



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. January 6, 2022 Directors' Meeting

Ahron Hakimi



DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

Ahron Hakimi

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
Update and Discussion

Ryan Niblock

4. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates

a) Federal, Washington D.C.

b) State of California, Sacramento

Jen Covino

Gus Khouri

5. Valley Voice Sacramento
Update and Discussion

Gus Khouri



6. 99 Summit

Update and Discussion

Ted Smalley &
Caltrans

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| 7. California Transportation Funding Updates | Ahron Hakimi | |
| ▪ Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG) | | |
| ▪ Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG) | | |
| ▪ State Transportation Improvement Program | | |
| 8. SJV REAP Program | Michael Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Receive Update | Robert Phipps | |
| 9. Annual Policy Conference, May 11-13, 2022 | Robert Phipps | |
| Receive Update | Michael Sigala | |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Listed individuals will provide a brief verbal update at the meeting.

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| 10. Caltrans Directors' Report | Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar |
| 11. California High Speed Rail | Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco |
| 12. Valleywide Household Travel Survey | Tony Boren |
| 13. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | Dan Leavitt |
| 14. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study | Linda Urata |
| 15. California Inland Port Study | Braden Duran |
| 16. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan |
| 17. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo) | Michael Sigala |
| 18. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | Eduardo Gonzalez |

OTHER ITEMS

19. Director Items
20. 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.

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Directors Only Closed Session

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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. December 2, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Ahron Hakimi

There was a motion to approve the December 2, 2021 Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Diane Nguyen

Second Motion: Ted Smalley

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

A. Hakimi

Kern COG reported an uptick in new cases. A couple of recent in-person meetings have been cancelled. Stacie Guzman with MCAG reported high numbers in Merced County. Diane Nguyen reported their work from home policy will end this month with a hybrid model moving forward. Patricia Taylor reported a hybrid approach to work and meetings. Ted Smalley reported a hybrid approach as well.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported an internal staff meeting for modeling and off modeling in regards to the technical methodology memo. He noted staff meetings to discuss meeting federal requirements related to the FTIP process. Ted Smalley wanted a RTP adoption date update next month.

4. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates

Washington D.C

J. Covino

Jen Covino reported congress has reconvened, and the implementation of the bi-partisan Infrastructure law has begun. She noted the continuing resolution funding the federal government until mid-February. She noted a few formula and discretionary programs at risk due to the budget. The Federal government in DC is working from home at this time due to Covid. Port Infrastructure Development Program NOFA is out now. She noted formula EV incentive funding is coming soon. Build Back Better had \$10 billion for high speed and other transportation-housing funding; however due to recent Senate action, it appears to not be moving. Ahron Hakimi mentioned Planning Emphasis Areas from FHWA and asked if they are to be included in OWPs. Michael Navarro from District 6 stated he would follow up on this item.

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported the Governor's FY 2022-23 budget will be coming out on Monday. It includes a \$32 billion surplus and a \$4.5 billion carryover that was set aside for transportation. There is also a large amount of federal funding in the budget. He noted nine members leaving the legislature. A discussion of Valley Voice Sacramento ensued, particularly in regards to the discussions that will already happen at the SR 99 Summit. Ted Smalley noted the need to meet given the new funding that is forthcoming.

5. Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley

T. Smalley & D. Nguyen

Diane Nguyen spoke of the SJV Branded Interregional Project List and the intent of taking the list to the Policy Council later this month. Stacie Guzman noted she would add project(s) from Merced as well. Ahron asked about the Delano-Pixley project. Patricia indicated she would further discuss the MCTC projects off-line.

6. California Transportation Funding

A. Hakimi

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- ***Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)***
There was no update provided.
- ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***
There was no update provided.
- ***State Transportation Improvement Program***
There was no update provided.

7. SJV REAP Program

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Robert Phipps and Michael Sigala provided a summary of REAP activities including technical assistance, the Comprehensive Housing Report, valleywide studies, final REAP funding application and monthly workshops. A short discussion ensued about REAP 2.0. Michael reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming REAP Committee for Housing meeting on January 21st.

8. Regional Policy Council

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming Regional Policy Council meeting on January 21st.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

A brief update was provided by Dennis Agar, D10. Mr. Agar noted the impact of Covid, staffing needs, appointments at headquarters, ATP cycle 6 workshop on January 11th, and Clean California on January 12th. Michael Navarro, D6, noted upcoming Sustainable Planning Grant applications, 99 Summit, and the upcoming corridor plan for SR 99.

10. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

No update was provided. Ahron Hakimi noted high speed rail funding in Wasco.

11. Valleywide Household Travel Survey

T. Boren

Tony Boren reported a contract going to their board this month.

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Rene Gutierrez reported a virtual January 28th upcoming board meeting. Ahron asked about marketing for SB 742 bus passes.

13. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study

L. Urata

Linda Urata noted a quarterly report coming out tomorrow. February 22nd showcase of the project results is forthcoming.

14. California Inland Port Study

B. Duran

Braden Duran noted the launch of phase three of the study. The Consultant contract approval is anticipated for this month. Additional project funded was noted.

15. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

Tom Jordan noted the new EPA Region Nine Administrator Martha Guzman.

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

M. Sigala

Michael noted he would email the update to the Directors.

17. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

No report was provided.

OTHER ITEMS

18. Director Items

Robert and Michael updated the group on the May 2022 Annual Policy Conference.

19. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:17 A.M

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 10
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin JPA
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Braden Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
David Gellman	Simon and Company
Jen Covino	Simon and Company
Sam Becker	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Evelyn Espinosa	Madera County Transportation Commission
Melanie Arriola	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10



ITEM 5

February 3, 2022

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee
FROM: Gus Khouri, President
Khouri Consulting LLC

RE: **Draft 2022 Valley Voice Sacramento Legislative Priorities**

Below please find a list of draft legislative priorities presented 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:
 - Livingston Widening Southbound Project
 - South Madera six lane Widening Project
 - Tulare City Widening Project
 - 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

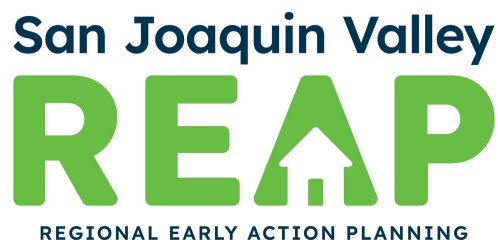
- The FY 22-23 Budget proposes to exhaust the remaining \$4.2 billion from Proposition 1A for the high-speed rail project.
- The Budget also proposes \$2 billion for regional transit and rail investments to improve rail and transit connectivity between state and local/regional services, including projects 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.**



REAP Update
February 3, 2022

- Technical Assistance to Valley jurisdictions is now available utilizing the following consultants:
 - AECOM
 - Mintier Harnish
 - Precision Engineering
 - QK (Quad Knopf)

Four cities have requested technical assistance to date. Jurisdictions can request technical assistance via a web site portal:

<https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-technical-assistance/>

- Additional Valleywide work efforts include: 1) SJV ADU template development (Precision Engineering), 2) SJV Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning (AECOM), and 3) Housing Capacity and Urban Footprint Scenario Development (HDR).
- Work efforts continue for the final ***Comprehensive Housing Report***. An Executive Summary was presented at the January 21st REAP Committee for Housing meeting.
- The final and third REAP funding application was provided to HCD in early November 2021. It is still under review.
- Valley MPOs continue to work on the sixth cycle RHNA (regional housing needs allocations) planning.
- Monthly REAP workshop series:
The next workshop, **California's New Housing Laws** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 1pm.

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

- The San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference is being planning for May 11-13, 2022 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. Housing speakers, panelist and tours will be provided.

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The Road Ahead



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