



ITEM B

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 22, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
ZOOM CONFERENCE

Meeting Attendees:

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Chuck Winn (Chair)	SJ COG	Supervisor	San Joaquin
Dan Wright	SJ COG	Vice-Mayor	City of Stockton
Gary Yep	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of Kerman
Bob Smith	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Bakersfield
Cathy Prout (alternate)	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Shafter
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Vito Chiesa	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Jenny Kenoyer (alternate)	StanCOG	Councilmember	Stanislaus County
Doug Verboon	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Linda Launer (alternate)	TCAG	Councilmember	City of Dinuba
Dennis Townsend	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Tom Jordan (for Samir)	SJVAPCD	Senior Policy	SJVAPCD

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

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Supervisor Robert Poythress
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Mayor Rudy Mendoza
City of Woodlake

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Kern
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Kings County
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Madera County
Transportation
Commission

Merced County
Association of
Governments

Stanislaus
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A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Winn

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Winn announced that he is no longer on the San Joaquin COG board, which would remove him from serving on the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council. Chair Winn spoke about his time on the Policy Council and appreciation for all of the members and the successes they were able to accomplish as a collective.

Chair Winn opened the nominations for Chair.

Supervisor Robert Poythress, Madera county, was nominated for the position of Chair. No further nominations were received. Supervisor Robert Poythress was elected Chair by unanimous vote.

Newly elected Chair Poythress took lead of the meeting at this point and opened the nominations for Vice Chair.

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake, was nominated for the position of Vice Chair. No further nominations were received. Mayor Rudy Mendoza was elected Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

Vito Chiesa thanked Chuck Winn for his time with the Policy Council and appreciation for the value he was able to bring.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the June 26, 2020 Regional Policy Council Meeting minutes.

First Motion: Dan Wright
Second Motion: Vito Chiesa
No Nays
Motion Carried

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Executive and Water Committees

Chair Poythress

Update Membership

Michael Sigala requested to update the membership list to fill vacancies on both the Executive and Water Committees.

There was a motion to make the following appointments to the Executive Committee:

- Robert Poythress, Madera County (CENTRAL-CHAIR)
- Gary Yep, City of Kerman (CENTRAL)
- Dan Wright, City of Stockton (NORTH)
- Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto (NORTH)
- Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield (SOUTH)

- Alternate - Daron McDaniel, Merced County (NORTH)

- Alternate - Brett Frazier, Madera County (CENTRAL)

First Motion: Gary Yep
Second Motion: Rudy Mendoza
No Nays
Motion Carried

There was a motion to make the following appointments to the Water Policy Committee:

- Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake, Tulare County (CHAIR)
- Dan Wright, San Joaquin County
- Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto, Stanislaus County
- Daron McDaniel, Merced County
- Robert Poythress, Madera County
- Gary Yep, City of Kerman, Fresno County
- Doug Verboon, Kings County
- Bob Smith, Kern County

First Motion: Jenny Kenoyer
Second Motion: Dennis Townsend
No Nays
Motion Carried

2. Guest Speaker – Lee Ann Eager, California Transportation Commission

Chair Poythress introduced guest speaker Lee Ann Eager, who was appointed to the California Transportation Commission by Governor Newsom in June 2020.

Ms. Eager spoke about her background at the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation and with transportation. As a resident of the Central Valley for all of her life, Ms. Eager expressed her care and commitment to advocating for the Valley. She noted that her top priorities for transportation in the Valley are safety and completing the road systems. She welcomed the members of the Policy Council to share their priorities and issues with her.

3. Valley Voice Sacramento 2021

Gus Khouri

a. Discuss and approve draft state platform

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, discussed recent executive orders from the governor's office and spoke about how they correlate with San Joaquin Valley transportation priorities. He noted the governor's \$4.5 billion plan to invest into zero emission vehicle infrastructure and rebates for the purchase of electric vehicles. Gus went on to provide a detailed walk-through of the draft legislative platform:

- 1) Build Out the Regional Transportation System to Maximize Previous Investments
- 2) Pragmatically Address Air Quality and Mobility Goals Through Operational Improvements

- 3) Transit Funding Reform
- 4) Enhance Passenger Rail Infrastructure and Service

Gus welcomed questions and comments on the information provided, and further discussions ensued.

- b. *Discuss timing and “virtual” logistics for advocacy visit(s)* Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala suggested a Wednesday, March 3rd and Friday, March 5th or Wednesday, March 17th and Friday, March 19th meeting combination date for Valley Voice. There would be 2 hours of meetings on Wednesday, and then the meetings would resume for another two hours on Friday. Michael noted that Gus Khouri is actively trying to secure a meeting with the Governor. Chair Poythress recommended the meeting dates remain flexible in order to accommodate to the Governor’s schedule.

4. Finish the 99 System

Ted Smalley

Receive update on proposed regional coalition

Ted Smalley reported that a subcommittee of Directors was formed to bring together a coalition of organizations from different disciplines. The subcommittee has reached out to organizations such as the Valley Children’s Hospital, councilmembers and others. The goal is to bring together a coalition of a hundred organizations or more to voice their priority to finish the 99 system and apply pressure on Caltrans and CalSTA to solidify a financing plan and timeline for completing projects.

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 Director’s report

Diana Gomez & Dennis Agar

Diana Gomez noted Caltrans offices remain closed due to the pandemic. Diana reported traffic volumes are down compared to last year. Additionally, Diana spoke about Caltrans’ upcoming State Route 99 summit collaboration, the construction progressing on the 99, and homeless encampment efforts.

2. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

Dan Leavitt

Dan Leavitt thanked the Policy Council for their continued support of passenger rail and keeping the SJJPA as part of the Valley Voice effort. Dan discussed action items from the previous board meeting.

3. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) for Housing

Robert Phipps

Robert Phipps reported that all MOUs have been executed, and the 3rd application will be due in the upcoming week. There will be an upcoming REAP workshop on February 23rd.

4. California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley Eduardo Gonzalez

No update was provided.

5. Rural carsharing (MioCar) and mobile transit app (Vamos) Michael Sigala

MioCar in Tulare and Kerns counties is operating at about 60% due to the pandemic. 20 of the 27 EVs are currently on the road. The mobile app Vamos, which operates in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties, is integrated for travel amongst 10 different transit agencies. The mobile app allows for a fare payment and trip coordination between multiple transit agencies.

F. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors' Report Terri King

Terri King reported that the Directors meet monthly, and staff continues to work remotely during the pandemic. The COGs are all currently working on adopting their 2021 federal transportation improvement program and conformity documents. Also, the California Air Resources Board is continuing to review their sustainable community strategies from the 2018 regional transportation plan. Terri noted that the Regional Policy Conference has been rescheduled for May 2022.

2. Policy Council Member Comments

There were member comments.

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
Ben Kimball	TCAG
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 10
Dan Levitt	San Joaquin PRA
Patricia Taylor	MCTC
Diane Nguyen	SJ COG
Kristine Cai	Fresno COG
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Diana Gomez	High Speed Rail
Terri King	KCAG
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Stacie Guzman	MCAG
Meg Prince	Fresno COG
Dylan Stone	MCTC
Matt Fell	MCAG
Rob Ball	Kern COG
Jeff Findley	MCTC
Dennis Agar	Caltrans
Brett Frazier	MCTC
Alex Garcia	Mayor, City of Wasco
Lee Ann Eager	California Transportation Commission
Joe Neves	KCAG
Steve Dial	SJ COG
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans
Braden Duran	Fresno COG
Jennifer Solis	Fresno COG