San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council

Special Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 21, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
Chair Poythress

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to Adopt Resolution 01-21-22 Making the Required AB 361 Findings for the Continuation of Teleconference Meetings for the Period January 21, 2022 – February 20, 2022.
   Chair Poythress

C. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Poythress

Enclosure
WHEREAS, all meetings of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (Policy Council) are open and public as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §§ 54950 – 54963) (Brown Act) so members of the public may observe, attend, and participate as the Policy Council conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, section 54953(e) of the Brown Act, as amended by AB 361, allows legislative bodies to conduct meetings using teleconferencing without compliance with the provisions of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain circumstances and the making of various findings; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with AB 361, any of the following circumstances must exist: (a) there must be a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; (b) the legislative body has determined, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, Cal/OSHA adopted emergency regulations, including section 3205, identifying physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19 but are most effective when used in combination; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recommends that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear face coverings in indoor public settings; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health requires that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear face coverings in indoor settings; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified the Delta and Omicron variants as the dominant strains of COVID-19 in the country, are more infectious and more transmissible when compared with other COVID-19 variants, may cause more severe illness, and fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in an alarming increase in the rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, thereby presenting an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees of Policy Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the San Joaquin Valley, the Policy Council desires to allow the continuation of teleconference meetings.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES POLICY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND FIND AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Recitals.** The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in full herein.

2. **State of Emergency.** Pursuant to the Governor’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency, issued March 4, 2020, there is a proclaimed state of emergency in the State of California.

3. **State or Local Measures.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and Cal/OSHA have recommended or imposed measures to promote social distancing and other measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

4. **Finding of Imminent Risk to the Health or Safety of Attendees.** The Delta and Omicron variants are the dominant strains of COVID-19 in the country, are more infectious and more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in a rapid and alarming increase in the rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations which will continue to cause conditions of peril to the safety of persons, thereby presenting an imminent risk to the health and/or safety of members of the Policy Council and attendees of Policy Council’s public meetings.

5. **Teleconference Meetings.** Due to the proclaimed State of Emergency and the state and local recommended measures to promote social distancing, the Policy Council finds they may conduct their meetings, whether regular or special, without complying with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), and shall comply with the requirements to provide public access to the meetings as set forth in Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

6. **Implementation of Resolution.** Policy Council staff are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act. The circumstances of the state of emergency and the related findings will be reconsidered every thirty (30) days.

**MEETING DATE:** January 21, 2022

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ROBERT POYTHRESS, CHAIR
San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council
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A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS
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B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   June 25, 2021 Regional Policy Council Meeting
   Chair

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   1. Valley Voice Sacramento 2022
      a. Discuss Draft Legislative Priorities
      b. Discuss meeting logistics
      Gus Khouri
   2. State Route 99 Summit – March 3-4, 2022
      Receive update and discuss Regional Policy Council
      Member participation
      Diana Gomez, Dennis Agar
      Ted Smalley
   3. Federal Budget and Policy
      Receive update and discuss 2022 priorities
      Jen Covino

Enclosure

Chair
Supervisor Robert Poythress
Madera County

Vice-Chair
Mayor Rudy Mendoza
City of Woodlake

San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tulare County Association of Governments
Fresno Council of Governments
Kern Council of Governments
Kings County Association of Governments
Madera County Transportation Commission
Mendocino County Association of Governments
Stanislaus Council of Governments
E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Individuals noted will be present to provide a verbal update.

1. Caltrans Director’s Report Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar
2. ACE/SJPPA Dan Leavitt
3. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Tom Jordan
4. California Inland Port Project Braden Duran
5. I-5 Freight ZERO Study Linda Urata
6. EV Car Sharing: MioCar, Vamos, STEP Michael Sigala
7. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference 2022 Tony Boren

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2. Policy Council Member Comments

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Next Regular Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, June 24, 2022.

There will be a February 25th 10am meeting pertaining to Valley Voice Sacramento.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

The public meeting location and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact the SJV Regional Planning Agencies at 559.266.6222, at least 3 days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the public meeting. At this time, all meetings will be conducted via Zoom.
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Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 25, 2021
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Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees
A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Poythress

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the January 22, 2021 Regional Policy Council Meeting minutes.

First Motion: Cathy Prout
Second Motion: Bill Zoslocki
No Nays
Motion Carried

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Amendment to the 2009 Formation MOU of the Policy Council

Michael Sigala noted the recent Executive Committee approval, on behalf of the Policy Council, of hiring legislative affairs firms to represent the Policy Council. This effort includes the SJ JPA. The SJ JPA has requested to be added to the membership of the Policy Council. The original 2006 MOU created the Policy Council. It was amended in 2009 to add the Air District. And the amendment item today will add the SJ JPA. Text revisions included in the agenda packet to the MOU and Policy Council bylaws reflect the addition of the SJ JPA.

First Motion: Gary Yep
Second Motion: Bill Zoslocki
No Nays
Motion Carried

2. California Fiscal Surplus

Gus Khouri provided an update on the state budget. The legislature on June 14th approved AB 128, the main budget bill and sent it to the Governor. Gus noted a major surplus in the budget and includes surplus funds from last year as well. $4.2 million for high speed rail in appropriation authority is a point of contention between the legislature and governor. Mr. Khouri further noted proposal scenarios for dealing with the budget surplus. Mr. Khouri noted $1 billion in transportation interest reserves as well that could go towards active transportation. Mr. Khouri noted that this likely to remain unresolved until September. In terms of CAPTI, highway capacity projects are at risk. The most problematic aspect is the focus on reducing vehicle miles travelled, which is problematic for the Valley. CAPTI is slated to be approved on July 15th. Rudy Mendoza noted the need to continue with our platform and to educate others on the impacts of CAPTI.

3. State Route 99

Chair Poythress noted the heavy truck use on SR 99. The four-lane highway was constructed in the 1950s. Since that time, the population of California has more than doubled. Chair Poythress noted frustrations with efforts to reduce widening projects in California. He noted Madera, Merced and Tulare counties working together on a “Finish the 99” effort. The Finish the 99 effort is a coalition building effort to advocate for safety and economic development improvements associated with SR 99. Discussion ensued about different stakeholders to engage in the process.
4. **Valley Voice DC**

Jen Covino mentioned the $1.2 trillion infrastructure package announced yesterday by the President. Ms. Covino mentioned the budget process for this FY includes earmarks. The surface transportation reauthorization process was also noted. Member designated projects have been announced by the House. The Senate is a little behind on rail and transit work. The surface transportation and water reauthorization is now the cornerstone of the President’s infrastructure proposal. Heading into September, the infrastructure package and budget are expected to move together. In terms of the Federal platform for the Policy Council, Ms. Covino recommended a two-part approach. First, Valley projects in the appropriation or budget process need to be highlighted. Additionally, RAISE grant applications should be included. Ms. Covino recommended the Policy Council highlight about five policy issues. She noted materials from Simon & Co. included in the agenda packet for more information.

Discussion of meeting logistics continued. Ms. Covino recommended a virtual visit again in mid to late September. Chair Poythress recommended the Directors further discuss this item (meeting logistics and timing).

5. **San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission**

Rene Gutierrez provided a letter of support for Policy Council approval for the North Lathrop Transfer Station and Lathrop Wye Project. The Rail Commission is requesting $25 million in RAISE funding for the $75 million project.

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6. **California Inland Port Study**

Tony Boren provided a brief update on the Inland Port Study. Fresno COG, on behalf of the Valley, is requesting $1 million in RAISE funding and is seeking Policy Council approval for a letter of support. Mr. Boren noted a recent Caltrans Planning Grant award to the project.

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7. **California Freight Advisory Committee**

Michael Sigala noted the California Freight Advisory Committee has a vacancy from the Valley. The Valley has two representatives, the Air District Executive Director and the MPOs assign someone. Dan Wright volunteered himself for this appointment.

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8. **Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2021-22**

Michael Sigala
Michael Sigala provided an overview of the Valleywide Overall Work Program for the upcoming fiscal year. He noted it includes a summary of coordinated activities such as highway funding, goods movement, modeling, etc. The $470k shared budget this year includes the new government affairs contracts.

First Motion: Dennis Townsend  
Second Motion: Dan Wright  
No Nays  
Motion Carried

9. Meeting Calendar for FY 2021-22  
Michael Sigala  

Michael Sigala provided a summary of key meeting dates for the upcoming fiscal year for approval.

First Motion: Gary Yep  
Second Motion: Gary Singh  
No Nays  
Motion Carried

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. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail  
   Dan Leavitt  
   Rene Gutierrez noted a fifth-round trip restored for the San Joaquins. Next SJ JPA Board meeting is July 23rd.

2. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
   Tom Jordan  
   Tom Jordan noted a virtual meeting next week with Valley federal legislators.

3. EV Car Sharing: MioCar, Vamos, STEP  
   Michael Sigala  
   Michael Sigala noted MioCar is expanding to Stockton as a result of a recent STEP award. VAMOS is up and running and will expand to Stanislaus County.

4. California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley  
   Eduardo Gonzalez  
   No update was provided.

5. Caltrans Director’s report  
   Diana Gomez & Dennis Agar  
   Michael Navarro, District 6, noted Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant Program and the high number of applicants this year. Next call for projects comes out in August. District 6 is aware of three RAISE applications from the Valley from Madera and Fresno, and the Inland Port Study. Marlon Regisford, District 10, noted the Active Transportation Plan under development. He also noted planning underway for the 99 Summit for mid-September.

E. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors’ Report  
   Terri King  
   Terri King reported that the Directors meet monthly to discuss many of the topics discussed today. CAPTI, I-5 Zero Freight Study, Household Travel Study, Conformity for the 2018 RTP, and the 2022 RTP Valleywide Chapter we some of the current topics noted.
2. Policy Council Member Comments
There were no member comments.

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Diane Nguyen noted a $1 million award to SJ COG from Clean Mobility Options program to bring MioCar into south Stockton.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:23 am.

Appendix: A – List of other meeting attendees.

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TO:          Board Members, San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
FROM:        Gus Khouri, President
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RE:          Draft 2022 Valley Voice Sacramento Legislative Priorities

Below please find a list of draft legislative priorities for discussion at the January 21, 2022 Regional Policy Council meeting. These priorities represent topics that have been discussed over the course of the year. Additional input and feedback is needed to further develop these priorities into a platform for our Sacramento “visit”.

Complete the 99
- Caltrans has recommended state funding in the 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program for three projects along Highway 99:
  o Livingston Widening Southbound Project
  o South Madera six lane Widening Project
  o Tulare City Widening Project
  o South Tulare 99 Project
- Funding for these projects will be before the California Transportation Commission in March.
- A Summit with CalSTA, California Transportation Commission, and Caltrans is to discuss prospective multi-modal options.
- **ASK:** We need legislators to participate in Summit and/or support adoption of ITIP funding.

Goods Movement
- Governor’s FY 22-23 proposes $1.2 billion for port-related high-priority projects that increase goods movement capacity on rail and roadways serving ports and at port terminals, including railyard expansions, new bridges, and zero-emission modernization projects.
- The Ports of Los Angeles and Oakland handle half of the nation’s imports and exports (40% and 10% respectively).
- The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the vulnerability of supply chain needs and inability to move goods in a reliable manner.
- The San Joaquin Valley plays a vital role in goods movement, with over 25% of nation’s produce being grown in the region.
• Development of an Inland Port, which would transport more goods via rail and reduce truck traffic, is critical towards improving air quality, and alleviating congestion and improving safety on Highway 99 and other key routes in the Valley.

• **ASK:** Secure $15 million in funding to initiate development of Inland Port concept by acquiring resources proposed in FY 22-23 State Budget.

**Passenger Rail**

• The FY 22-23 Budget proposes to exhaust the remaining $4.2 billion from Proposition 1A for the high-speed rail project.

• The Budget also proposes $2 billion for regional transit and rail investments to improve rail and transit connectivity between state and local/regional services, including projects on shared corridor routes.

• Rail investments are critical for the San Joaquin valley to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multi-modal options.

• **ASK:** Support the Governor’s budget which would assist ACE in acquiring resources to build out the system.

**Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure**

• The FY 22-23 Budget proposes a total of $10 billion over the next six years towards zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, school and transit buses, and incentives for ZEV purchases.

• The San Joaquin Valley has a disproportionate number of disadvantaged communities with lower population densities than other parts of the state and a lack of transit service. This makes travel by car essential/unavoidable for many Valley residents.

• Given the Valley’s air quality concerns and Highway 99 being a major north-south arterial, the Valley should receive priority for charging station installations and incentives for vehicle purchases.

• **ASK:** Support Governor’s Budget, ask for Valley to be a priority recipient.

**REAP 2.0 (housing)**

• REAP 2.0 is a $600 million state and federal investment to advance implementation of adopted regional plans by funding planning and implementation activities that accelerate infill housing and reductions in per capita VMT.

• This investment builds on the success of the 2019 Regional Early Action Planning grant program (REAP 1.0) which provided an initial round of $125 million in flexible planning funds to regional governments to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th cycle of the housing element, including regional housing need allocations.

• REAP 2.0 guidelines are under development by HCD with a completion date in late 2022.

• Like other state programs, guidelines will presumably be developed with a “one size fits all” approach to facilitate housing development in the larger metropolitan areas, and throughout California.

• **ASK:** REAP 2.0 guidelines need to contain flexibility and autonomy for regional needs specific to the San Joaquin Valley, including utilizing funding for capital development, infrastructure and predevelopment.
Save the Date!

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Discussing the Vision for State Route 99

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