



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 7, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

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| 1. September 2, 2021 Directors' Meeting | Ahron Hakimi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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| 2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus | Ahron Hakimi |
| 3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
<i>a) Update and Discussion</i>
<i>b) Discuss Upcoming October 25th Meeting with ARB Chair Randolph and Deputy Executive Officer Segal</i> | Ryan Niblock |
| 4. Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley
<i>Discuss and Approve Critical Rail Projects</i> | Ted Smalley &
Diane Nguyen |
| 5. State Route 99
<i>Discuss Upcoming Meeting with Caltrans Chief Deputy Mike E. Keever</i> | Caltrans/Ted Smalley |

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6. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates
a. Washington D.C.
b. State of California
- Jen Covino
Gus Khouri
7. California Transportation Funding Updates
- *Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)*
 - *Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)*
 - *State Transportation Improvement Program*
- Ahron Hakimi
8. SJV REAP Program
Receive Update
- Michael Sigala
Robert Phipps
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote.

9. Caltrans Directors' Report
- Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar
10. California High Speed Rail
- Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco
11. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail
- Dan Leavitt
12. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Tom Jordan
13. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)
- Michael Sigala
14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
- Eduardo Gonzalez

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items
16. 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, November 4, 2021 (Merced/Zoom Hybrid)

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2021

ITEM 1

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

ZOOM CONFERENCE

Directors	MPOs
Ahron Hakimi– Chair	Kern Council of Governments
Diane Nguyen – Vice Chair	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 5, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Ahron Hakimi

There was a motion to approve the August 5, 2021 Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Stacie Guzman
Second Motion: Ted Smalley
 Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

A. Hakimi

Kern COG reported a well-attended technical advisory committee at Kern COG. 20 percent of Kern COG staff are in the office on a regular basis.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported that CARB submitted EMFAC 2021 to EPA for approval by the end of the calendar year. They (CARB) also submitted EMFAC 2017 adjustment factors for more immediate review and approval by EPA. The adjustment factors account for recently adopted heavy duty vehicle and engine regulations. We are not sure yet what that means for our results; Trinity Consultants will be testing both EMFAC versions to see where it leaves us as it relates to conformity. For 2022 RTP purposes, please proceed using EMFAC 2014. Valley staff is working on scenario planning for the upcoming RTP. Ryan and Trinity (Alex) will be organizing a staff call to further discuss.

Regarding Air Quality, EPA has signed a proposed rule to approve California's moderate area plan reclassification for the valley for 2012 PM 2.5 standards. The rule proposes approval of the 2022 post attainment year budgets, and thus moves the valley to a serious non-attainment classification for 2012 standards. This action will also disapprove contingency measures for the 2006 and 2012 plan.

Tom Jordan, SJVAPCD, further noted District staff is working with CARB to do an amended SIP submittal for PM 2.5 to address the partial disapproval from EPA. Contingency measures continue to be a challenge for PM 2.5. This is due to past and recent court findings. There was an Arizona lawsuit that basically found that contingency measures have to be measures that are triggered upon failure to meet the standard. You need new measures that are triggered upon failure to meet the standard. For the valley's ozone plan, the District submitted contingency measures, some of which are already adopted, and some that are triggered upon failure to attain. EPA had previously expressed through policy that the contingency measures had to offset the Regional Further Progress requirement. They changed that policy in the approval of the valley's plan, and the court found that they didn't provide an adequate description for the change in policy, and thus gave back the ozone approval back to EPA. EPA can now take a variety of actions. They (EPA) can show their work better and approve our contingency measures, or they can choose to disapprove our contingency measures. The court action didn't change the outcome, it just sent the ozone plan back to the EPA to re-evaluate. Environmental groups are interested in this court action.

4. Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley

T. Smalley & D. Nguyen

Ted Smalley reported that he and Diane Nguyen have received a lot of new project information and the project list has been updated. Ted noted this is an incremental process. He would like to discuss prioritization of projects based upon mutually agreed upon criteria. Projects in the right-of-way or construction phase are favorable, and limiting projects per agency was noted. Interregional projects are important too. Ted requested comments on the criteria mentioned. Ted suggested the desire to approve critical rail projects at the next directors meeting. Diane Nguyen added this is a strategic and tactical effort showcasing the needs in the valley. The project list represents the opportunity to "brand" critical projects with valleywide support. Ahron Hakimi noted the partnership needed with Caltrans to implement these projects. Discussion ensued about a workshop to further discuss and prioritize projects; ITIP and TCEP were further noted as funding programs to target.

5. 99 Summit / “Finish the 99” Coalition

T. Smalley & Caltrans

Ahron Hakimi noted the desire to meet with Mike Keever (Caltrans Deputy Director) before moving forward with a summit. Caltrans is in accordance. Diana Gomez (D6 Director) noted Mr. Keever is available to meet with the directors in the valley. Discussion ensued about location options for the meeting, Tulare was noted as optimal.

6. California Budget and Pending Legislation

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported the legislature come back into session on August 16th and will be in session until September 10th. He noted no new updates on the \$4.2B high speed rail budget appropriation item. CTC held a workshop regarding the upcoming SB1 cycle three competitive programs. AB 1147 is back in the assembly on a concurrence vote, meaning the vote is to take into consideration amendments from the Senate, it is expected to be approved and move to the governor for signature in the coming weeks. Ahron Hakimi asked about SB 9 and the likelihood for being signed. The status of the CAPTI letter to state legislators was noted. A select committee hearing to present SR 99 issues in the valley was discussed. Tony Boren noted the California Inland Port project as an excellent project that can coexist with our SR 99 improvement efforts.

7. California Transportation Funding

A. Hakimi

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- ***Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAg)***

Ted Smalley noted a \$16.7 million increase in the valley allocation as a result of our modeling efforts.

- ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***

There was no update provided.

- ***State Transportation Improvement Program***

Ahron Hakimi noted a 10 percent adjustment upward from their STIP share.

8. Valley Voice DC 2021

M. Sigala/J. Covino

Michael Sigala noted the pre-meeting call for September 9th. Jen Covino noted the valley earmark request letter she had prepared to submit to our federal delegation in advance of valley voice. She noted the ongoing discussion around including earmarks in the budget reconciliation process. Projects identified in the valley voice collateral materials were encouraged to be reviewed again by valley staff. Diane Nguyen noted she had additional projects in representative NcNerney’s district to include. Jen Covino noted the need to pass the federal budget by the end of September. The Infrastructure Bill and budget are items to continue to monitor. Michael Sigala reviewed the valley voice PowerPoint to be displayed during valley voice meetings.

9. SJV REAP Committee for Housing

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Robert Phipps noted the technical assistance to jurisdictions is up and running. He mentioned a fifth technical assistance contract under negotiation with HDR for a GIS based housing analysis. Michael Sigala noted components of the Comprehensive Housing Report are now in draft form and will be available soon. Michael noted the workshop series is ongoing and well attended. The central section of the American Planning Association is now sponsoring the REAP workshop series with AICP credit. A presentation at the APA retreat on REAP was noted. A valleywide ADU implementation contract was noted as underway with one of our technical assistance providers. Tony Boren asked about the status of technical assistance. There are three cities requesting support at this time, but once housing element updates become due, technical assistance needs are expected to increase. The timelines in REAP 2.0 were also discussed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Diana Gomez, District 6 Director, noted "Clean California" and pending funding availability. There was Clean California workshop yesterday, and one on October 7th. The draft guidelines are out. A call for projects will occur in December with applications due in February 2022. Awards are slated to be announced in March 2022. Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants (next round) is upcoming. ATP cycle six is also upcoming. Upcoming SR 99 ribbon cuttings were noted. Discussion ensued around litter pickup/Clean California in valley disadvantaged communities. Marlon Regisford, District 10 Deputy Director, noted a new district coordinator for Clean California. The draft Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan is out for public review. It is expected to be finalized in October.

11. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

No report was provided.

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Rene Gutierrez noted a fourth Stockton-San Jose train. The next SJJPA board meeting is on September 24th.

13. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

No report was provided.

14. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted a major recall of Chevy Bolts in the Miocar program. 17 of the 28 vehicles are out of service. They are negotiating with GM for options.

15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

No report was provided.

OTHER ITEMS

16. Director Items

None.

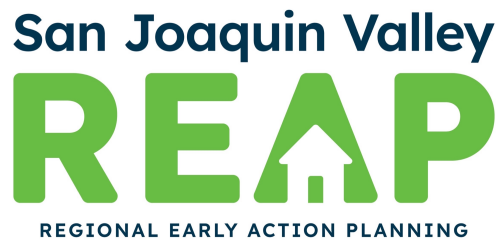
17. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:49 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Rene Gutierrez	Ace Rail/SJJPA
Braden Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Melanie Arriola	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Jen Covino	Simon and Company
David Gellman	Simon and Company
Sam Becker	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Evelyn Espinosa	Madera County Transportation Commission



**San Joaquin Valley REAP Update
October 7, 2021**

- 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 potential additional contract with HDR for a housing capacity and scenario development report related to the next RHNA cycle is being processed for contracting.

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.

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 will be available in the coming weeks.
- The monthly REAP TAC meeting was held on September 14th. Discussion centered on suballocation updates, RHNA coordination, and other updates.
- The next monthly REAP TAC meeting will be held on October 12th. RHNA is the focus of this meeting as certain counties have received their sixth cycle numbers.
- The monthly REAP workshop series has commenced.

The third workshop, **California's Prohousing Designation Program**, was held on September 29th. There were over 35 participants.

The next workshop, **RHNA, Planning for the Sixth Cycle**, will be held on October 26th at 1pm.

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