San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors’ Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, December 2, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 7, 2021 Directors’ Meeting
   Ahron Hakimi

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus
   Ahron Hakimi

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
   Ryan Niblock
   a) Update and Discussion
   b) Renew Annual Air Quality Contract with Trinity Consultants

4. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates
   a) Federal, Washington D.C.
      Jen Covino
   b) State of California, Sacramento
      Gus Khouri
5. California Transportation Funding Updates
   - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)
   - Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)
   - State Transportation Improvement Program
   Ahron Hakimi

6. SJV REAP Program
   Receive Update
   Michael Sigala
   Robert Phipps

7. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference (May 11-13, 2022)
   Receive Update
   Tony Boren
   Michael Sigala

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote.
8. Caltrans Directors’ Report
   Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar
9. California High Speed Rail
   Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco
10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail
    Dan Leavitt
11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
    Tom Jordan
12. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)
    Michael Sigala
13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
    Eduardo Gonzalez

OTHER ITEMS
14. Director Items
15. 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 if Necessary

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2022 (Fresno/Zoom Hybrid)

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 7, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
ZOOM CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS

Ahron Hakimi – Chair
Diane Nguyen – Vice Chair
Patricia Taylor
Rosa Park
Tony Boren
Stacie Guzman
Ted Smalley
Terri King

MPOs
Kern Council of Governments
San Joaquin Council of Governments
Madera County Transportation Commission
Stanislaus Council of Governments
Fresno Council of Governments
Merced County Association of Governments
Tulare County Association of Governments
Kings County Association of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 2, 2021 Directors’ Meeting

Ahron Hakimi

There was a motion to approve the September 2, 2021 Directors’ Committee minutes.

First Motion: Diane Nguyen
Second Motion: Ted Smalley
Motion Carried
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. **MPO Activity During Coronavirus**
   
   Kern COG reported that they continue to conduct hybrid board and advisory meetings, and have physically closed its office on Fridays. Kern COG plans to incorporate new language reflecting Brown Act provisions at their upcoming board meeting.

   MCAG reported staff being back in person at the office. They have recently implemented a program offering employees who chose to share proof of vaccination an extra PTO day. MCAG noted that they view the program as successful, with 90% of their downtown office vaccinated.

   SJ COG reported that staff will be working from home through the rest of the year, and is optimistic on returning back to the office in January 2022. SJ COG noted San Joaquin County had zero new COVID cases in October.

3. **RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality**
   
   Ryan Niblock reported a staff call to discuss the progress of SB375 is being organized. Trinity Consultants is continuing to work on an off-model analysis spreadsheet to incorporate CARB guidelines for all eight valley MPOs. Additionally, Trinity is continuing to work on auto operating costs, as well as Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) for PM 10.

   Ryan also reported that EPA proposed approval of the current Indian Wells PM 10 Maintenance Plan. This action had been anticipated and therefore, the associated conformity budgets have already been accounted for in the conformity analysis spreadsheets and nothing new would be needed of staff.

   Ryan noted that CARB took action on new budgets for the annual 1997 PM 2.5 plan during their board meeting last month. Additionally, Ryan noted EPA proposed a partial approval and disapproval of the 24-hour 1997 PM 2.5 plan, meaning it proposes to determine that we have obtained the 24-hour standard and they can remove contingency measures associated with the plan since we have attained that standard.

4. **Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley**
   
   This item was removed from the agenda.

5. **State Route 99**
   
   This item was moved to the Directors’ closed session.

6. **Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates**
   
   **Washington D.C.**
   
   Jen Covino noted October 13th is the internal deadline to engage directly with the U.S. Department of Transportation on any pending RAISE grant applications. The senior review team is expected to pass up recommended applications to the secretary of transportation, who will then make recommendations for funding in early November.

   The House and Senate passed a bill continuing resolution to fully fund the federal government through December 3rd, and in addition to that funding, there are a number of provisions related to the recent wildfires and to water infrastructure. Jen noted dollar amounts for types of projects being funded, and encouraged MPOs to follow up at the state level for implications for the valley going forward.

   **State of California**
   
   Gus Khouri noted the October 10th deadline for Governor Newsom to sign or veto legislation. With regards to the Brown Act (AB 361), Gus reported that the author of the bill is looking at possibly doing
some cleanup legislation. Directors’ shared what they are doing to incorporate new language to address AB 361. Additionally, Gus reported that the legislature did not reach an agreement on the transportation budget package, however there are discussions to try and expedite some decision on a package in January 2022 contingent upon the condition of the budget and state of the economy.

7. **California Transportation Funding**

   **Program and Project Funding Updates:**

   - **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCAG & MCAG)**
     SJ COG reported that a ribbon cutting was held for the Port of Stockton’s Fyffe Avenue Grade Separation project. The project secured competitive funds from the first cycle of the trade corridor enhancement program. It is the first project in the trade corridor competitive program that has had a ribbon cutting.
   - **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
     There was no update provided.
   - **State Transportation Improvement Program**
     There was no update provided.

8. **SJV REAP Program**

   Robert Phipps noted the three cities to date who have requested technical assistance, and mentioned finalizing a technical assistance contract with HDR for a GIS based housing analysis. Michael Sigala reported that work on the Comprehensive Housing Report continues. A draft will become available in the upcoming weeks. Michael noted that HCD will be present at the October 12th TAC meeting to discuss how we can improve the methodology for allocating RHNA for the next year.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**

   Diana Gomez, District 6 Director, noted that October is national pedestrian safety month and they are encouraging everyone to get out and walk. Also, Diana noted they are kicking off a stormwater public education campaign and to be on the lookout for billboards and other advertisements. Diana reported that Caltrans has been able to deliver most projects despite the pandemic. She highlighted two recent events, a ribbon cutting in Madera County and a groundbreaking in Tulare County, for SR 99 projects.

10. **California High Speed Rail**

    Garth Fernandez, Central Valley Regional Director, noted that the legislature deferred action on the governor’s infrastructure proposal, which included remaining Proposition 1A bond allocation. Garth stated that they remain optimistic that the legislature will reach an agreement early next year. The remaining bond funds are needed to complete construction in the Central Valley. Garth noted that there is currently good construction progress being made, and further discussed the work that is underway in different areas of the valley.

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

    Dan Leavitt reported that during the September 24th board meeting, the board approved action to have San Joaquin JPA join the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council.

12. **San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**

    Tom Jordan noted they are continuing to work with CARB and EPA on SIP approvability issues and implementing the rules that are apart of those SIPs.

13. **Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)**

    Michael Sigala noted they are still working through the recall issue of the Chevy Bolts.
14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley  
E. Gonzales  
No report was provided.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items 
None.

16. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda 
No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:20 A.M

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

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Housing Technical Assistance to Valley jurisdictions is now available utilizing the following consultants:

- AECOM
- Mintier Harnish
- Precision Engineering
- QK (Quad Knopf)

Three cities have requested technical assistance to date.

A contract with HDR for a housing capacity and scenario development report related to the next RHNA cycle has been executed and a start-up meeting was held on November 16th.

Additional Valleywide work efforts utilizing our consultant bench include: 1) SJV ADU template development, and 2) SJV Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning. Both projects are underway.

Jurisdictions can request technical assistance via a web site portal: https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-technical-assistance/

Work efforts continue for the Comprehensive Housing Report. Policy analysis of barriers, trends and best practices is in process. Draft chapters are now available and a final draft report is scheduled for delivery in January 2022.

The final and third REAP funding application was provided to HCD in early November. It is still under review.

The monthly REAP TAC meeting was held on November 9th. Discussion centered on suballocation updates, RHNA coordination, and other updates.

The next monthly REAP TAC meeting will be held on December 14th. A presentation on the online “ADU Calculator” will be provided.

Monthly REAP workshop series:

The fourth workshop, RHNA, planning for the Sixth Cycle, was held on October 26th. There were over 60 participants.

The next workshop, Housing in the San Joaquin Valley, Challenges and Opportunities, was held on November 30th.

REAP Workshop Series: https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-workshops/