments
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Meeting Attendees:

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Rudy Mendoza – Chair	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Kuyler Crocker	TCAG	Supervisor	County of Tulare
Amarpreet Dhaliwal	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Gary Yep (phone)	Fresno COG	Mayor Pro-Tem	City of Kerman
Daron McDaniel (phone)	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Chuck Winn – Vice Chair	SJ COG	Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Vito Chiesa (phone)	Stan COG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Bill Zoslocki (phone)	Stan COG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Tom Jordan (for Seyed Sadredin)	SJVAPCD	Senior Policy Advisor	SJVAPCD

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees:

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mendoza

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR


There was a motion to re-elect Mayor Mendoza for the Chair position


First Motion: Supervisor McDaniel


Second Motion: Mayor Dhaliwal


No Nays

Motion Carried

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There was a motion to re-elect Supervisor Winn for the Vice Chair position

First Motion: Mayor Dhaliwal
Second Motion: Supervisor Crocker
No Nays
Motion Carried

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 23, 2017 and July 21, 2017 Regional Policy Council Meetings

First Motion: Supervisor Crocker
Second Motion: Mayor Yep
No Nays
Motion Carried

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

Stacy Dabbs

a. Discuss Legislative Platform for Valley Voice Sacramento (March 7, 2018)

Mrs. Dabbs introduced a proposed legislative platform and briefly highlighted all the topics. Supervisor Crocker commented and suggested prioritizing projects throughout the valley. Supervisor Crocker advised identifying a handful projects to focus on this year and do the same the following year. Supervisor McDaniel echoed the same concerns. CTC commissioner Paul Van Konyneburg noted some routes that were scrubbed by Caltrans and asked members to think about eligible routes for this upcoming ITIP funding. The commissioner also noted that there needs to be a continuous push for the ARB to be practical and timely. Supervisor McDaniel asked to address issues about water for the entire valley. Mayor Dhaliwal and Supervisor Winn reiterated the discussion on water and emphasized the importance of valley wide meetings for water and the need to prioritize water policies. Supervisor Crocker encouraged the subcommittee to look into SB 623 as a valleywide issue and the water bond efforts by Dr. Merrill.

There was a motion to approve the platform with all the comments.

First Motion: Supervisor Crocker
Second Motion: Supervisor Winn
No Nays
Motion Carried

2. State Route 99/Regional Projects Funding

a. Receive Update from Caltrans on SR 99 ITIP Proposed Funding

Gail Miller/Monica Kress

Mrs. Gail Miller briefly discussed funding cuts that happened in May 2016. Mrs. Miller noted because of the passage of SB1 the 2018 ITIP cycle allows projects that were deleted in 2016 to be restored. Additionally, it will allow cost increases for existing projects, and programming of new components for existing projects. The 2018 ITIP funding includes \$3.3billion in STIP programming capacity of which \$2.2billion is new capacity available for new programming. Mrs. Miller reported on ITIP and RIP funding for the STIP projects that are in District 6. Mrs. Monica Kress gave an update on north county projects. Mrs. Kress also recognized and thanked those who participated in the SB1 forum in Clovis.

b. Consider Letter of Support to Caltrans for ITIP Funding

Ted Smalley

Mr. Ted Smalley noted that ITIP funding has been restored and that the 99 widening projects that were deleted have now been programmed. Mr. Smalley added there are no changes requested to the 2018 ITIP draft and should be left as it is.

There was a recommendation to send a letter to Caltrans and to CTC that states ITIP funding stay as proposed.

First Motion: Supervisor Crocker

Second Motion: Mayor Dhaliwal

No Nays

Motion Carried

c. Discuss Criteria for Support of other Regional Projects

Ted Smalley/Andy Chesley

Mr. Ted Smalley, Executive Director TCAG, discussed the need to prioritize and limit the number of projects within the region. Mr. Andy Chesley discussed criteria items to address capacity constraints. Mr. Chesley underlined several criteria items that include safety, leveraging of funds, commodity movement, project readiness, and operational issues. A list was prepared and shared with the executive directors who are reviewing it with their staff.

Chair Rudy Mendoza added an item to include a letter of support for private activity bonds. Mr. Mendoza discussed implication of not using PABs for affordable housing. Supervisor Winn and Supervisor Crocker noted various other problems with affordable housing and discussion ensued.

There was a motion to a letter to member of the conference committee regarding private activity bonds.

First Motion: Supervisor McDaniel

Second Motion: Supervisor Crocker

No Nays

Motion Carried

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Spring 2018 Policy Conference (May 9-11, 2018)

Rosa Park

Mr. Michael Sigala added to mark May 9-11, 2018 on the calendars for the conference date and the agenda will be provided at a later time.

2. SB 375 Green House Gas Target Update

Ryan Niblock

Mr. Andy Chesley gave an update on the GHG targets and noted that the targets will continue to stay the same at five and ten percent for the third RTP cycle. There is constant communication with the ARB not to establish new target this late in the year.

3. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

Dan Leavitt

Mr. Dan Leavitt added a few changes to the service with the roll out of the Morning Express train from Fresno to Sacramento in early May. Mr. Leavitt noted they will be submitting TIRCP application for improvements, and to increase services to Sacramento. The SJJPA and SJRRC is seeking letters of support for this application.

There was a motion to approve to send a letter of support on this issue.

First Motion: Supervisor Crocker
Second Motion: Councilmember Bill Zoslocki
No Nays
Motion Carried

4. Rural Transit Alternatives

Michael Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala reviewed the final draft report of the Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Service in Rural Disadvantage Communities and noted that existing conditions and conceptual program development has been completed. Mr. Sigala discussed conducting more in-depth evaluation of the proposed concepts and further define an implementation strategy as the next steps in the project.

5. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning Studies

Michael Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala noted the completion of the two studies and provided final report for both as a handout for members to review.

6. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Ismael Herrera

No update provided at this time

D. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors' Report

Tony Boren

Mr. Tony Boren briefly discussed a director's retreat in January. He will report back any outcomes that come from that workshop at the next meeting.

2. Policy Council Members Comments

No comments.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was received.

Appendix: A

Others In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Stacy Dabbs	MCAG
Trai Cole-Herr	Fresno COG
Michael Sigala	SJV Coordinator
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Tony Boren	Fresno COG
Ben Kimball	TCAG
Kristine Cai	Fresno COG
Terry King	KCAG
Gail Miller	Caltrans
Monica Kress	Caltrans
Rob Cunningham (ph)	SJ COG



ITEM C.2

DATE: June 22, 2018

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

SUBJECT: Valley Voice D.C. 2018 Priority Advocacy Items

Valley Voice D.C. 2018 is scheduled for September 12 and 13. MPO staff, in consultation with Len Simon and Company, and other partners, have compiled a list of legislative and regulatory priority advocacy items for your consideration, discussion and approval.

The first four items are top suggested priorities. A second tier of priority items, noted below in italics, will be included in the meeting materials as additional information. Water priorities and meetings will be discussed and held separately, as in prior years.

TOP SUGGESTED PRIORITIES

- 1) Funding for Major Regional San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Projects
 - a. Projects from current prioritization process
 - b. BUILD applications (formally TIGER) to be submitted July 18
 - c. INFRA applications (formally FASTLANE) due November 2
- 2) White House Infrastructure Plan
 - a. Infrastructure Incentive Program favors “new” non-Federal revenue streams. Need a better definition and interpretation of “new”.
 - b. Rural Infrastructure Program is non-applicable to the Valley.
- 3) Air Quality
 - a. Reduction in Emission Sources under Federal Control
 - b. Clean Air Act Modernization
- 4) San Joaquin Passenger Rail
 - a. Support funding and expansion of services.

SECOND TIER PRIORITIES

- 5) *Regional Transportation Plan Adoption Cycles*
 - a. *Pilot program allowing for up to 10 years between cycles*
 - b. *Sync with RTP adoption cycle in California*
- 6) *Buy America Waivers*
 - a. *Review and approval of current waiver requests*
- 7) *Aviation Fuel Sales Tax*
 - a. *Federal tax collected on aviation fuel for airport purposes is applied to only excise taxes, not including local sales taxes/measure funds (This was not addressed in the FAA Reauthorization Bill, and HR 4441 is still in the senate).*
- 8) *Farm to Market*
 - a. *Road funding pilot for high truck use county roads (was not included in the failed/stalled Farm Bill).*
- 9) *Challenges to MPO Structure*
 - a. *Support MPO flexibility and decision making authority*

REQUESTED ACTION:

- 1) Discuss and consider approving the prioritized items.
- 2) Discuss water policy priorities and accommodations for meetings.
- 3) Discuss and consider assigning speakers for each priority topic.
- 4) Discuss meeting itinerary and trip logistics.



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June 22, 2018

Ms. Laurie Berman, Director
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ITEM C.3

RE: Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1), Priority Investments for the San Joaquin Valley

Dear Chair Inman and Director Berman:

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council is pleased to submit this letter of thankfulness to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and Caltrans, for the recent funding awards to critical regional transportation projects in the San Joaquin Valley, funded under the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1).

While there are many high priority projects across the state, we sincerely appreciate your understanding and acknowledgement of the transportation infrastructure needs for our region. Our agricultural based economy, and over concentration of goods movement dependent industries, relies on a positive working relationship with our funding partners at the state level. Projects funded under SB 1 are essential for maintaining the efficiency and safety of our major trade corridors, and are intrinsic and vital to the food supply in California and throughout the world. The following San Joaquin Valley projects were recently funded:

- Kern County SR-99, SR-58 Connector, \$25M (TCEP)
- Stanislaus County, SR-132 Expressway, \$21M (TCEP)
- Merced County, SR-99 Widening, \$30M (TCEP & STIP)
- Madera County, Oakhurst Midtown Connector, \$5M (LPP)
- San Joaquin County, Port of Stockton, \$9M (TCEP)
- Stanislaus County, Fulkerth/SR 99 Interchange, \$3M (LPP)
- San Joaquin County, City of Tracy Interchanges, \$12.8M (TCEP)

These funding awards total \$105.8 million dollars and will result in less congestion, less fatal accidents, improved air quality and a more efficient transportation of goods. On behalf of the eight-county San Joaquin Valley, once again, thank you for making these investments in our region.

Sincerely,

Rudy Mendoza, Chair of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council
Mayor of the City of Woodlake, Tulare County

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ITEM C.4

DATE: June 22, 2018

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

SUBJECT: Valleywide Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018-19

An Overall Work Program (OWP) is a federal and state mandated planning and budgeting work product that Regional Planning Agencies of the San Joaquin Valley develop on an annual basis. The OWP is a one-year scope of work and budget for transportation planning activities and funding sources to be accomplished between July 1 and June 30 of the fiscal year. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies have stipulated in their memorandum of understanding the need to annually produce an eight county Valleywide OWP.

The Valleywide Overall Work Program for FY 2018-2019 details the coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies are actively engaged in. Each Valley RPA will also include a Valleywide Chapter in their respective Overall Work Program that details and proportionally budgets for the shared tasks identified in the attached Valleywide OWP.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee approved the FY 2018-19 Valleywide Overall Work Program at their May 3, 2018 meeting.

Requested Action. Review and consider approving the Valleywide Overall Work Program for FY 2018-19.

San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies



Overall Work Program

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES POLICY COUNCIL

MEMBERS AND STAFF, JUNE 2018

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman

[Alternate:]

STAFF: Tony Boren, Executive Director – Fresno COG

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

Mayor Cheryl Wegman, City of Wasco

Councilmember Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield

[Alternate: Mayor Jennifer Wood, California City]

STAFF: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director – Kern COG

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County

Mayor Ray Madrigal, City of Lemoore

[Alternate: Supervisor Joe Neves, Kings County]

STAFF: Terri King, Executive Director – KCAG

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

Supervisor Robert Poythress, County of Madera,

Supervisor Brett Frazier, County of Madera

[Alternate: Mayor Andrew Medellin, City of Madera]

STAFF: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director – MCTC

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, County of Merced

Mayor Mike Villalta, City of Los Banos

[Alternate: Mayor Mike Murphy, City of Merced]

STAFF: Patrick Pittenger, Executive Director – MCAG

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

Supervisor Chuck Winn, County of San Joaquin – **VICE CHAIR**

Councilmember Elbert Holman, Jr., City of Stockton

[Alternate:]

STAFF: Andy Chesley, Executive Director – SJ COG

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, County of Stanislaus

Councilmember Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto

[Alternate – Councilmember Jenny Kenoyer, City of Modesto]

STAFF: Rosa Park, Executive Director – StanCOG

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake - **CHAIR**

Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, County of Tulare

[Alternate – Councilmember Linda Launer, City of Dinuba]

STAFF: Ted Smalley, Executive Director – TCAG

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director

INTRODUCTION

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) covers over 27,000 square miles and encompasses the eight-county region of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Since 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (Valley RPAs) have coordinated planning activities where interregional issues are involved, including air quality conformity, goods movement, funding for regional transportation projects, legislative advocacy, and recently, Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Planning efforts of Valleywide importance are conducted among the eight RPAs through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee (Directors' Committee) and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Policy Council (Regional Policy Council), a governing board including elected officials from each Valley RPA and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The FY 2018-2019 Valleywide Overall Work Program is a summary document and details major coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies are actively engaged in. The Valleywide OWP does not replace the need or requirements of each RPA to conduct their own OWP, rather it is a planning and budgeting tool for shared Valleywide activities.

{Note – the terms Regional Planning Agency (RPA), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG) are used interchangeably in this document.}

CURRENT VALLEYWIDE MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES

Objective: To develop and foster regional coordination and prioritization for SR 99, I-5, and other regionally significant corridor improvements.

Lead: Kern COG and MCAG

The Valley RPAs work in close consultation with Caltrans, and other stakeholders, to prioritize funding for SR 99, and other major highways and interstates. The 99 Business Plan helped the Valley achieve dedicated funding for SR 99 through Proposition 1B, the only transportation earmark in the bond placed before the voters. Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have completed the necessary Corridor System Management Plans required by the State, updated the 99 Business Plan and Master Plan, and worked with the Valley RPAs on project selection and funding alternatives. The Directors, working in close

consultation with Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff, routinely meet and discuss Proposition 1B bond savings, SB1, INFRA, and other funding strategies and opportunities to enhance and improve SR 99, I-5, and other critical corridors.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Advocate to complete the system for SR 99, to a least six lanes of travel throughout the SJV.
- Prioritize significant regional projects in accordance with criteria developed by the Directors' Committee for coordinated, and consensus driven, advocacy for funding.
- Lead discussions with the Regional Policy Council, and others, about the importance of SB1 funding for major Valley projects.
- Seek federal and state funding for major highway and interstate projects and coordinate pre-construction activities, when feasible, to ensure project readiness. The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, are major SB1 funding sources to be targeted.
- Explore SHOPP funding for auxiliary lane, and other concepts, as projects are eligible. Develop a Master Strategy for the SHOPP. Kern COG to coordinate with Caltrans D6, and MCAG to coordinate with D10 on opportunities for additional programming.

2. JOINT FUNDING STRATEGIES – STIP, IIP AND OTHER FUNDING

Objective: To develop and foster greater coordination across various funding programs to enhance and increase transportation funding to the Valley.

Lead: TCAG and San Joaquin COG

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program to assist the State and local entities to plan and implement transportation improvements, and to utilize resources in a cost-effective manner. STIP funded improvements include state highways, local roads, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, intermodal facilities, etc. Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds are programmed by Caltrans on a statewide priority basis, for use primarily on the State highway system (outside urbanized areas) and projects that generate economic development.

In 2015, the Valley RPAs formed the “Valley Swap Meet” working group, to reach consensus on a coordinated Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Develop an optimized strategy for STIP/IIP funding for the next 20 years with the goal of all eight counties getting priority projects, and therefore supporting the full 20-year plan
- Continue coordinated planning efforts through the “Valley Swap Meet”, including opportunities to partner on federal funding programs such as Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) so no funds lapse in the valley.
- Share information about any developments in federal funding opportunities that may come out of the new Administration.

3. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INTERREGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT

Objective: To prioritize, coordinate and implement goods movement planning and capital projects to improve the Valley’s economic competitiveness.

Lead: Fresno COG, TCAG and Kern COG

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) has always been California’s geographic and agricultural production center generating more than \$35 billion every year in nuts, lettuce, tomatoes, wine, and other grains and agricultural products. It also plays a major role in the national and international distribution of processed foods and energy products, and has a burgeoning logistics and distribution industry. The region has relatively inexpensive land and low cost labor, good access to the national rail and interstate highway networks, connections to major deep-water ports in Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach, and proximity to major consumer markets in Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Recognizing the importance of goods movement to the region, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans commissioned the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan completed in 2013. In FY 2014-15, the Valley RPAs were awarded two additional goods movement related planning grants from Caltrans to continue to identify strategies and recommendations for improving freight movement in the Valley, the San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan and the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan. Both studies were completed in 2017.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Continue to coordinate project prioritization for INFRA, TIGER/BUILD, FAST ACT, SB1 and other goods movement federal and state funding.
- Continue to participate in the California Freight Advisory Committee.
- Participate and provide input to the California’s Freight Mobility Plan 2019 update.
- Continue to work with regional partners conducting logistics, economic development and other analysis related to goods movement.

- Advocate and support efforts to maintain short line rail corridors
- Continue to explore alternative fuels and strategies for meeting the California's Sustainable Freight mandates.
- Develop a strategy for "telling the story" of the importance of goods movements and related transportation investments in the Valley. Implement a Valleywide goods movement task force if necessary.

4. AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Objective: To continue successful coordination of Valleywide air quality planning minimizing potential impacts to project delivery.

Lead: San Joaquin COG and StanCOG

Transportation conformity is required by the federal Clean Air Act and ensures that federal funding is given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. The Clean Air Act strengthened conformity requirements for transportation projects, necessitating a more enhanced level of technical analysis of plans, programs, and projects than in the past. Conformity determinations must be conducted at least every four years, or as amendments are made to plans or projects. The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC). The IAC has been established to provide a coordinated approach to Valley air quality, conformity and transportation modeling issues. Each of the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and the Air Pollution Control District are represented. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and Caltrans have members on the committee.

Coordination among the Valley RPAs, the Air District and other air quality and transportation agencies is proving to be a very effective process. The Valley RPA Directors have budgeted to continue joint funding for a valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, responsible to the Directors, to ensure that air quality conformity and related modeling within the Valley is accomplished on a consistent and timely basis.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements
- Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, FTIP, and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), as required by federal laws and regulations

- Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board as requested
- Continue to utilize the Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) for routine communication and coordination
- Assistance with the development of third round SB 375 targets, including ongoing coordination with California Air Resources Board staff related to SB 32 and its effect on SB 375 targets.

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Objective: To develop and coordinate SB 375 compliant Sustainable Communities Strategies for the Valley

Lead: Fresno COG and San Joaquin COG

California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires each MPO to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A SCS outlines the plan for reducing per capita greenhouse gas emission by integrating the transportation network, and related strategies, with an overall land use pattern that accounts for projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and forecasted transportation needs among all modes of travel.

Under the Sustainable Communities Act, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) sets regional targets for GHG emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use. The ARB has updated the targets for the Valley MPOs as shown below:

The new targets will be applied to the 2022 RTP/SCS for the Valley MPOs. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies will be working independently, and collectively, to meet these targets and have invested considerable resources towards technical staff, modeling, and scenario development.

The Valley's Regional Planning Agencies are currently working with ARB to establish new protocols for the updated SCS review guidelines.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Continue to complete the final steps of the 2018 RTP/SCS development process
- Work with ARB staff on the 2018 RTP/SCS reviews
- Continue to be involved and provide input for the SCS review guidelines update
- Assist ARB staff with fulfilling SB 150 requirement on SB 375 progress reporting
- Implement transportation and land use strategies developed in the 2018 RTP/SCS

6. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTERNAL AGENICES AND ENTITIES

Objective: To develop and foster greater communication and coordination within Valley Regional Planning Agencies and with other related agencies and stakeholders.

Lead: TCAG and StanCOG

To maintain ongoing communication and cooperation with other external agencies, the Valley RPAs have included a relationship development component to foster routine “two way” communication with our related state and federal transportation agencies.

Federal entities include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State entities include the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Transportation Commission (CTC), Caltrans Districts 6 and 10, Caltrans Headquarters, California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG), California Self Help Counties Coalition, Strategic Growth Council (SGC), High Speed Rail Authority, and the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Regional entities include the San Joaquin Valley JPA for Passenger Rail, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Other stakeholders include the California Trucking Association, agricultural associations, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, colleges and universities, environmental groups, and the public.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Directors to coordinate and attend one-third of CTC meetings, and meet throughout the year with our CTC Commissioner representative.
- Directors to meet with at least two CTC Board Members they don't currently know.
- Directors to meet annually with CalSTA Director.
- CTC staff to be invited to Directors' Committee meeting once a year.
- RPA staff to be encouraged to take more leadership positions on Valleywide matters.
- Valley Directors to develop and maintain relationships with the new Caltrans Director and Deputy for Planning.
- All Valley Directors should attend and speak at each CALCOG meeting.
- Valley Directors' Committee meetings should be moved, periodically, to a time of the month where Valley Directors can review and discuss the CALCOG agenda prior to a CALCOG meeting, to develop joint strategies on issues.
- Request MTC or SCAG staff come to a Valley Directors' Committee meeting.

- Valley Directors to meet annually with management of ARB, and ARB Board members.
- Additional, and targeted outreach, shall be made to the Strategic Growth Council, SJV Air Pollution Control District, High Speed Rail, and the “Big Four” metropolitan planning organizations.

7. VALLEY VOICE ADVOCACY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Objective: To engage in a unified process that allows the eight county region to discuss and comment on legislative affairs, and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.

Lead: Valleywide Coordinator, Fresno COG

The Valleywide Coordinator, working in close consultation with the Directors and MPO staff, will develop policy positions for pending legislation, and track other legislation and regulatory matters. When legislative positions appear to have a consensus within the Valley, the Regional Policy Council will be encouraged to make a unified statement to inform the state and federal governments of the importance of the issue to the Valley.

Working in close consultation with the Directors, the Coordinator will plan and coordinate the annual Valley Voice advocacy visits to Sacramento and Washington D.C. There may be a need to restructure these trips into a program outline that more effectively utilizes MPO Director and staff time, and more effectively deliverables credible “asks” to governmental partners in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Plan and execute “Valley Voice” Washington D.C. visit for September 2018.
- Interview, and meet with, selected lobbyist, CALCOG, legislators, and others, to identify any measures to improve upon our Valley Voice visits.
- Track legislation, communication with legislative offices, letter campaigns and other activities to develop a unified, Valleywide position.
- Develop the Valleywide Legislative Platform (state and federal).
- Facilitate discussions around controversial topics such as water and high speed rail among Regional Policy Council members.
- Plan “Valley Voice” Sacramento visit for early 2019.

8. VALLEYWIDE MODEL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process which is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Lead: Fresno COG

Fresno COG was the lead agency in the San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Plan, which updated all eight San Joaquin Valley transportation demand models. These improvements were required to respond to the requirements Assembly Bill 32, the Global Solutions Warming Act of 2006, and Senate Bill 375, which requires the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in Regional Transportation Plans (RTP).

Traffic model runs are made as necessary to support transportation planning, conformity analysis and greenhouse gas emissions analysis. The COG staff also runs the latest EMFAC emissions model for air quality in support of transportation conformity. This activity supports both highway planning activities and the air quality conformity process. Some MPO staff used the Envision Tomorrow visioning tool to help test various land use scenarios for SB 375 target setting and Sustainable Communities Strategies.

A related action is participation in activities related to coordination of valleywide modeling analysis and participation in the San Joaquin Valley model users group. These activities are critically important to an understanding of the role of the transportation sector in resolving serious air quality problems in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Continue long-term model improvements
- Participate and monitor EMFAC 2017 development
- Continue to research off-model GHG reduction quantification methodology for strategies that can't be modeled by traffic models
- Continue development of advanced four step models, tour base models or activity based models in select counties
- Improve coordination and participation of the Valley model users group
- Coordinate with SJV Goods Movement planning efforts to develop a framework for a regional freight movement modeling tool.

9. OTHER VALLEYWIDE ACTIVITIES

- **Ecosystems of Shared Mobility Services in the San Joaquin Valley** was funded by ARB in 2017 and will be implemented starting in FY 2018. This grant is for technology improvements, and BEV ridesourcing, and car sharing in rural areas of four Valley counties. This grant activity is a

continuation of the SCS Implementation Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley, a Caltrans planning grant administered by MCAG, and conducted by the UC Davis Institute for Transportation Studies.

- **Technical Assistance Round Three, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.** The Valley MPOs, in collaboration with Enterprise Community Partners, provided technical assistance to the round three AHSC applicants. Ongoing technical assistance will be provided in FY 2018-19 to applicant finalists, as well as continued workshop outreach for the AHSC program of future funding rounds.
- **San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference.** The valleywide conference is held in the spring, at a different location each year, and is coordinated by the host agency. The conference was held in May, 2018 in Modesto and hosted by StanCOG. Beginning in FY 2018-19, the conference will be planned by the Valleywide Coordinator, and event coordinator subconsultant, who will work with the host agency for conference implementation. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley currently is also a contributor to the conference planning.

Past Conferences

Modesto (StanCOG), Fall 2010
 Bass Lake (MCTC), Fall 2011
 Lemoore (KCAG), Fall 2012
 Stockton (SJ COG), Fall 2013
 Visalia (TCAG), Fall 2014
 Tenaya (MCAG), Fall 2015
 Fresno (Fresno COG), Spring 2017
 Modesto (StanCOG), Spring 2018

Future Conferences

MCTC, 2019
 KCAG, 2020
 San Joaquin COG, 2021
 TCAG, 2022
 MCAG, 2023
 Fresno COG, 2024
 StanCOG, 2015
 Kern COG –may be available to host at some time.

- **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail.** The work efforts for passenger rail are strongly supported by the Valley RPAs who support funding applications, policy, organizational development, and other activities of the SJ JPA, and ACE Rail.

- **Regional Policy Council Meetings and Directors' Committee Meetings.** The Valleywide Coordinator shall continue to schedule, develop agenda packets, conduct valleywide outreach, and perform web site maintenance for www.sjvcogs.org. In FY 2017-18, an Executive Committee and Water Policy Committee were created for the Regional Policy Council.

Directors' Chair

Stanislaus Council of Governments, 2018-19

Rotation Schedule

Madera County Transportation Commission, 2019-20

Kings County Association of Governments, 2020-21

Kern Council of Government, 2021-22

San Joaquin Council of Governments, 2022-23

Tulare County Association of Governments, 2023-24

Fresno Council of Governments, 2024-25

Merced County Association of Governments, 2025-26

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET

The budget for the Valleywide activities, identified in the OWP, are shown below. Budget amounts shown represent the total direct Valley RPA cost for this activity. Budgets cost are apportioned by population share for all items, except for Valley Voice advocacy visits, which are apportioned equally.

SJ COG is the fiscal agent for Air Quality Planning. Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for Valley Voice, and the Valleywide Coordinator contract.

Valleywide Activities			Air Quality Planning ⁽²⁾	Valley Voice ⁽³⁾	Valleywide Coordinator ⁽⁴⁾	Total FY 2018-19
MPO Share By Population ⁽¹⁾						
Fresno	995,975	23.5%	\$46,996	\$2,500	\$30,547	\$80,043
Kern	895,112	21.1%	\$42,237	\$2,500	\$27,454	\$72,191
Kings	149,537	3.5%	\$7,056	\$2,500	\$4,586	\$14,142
Madera	156,492	3.7%	\$7,384	\$2,500	\$4,800	\$14,684
Merced	274,665	6.5%	\$12,960	\$2,500	\$8,424	\$23,885
San Joaquin	746,868	17.6%	\$35,242	\$2,500	\$22,907	\$60,649
Stanislaus	548,057	12.9%	\$25,861	\$2,500	\$16,809	\$45,170
Tulare	471,842	11.1%	\$22,264	\$2,500	\$14,472	\$39,236
Total FY 2018-19	4,238,548	100.0%	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$130,000	\$350,000

(1) DOF, January 1, 2017 estimates

(2) SJ COG Staff (\$50,000) & consultant Sierra Research (\$150,000)

(3) No PL Funds, cost for Valley Voice is apportioned pro-rata (not by population)

(4) Sigala Inc, includes West Directions subcontract for the Annual Policy Conference

Meeting Calendar FY 2018-2019

San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (& RPA Directors' Comm.)

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	Executive Directors' Committee Meetings
	Washington DC Valley Voice (Sep 12-13, 2018)
	Regional Policy Council Meetings (Dec 7, 2018 & June 14, 2019)
	Pre Valley Voice Phone Conference (July 20, Aug 24, 2018 & Feb 8, 2019)
	Annual Policy Conference (March or April 2019, Madera)
	Sacramento Valley Voice (March 2019, dates TBD)

July 12 - Modesto
 Aug 2 - Fresno
 Sep 6 - Lemoore
 Oct 4 - Madera
 Nov 1 - Bakersfield
 Dec 6 - Merced
 Jan 10 - Fresno
 Feb 7 - Visalia
 Mar 7 - Stockton
 April 4 - Fresno
 May 2 - Madera
 June 6 - Visalia



INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – June 22, 2018

D.1. 2018 Annual Policy Conference

Rosa Park

The 2018 Annual Policy Conference was held on May 9-11, 2018 in Modesto. The conference was hosted by the Stanislaus Council of Governments. Mrs. Rosa Park will be available to provide a brief post conference report and answer any questions. The 2019 Annual Policy Conference will be hosted by the Madera County Transportation Commission.

D.2. SB 375 Green House Gas Targets

Ryan Niblock

Mr. Ryan Niblock, San Joaquin Council of Governments, will provide a brief update and be available to answer any questions.

D.3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant

Michael Sigala

The Valley has been awarded \$2.2 million from ARB for the implementation of pilot projects identified in the previously funded Caltrans planning grant for rural transit options, led by our partner, the UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies. The ARB grant contract was applied for by the SJV Air Pollution Control District on behalf of the Valley MPOs, UC Davis, and other partners. This work effort is set to be underway in July 2018.

The conceptual program developed for implementation in the ARB grant include:

- Carsharing and ridesourcing in affordable housing complexes in the Dinuba, Cutler, and Oroquieta communities of Tulare County, and the Lamont-Arvin and Wasco communities of Kern County. This work effort includes installing charging stations at Self-Help affordable housing communities, the procurement/lease of electric vehicles, and software development.
- A technology platform that enables improved efficiency for multiple independently operated demand responsive transportation services in jurisdictions in northeast Stanislaus and southeast San Joaquin counties.

Mr. Michael Sigala will be available to answer any questions.

D.4. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning

Michael Sigala

- All work for the I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study, and San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan has been completed.
- Major deliverables including the final reports, and other information for both studies, are posted on the sjvcog's website: http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/
- The State of California is currently revising the California Freight Mobility Plan for 2019. Workshops are currently being held throughout California with one held in Bakersfield on April 27, 2018.

Mr. Michael Sigala will be available to answer any questions.

D.5. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Ismael Herrera

Ismael Herrera, Lead Executive, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.