



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting ID: 831 4212 0437

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. February 2, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen



DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
Update and discussion

Ryan Niblock

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates
a. State of California, Valley Voice, March 29th
b. Federal

Gus Khouri
Jen Covino



4. SJV REAP Program
a. Receive update
b. Approve Housing Manager Contract Amendment

Michael Sigala &
Robert Phipps



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5. San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference (April 24-26, 2023)
Receive update

Yvette Davis

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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| 6. Caltrans Directors' Report | Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar |
| 7. California High Speed Rail | Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco |
| 8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | Dan Leavitt |
| 9. TradePort California | Simran Jhutti |
| 10. Valleywide Household Travel Survey | Kristine Cai |
| 11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan |
| 12. MioCar Car Sharing | 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, April 6, 2023

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2023

ITEM 1

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Hybrid - Zoom Conference and Tulare County Association of Governments

Directors	MPO
Ryan Niblock for Diane Nguyen – Chair	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Roberto Brady for Ted Smalley – Vice Chair	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman	Merced County Association of Governments
Monica Streeeter for Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi – Acting CHAIR	Kern Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 12, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen

There was a motion to approve the January 12, 2023, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Terri King
Second Motion: Patricia Taylor
 Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock noted off-cycle RTP amendments; Merced, Madera and San Joaquin are currently working on amendments. Ryan would like to know if there are any additional amendments. EMFAC 21 is being utilized for these amendments and Ryan emphasized testing model files with EMFAC 21. Regarding the SB 375 submittals to CARB, Ryan noted the timeliness of this matter. Ryan noted the ongoing 2018 PM2.5 SIP disapproval by EPA and potential impacts to project delivery. Terri King asked about coordination for model updates for the upcoming valley staff meeting.

3. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri noted the adoption of the Valley legislative platform. Regarding the upcoming Valley Voice Sacramento, Gus noted ongoing planning efforts and the need to find a separate day of advocacy on water, as requested by the Policy Council. The legislative deadline for bill introduction is February 15th. Mr. Khouri will be preparing a matrix of new bills. SB 1410, a California building industry bill on VMT calibrations was noted as being reintroduced.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted the impending Farm Bill and requested any related policy or funding requests. Jen noted DOT grant awards announced this week including the Safe Streets and Roads for All program in the amount of \$800M for 500 projects. Jen noted DOT holding back \$200M of this program for implementation projects. FTA just announced funding available for the Bus and Bus Facilities program and the Low or No Emissions Vehicle program. She noted earmarks for Senator Feinstein being due by the end of March 2023. Patricia Taylor asked about the Reconnecting Communities program funding announcements. Jen noted we should know in a couple of months.

4. SJV REAP Program

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Robert Phipps referenced the one-page program update in the agenda packet. He noted some of the current valleywide activities. Robert noted that HCD funding from the third application is still pending. A February 24, 2023, REAP committee is scheduled. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing workshops are being planned.

5. SJV 2023 Policy Conference (April 24-26)

Y. Davis

Yvette Davis provided a quick update. She noted registration is now on-line.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Michael Navarro, District 6, noted closures of highways due to storms. Clean California cycle two Call for Projects will be released on February 14th. Patricia Taylor asked about the RFP release for the SR 99 Multimodal Corridor Study; Michael noted it is in legal review now. Marlon Regisford, District 10, noted road closures, and Clean California Community Day March 25th.

7. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

Toni Tinoco noted a February 16th Board Meeting. A project update report will be provided at the meeting and will be sent to the legislature. Station design outreach in Merced, Fresno, Kings and Bakersfield is ongoing. Additional meetings for the Madera to Merced, and Shafter to Bakersfield segments are being planned. A press event announcing 10,000 construction jobs will occur on February 14th. Over 80 percent of HSR employees reside in the San Joaquin Valley.

- 8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
Dan Leavitt thanked the directors for their support of the Valley Rail program and the \$149M TIRCP award.
- 9. TradePort California (California Inland Port)** S. Jhutti
Tony Boren noted the CalSTA grant application. He noted 54 letters of support. He noted an upcoming webinar for the formation of the proposed JPA and candidate sites.
- 10. San Joaquin Valley Household Travel Survey** K. Cai
Kristine Cai noted the survey is well underway with recent outreach efforts focusing on transit riders. Completed surveys are starting to be returned. The survey is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2023.
- 11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** T. Jordan
Tom Jordan noted a number of EPA deadlines in the coming year that are concerning. At the end of this year, highway funding is at risk due to not meeting the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The district is working with CARB on this effort. Tom asked for a list of projects at risk if sanctions are issued.
- 12. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)** M. Sigala
Report was provided in closed session.
- 13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** E. Gonzales
No report provided. Terri King inquired about the vacancies on the Partnership board.

OTHER ITEMS

- 14. Director Items**
No items.
- 15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:53 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Jasmine Amanin	FHWA CA
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Melanie Arriola	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Jen Covino	Simon & Company
Yvette Davis	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Rene Gutierrez	ACE/SJJPA
Jay Halva	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Merced County Association of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Toni Tinoco	CA High Speed Rail
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments



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FROM: Jen Covino
David Gellman

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

SUBJECT: Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

DATE: February 24, 2023

Last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee issued guidance outlining the process for Senators to submit requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). Eligible accounts under nine of the twelve annual appropriations bills and guardrails to ensure transparency are largely similar to previous cycles. See the full guidance from the Committee below, which includes a comprehensive review of all eligible CDS accounts outlining account purpose, eligible activities, and program or project requirements, including statutory cost share requirements:

- [Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Website](#)
- [General Guidance on Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Requests](#)
 - [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies](#)
 - [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies](#)
 - [Energy and Water Development](#)
 - [Financial Services and General Government](#)
 - [Homeland Security](#)
 - [Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies](#)
 - [Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies](#)
 - [Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies](#)
 - [Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies](#)
- [Reforms and Regulations for Congressionally Directed Spending in Fiscal Year 2024](#)
- [Congressionally Directed Spending Requests: Additional Guidance for Fiscal Year 2024](#)
- [Additional Subcommittee Guidance for Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending](#)

The Offices of Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senator Alex Padilla opened their online portals and submission processes to receive FY 2024 CDS requests from stakeholders in California. The deadline to submit CDS requests to Senator Padilla is Friday, March 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) / 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). For each submission, stakeholders must complete one of the following request forms based on the eligible appropriations bill and account under which the funding is requested:

- [Agriculture](#)
- [Commerce, Justice, Science](#)
- [Energy and Water](#)
- [Financial Services and General Government](#)
- [Homeland Security](#)



- [Interior](#)
- [Military Construction and Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Labor, Health, and Human Services](#)
- [Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development](#)

Each submission to Senator Padilla's office must be accompanied by at least two letters or resolutions demonstrating community support for the project. The first letter must be from a local elected government entity representing the area where the project will occur, and the second letter must come from a regional elected government entity representing the area.

The deadline to submit CDS requests to Senator Feinstein's office is Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. PT / 10 p.m. ET. The Office has provided an online [request form](#) for stakeholders to complete submissions. The Senator also requires two letters of support from local and regional entities for each project.

In the House of Representatives, we anticipate that guidance from the House Appropriations Committee governing the FY 2024 Community Project Funding (CPF) process should be made available to the public during the last week of February or in the early weeks of March. We expect that there may be more stringent requirements for requests this cycle, and eligible accounts may also be subject to change. Representatives who choose to participate in the CPF process are expected to open their portals following the issuance of guidance from the Committee.

We will continue to share any new guidance or request forms from the House and Senate Appropriations Committee and the Central Valley Congressional delegation as they are made available. Please let us know if we can provide any support during the CDS and CPF submission process. We are also happy to answer to answer any questions you may have or provide additional information.

REAP Update
March 2, 2023

- **Technical Assistance** to Valley jurisdictions is available utilizing the following consultants:

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

12 jurisdictions have requested technical assistance to date: *Arvin, McFarland, Atwater, Kingsburg, Bakersfield, Clovis, Stanislaus County, Hughson, Stockton, Madera County, Madera, and Lodi.*

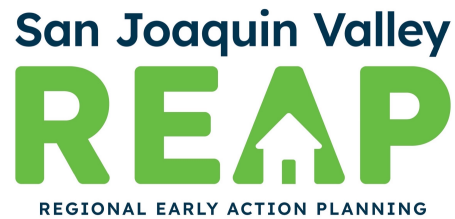
Jurisdictions can request technical assistance via a web site portal:

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

- **Additional Valleywide work efforts include:**

- Comprehensive Housing Report; status – complete and available on-line
- Housing Element Data Sets; status – complete and available on-line
- ADU Template Program (Precision Engineering); status – complete, ongoing TA.
- Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning (AECOM); status – complete and available on-line.
- Housing Capacity and Urban Footprint Scenario Development (HDR); status – pending, almost complete.
- AFFH Technical Assistance (Mintier Harnish with Rincon Consultants, Raimi with VTA, and Estolano); status – contracts complete, TA available.
- Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status – work in process.
- Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – work in process.
- Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier Harnish with Rincon Consultants); status-work in process.
- REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - **GIS Housing Capacity and Analysis Tools for the SJV** occurred on February 28th.
 - **AFFH Workshop Series** is scheduled for March 13, April 18, and May 16, 2023.

- **The final and third REAP funding application** has been approved by HCD. An amended master funding agreement has been received by Fresno COG and Fresno COG has submitted a 100 percent invoice to HCD for all remaining REAP 1 funding.
- **2022 Annual Report.** This item is in progress.
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on February 14th. The next TAC meeting is on March 14th.
- **SJV REAP Committee for Housing** held a meeting on February 24, 2023.



March 2, 2023

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

FROM: Robert Phipps, Fresno COG

RE: REAP Housing Manager, Sigala Inc., Contract Amendment and Extension

Summary: In October 2020, Fresno COG executed a professional services agreement with Sigala Inc. totaling \$314,900 over a 28-month budget period to serve as project manager for the San Joaquin Valley REAP 1 program. While the contract does not expire until June 30, 2024, the State Department of Housing and Community Development has extended the REAP 1 timeline one year.

Fresno COG is requesting approval to extend the contract and amend the budget. The new contract term date will be through June 30, 2025, at an additional cost not to exceed \$250,000. Funding will come from the Valleywide REAP budget to cover this expense.

Action: Staff requests the SJV COG Directors recommend to the Fresno COG Board approval of a REAP contract extension for Sigala, Inc. through June 30, 2025, at an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (AFFH)



AFFH Spring 2023 Workshop Series

March 13, Monday, at 1 pm

REGISTER

Veronica Tam, VTA

- *AFFH Requirements*
- *Technical Assistance Available*

April 18, Tuesday, at 1 pm

REGISTER

Veronica Tam, VTA

- *AFFH Outreach*
- *AFFH Site Selection Considerations*

May 16, Tuesday, at 1 pm

REGISTER

Brenna Weatherby, Rincon Consultants

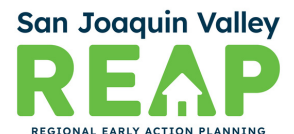
Winnie Fong, Estolano Advisors

- *AFFH Requirements*
- *Technical Assistance Available*

About AFFH and this Workshop Series


Affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. Every jurisdiction shall complete an AFFH analysis as part of its Housing Element Update process. Learn about AFFH and its requirements through our three workshop series specifically on AFFH. Attend one, two or all three workshops.

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- Housing and Social Equity
- Air Quality
- Valley Infrastructure Priorities
- Goods Movement

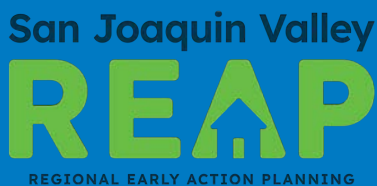


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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2023 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Blueprint Awards

Awards will be presented on April 26th at the San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference hosted by the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

Award Categories

Development Projects

On the ground, existing project that exemplify the Blueprint principles:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Downtown Revitalization
- Transportation Enhancement
- Historic Revitalization

Planning Project or Program

Recognition of sustainable and innovative planning projects or programs.

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Awarded to an individual who has shown enthusiasm and tenacity in promoting the Blueprint principles.

Outstanding San Joaquin Valley Elected Official

Awarded to an elected official who demonstrates great leadership and advocacy for promoting Blueprint principles.

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Nominations
Due March 31,
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