



## San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

### Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Enclosure*

1. April 6, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen



### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. Governor's Office of External Affairs

*Discussion with central California representatives Abigail Solis and Jose Verduzco*

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

*Update and discussion*

Ryan Niblock

4. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

*a. California*

*b. Federal*

Gus Khouri

Jen Covino



5. Regional Policy Council Meeting, May 5, 2023

*Review and discuss Agenda*

Michael Sigala

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6. SJV REAP Program

**Receive update**

Michael Sigala &   
Robert Phipps

7. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2023-24

**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.*

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. TradePort California

Simran Jhutti

12. Valleywide Household Travel Survey

Kristine Cai

13. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Tom Jordan

14. MioCar Car Sharing

Michael Sigala

15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Eduardo Gonzalez

### **OTHER ITEMS**

16. Director Items

17. Public presentations for items not on the 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, June 1, 2023**

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**ITEM 1**

Meeting Location:

Zoom Conference

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

*Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. March 2, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen

There was a motion to approve the March 2, 2023, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Rosa Park

Motion Carried

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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

### 2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock noted Sustainable Communities Strategies are still under review by CARB and he reminded everyone that this is an iterative process, hence send them what you have incrementally. There is concern over the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, and its impact to funding for valley projects like those in the TCEP cycle. Tom Jordan, SJVAPCD, noted a workshop for the SIP contingency measure package and ongoing communication with EPA.

### 3. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates

#### *State of California*

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reviewed the bill matrix in the agenda packet. AB 6 & 7 were noted with a watch position. AB 53, suspension of gas tax, is an oppose position. AB 650 would increase the board composition for the Air District, we are recommending oppose. AB 761 seeks increase transit ridership, support. AB 1335 is related to the RHNA projections based on DOF numbers, oppose. Several other bills were noted and discussed, including several bills to be discussed in closed session. Letters, as needed, from the Policy Council for bill positions consistent with the legislative platform were approved.

#### *Washington D.C.*

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted the community project funding requests (house) have been passed on to the appropriations committee. The congressional directed spending requests (senate) are still pending with today as the deadline for submittals. FHWA has released appropriation guidance for \$1.8 M from last years' community project funding requests. Ms. Covino announced current open solicitations for funding, including \$1B for Safe Streets for All due July 10<sup>th</sup>. Valley Voice DC 2023 was discussed in terms of attendees. It was decided that the ideal number of attendees would be two, one elected and one staff, from each COG. September 12-13, 2023, are the meeting dates.

### 4. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2023-24

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala provided a brief overview of the OWP and discussed categories in the report. Terri King suggested that the Valleywide Model and Joint Funding Strategies are categories for revision or deletion.

### 5. SJV REAP Program

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted technical assistance is ongoing with 13 jurisdictions requesting assistance. The RHNA Insights GIS tool is up and running. AFFH workshop series is ongoing. Robert Phipps noted the revised master agreement has been signed and returned to HCD. HCD will not allocate 100 percent of the remaining \$8.7M in REAP funds, we are hoping for 50 percent and will show encumbrances and expenditures in our 2022 annual report in order to expediate the release of remaining funds. Licensing arrangements for the RHNA Insights GIS tools were discussed.

### 6. SJV 2023 Policy Conference (April 24-26)

Y. Davis

Yvette Davis provided an update. Registration is closed and capacity has been reached. Sponsorships went well. Blueprint Award nominations were low, and the deadline was extended to April 12<sup>th</sup>. Other conference information was discussed.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 7. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Dennis Agar, District 10, reported on Clean California days across the state during the month of March. Mr. Agar noted Project Offramp in Fresno as a good model for addressing homelessness on the state highways. The SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan is planned to be awarded on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Caltrans headquarters and districts will do the evaluation for the SR 99 Corridor Plan bid award. The 2023-24 Road Safety Plan is out for review.

Diana Gomez, District 6, noted recent staff appointments. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, CalSTA and Caltrans directors will be in Tulare. Nine state routes are still closed due to the weather. 16 Sustainable Transportation Planning grants were received in District 6. Reconnecting Highways to Boulevards, May 9<sup>th</sup> workshop is upcoming. SR 99 (7-12 avenues) was funded at CTC last week.

- 8. California High Speed Rail** T. Tinoco  
No report provided.
- 9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt  
Dan Leavitt noted the SJPA Business Plan was submitted to CalSTA on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 10. TradePort California** S. Jhutti  
Simran noted they are working on entity formation to support the inland port project.
- 11. San Joaquin Valley Household Travel Survey** K. Cai  
Kristine Cai noted the survey is over and the consultants are cleaning up the data.
- 12. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** T. Jordan  
No report provided.
- 13. MioCar EV Car Sharing** M. Sigala  
Michael Sigala noted they are still trying to stabilize operations.
- 14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** E. Gonzales  
No report provided.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

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

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:37 A.M.**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 10
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Jen Covino	Simon & Company
Yvette Davis	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern COG
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Simran Jhutti	Fresno COG
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Dan Leavitt	SJIPA
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Ryan Niblock	SJ COG
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments



# Simon & Company

Intergovernmental Affairs  
11155 15th Street NW Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20005

**FROM:** Jen Covino  
David Gellman

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

**SUBJECT:** Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

**DATE:** April 28, 2023

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## **Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending**

As of today, Members of the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate have now disclosed all Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests submitted to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. This year, the House Appropriations Committee accepted CPF requests from Members in seven of the twelve annual appropriations bills while the Senate Appropriations Committee accepted CDS requests from Senators in ten of the twelve spending measures. We have provided links to the lists of requests from Members of the San Joaquin Valley Congressional delegation below for your review:

- [Senator Dianne Feinstein \(D-CA\)](#)
- [Senator Alex Padilla \(D-CA\)](#)
- [Congressman Josh Harder \(CA-9\)](#)
- [Congressman John Duarte \(CA-13\)](#)
- [Congressman Jim Costa \(CA-21\)](#)
- [Congressman David Valadao \(CA-22\)](#)
- [Congressman Jay Obernolte \(CA-23\)](#)

The House and Senate Appropriations Committee will now vet each lawmaker's requests and determine whether each project will be included in that chamber's spending bills. The Committees will announce their selections after the House and Senate spending bills have been drafted and introduced in each chamber. Securing the funding will then be dependent on the ability of lawmakers to reach a bipartisan and bicameral FY 2024 spending agreement. We will be sure to keep you up to date as the process continues.

## **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Implementation**

Federal agencies continue to issue solicitations for the first round of new infrastructure programs authorized by or supporting the goals of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (P.L. 117-58). The Administration has also begun to publish Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the second round of flagship programs established by the law. See below for a list of those opportunities organized by deadline with links to our grant memoranda summarizing each program as well as NOFOs and Program Websites:



- DOT FHWA FY 2022 and 2023 Charging and Fueling Discretionary Grant Program
  - [Grant Memorandum](#)
  - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
  - [Program Website](#)
  - Deadline: May 30, 2023
- DOT FHWA FY 2022 and 2023 Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Program
  - [Grant Memorandum](#)
  - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
  - [Program Website](#)
  - Deadline: June 26, 2023
- DOL ETA FY 2023 Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program
  - [Grant Memorandum](#)
  - [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)
  - [Program Website](#)
  - Deadline: July 7, 2023
- DOT FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program
  - [Grant Memorandum](#)
  - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
  - [Program Website](#)
  - Deadline: July 10, 2023
- DOT FHWA FY 2022 and 2023 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program
  - [Grant Memorandum](#)
  - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
  - [Program Website](#)
  - Deadline: August 1, 2023
- DOT FHWA FY 202 and 2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program
  - [Grant Memorandum](#)
  - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
  - [Program Website](#)
  - Deadline: August 18, 2023
- EPA Clean School Bus Grant Program
  - [Grant Memorandum](#)
  - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
  - [Program Website](#)
  - Deadline: August 22, 2023

Please let us if you know if you have any questions or would like additional information about any of these programs.

### **House Passes the *Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023***

On Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 217-215 to approve the *Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023* ([H.R. 2811](#)), a budget proposal that would increase the nation's debt ceiling in exchange for substantial cuts to domestic spending. Speaker **Kevin McCarthy** (CA-20) was able to successfully shepherd the package, staving off more than four Republican defectors by offering some policy revisions that alleviated concerns of his caucus. In a joint statement following passage of the legislation, Speaker McCarthy, Majority Leader **Steve Scalise** (LA-01), Majority Whip **Tom Emmer** (MN-06), Conference Chairwoman **Elise Stefanik** (NY-21), and Budget Committee Chairman **Jodey Arrington** (TX-19) asserted that "Our conference came together to pass the only plan in Washington that will tackle the debt ceiling, stop excessive federal spending and inflation, and put our country back on track for sustained economic growth."





The final bill text maintains original provisions that would permanently rescind unobligated funding authorized by coronavirus relief legislation; repeal the Administration's student debt relief plan and key provisions of the *Inflation Reduction Act* (P.L. 117-169); implement work requirements for some federal assistance programs; streamline environmental reviews for infrastructure and energy projects; freeze spending at levels adopted in fiscal year (FY) 2022; and cap future federal spending increases at 1% annually for the next decade. Those spending restrictions would force lawmakers to enact cuts across appropriations bills and discretionary spending accounts across the federal government, including healthcare, education, public safety, transportation, and housing assistance programs.

Here is a summary of key changes from Budget Chairman Arrington's three-page [manager's amendment](#), which offered the following policy concessions to maintain the Republican majority necessary to pass the bill:

- Rescind unobligated balances from several programs authorized by the *Inflation Reduction Act* including the following programs:
  - U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption and Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment (EIR) Program;
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program;
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program; and
  - National Park Service (NPS) National Park Deferred Maintenance.
- Restore biofuel tax credits authorized by the IRA;
- Expedite the implementation of work requirements for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) from FY 2025 to FY 2024; and
- Add new language to SNAP's "declaration of policy" or purpose to include "a purpose to assist low-income adults in obtaining employment and increasing their earnings. Such employment and earnings, along with program benefits, will permit low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing food purchasing power for all eligible households who apply for participation."

In response to the rescissions to coronavirus relief that are proposed in the *Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023*, House Appropriations Committee Ranking Member **Rosa DeLauro** released [analysis](#) of \$80 billion worth of unobligated balances that remain in the hands of the U.S. Department of Treasury, which would be subject to recapture if this bill were enacted into law. The document lists each account by federal agency and includes a summary of the impacts rescinding funding would have on communities across the country. Notable programs that would be subject to rescissions under this proposal include \$3 billion worth of Community Development Block Grant funding administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$6 billion worth of coronavirus relief administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) across the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

House Republican leadership urged President **Joseph Biden** to "come to the table to negotiate" because "continuing to ignore the problem is not an option." In response, White House Press Secretary **Karine Jean-Pierre** [stated](#) that "President Biden will never force middle class and working families to bear the burden of tax cuts for the wealthiest, as this bill does. The President has made clear this bill has no chance of becoming law." Although the Administration remains opposed to coupling a "clean" debt ceiling increase with any spending cuts, it seems that President Biden will soon have to resume negotiations with House Republicans in earnest. The Treasury is likely to



exhaust its extraordinary measures to meet its obligations sometime in June or July.



## San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council Meeting Agenda

**Friday, May 5, 2023  
8:30 a.m.**

The meeting will be held via video teleconference at the following locations:

**Kern Council of Governments**  
1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Fresno Council of Governments**  
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721

**Stanislaus Council of Governments**  
1111 I St., Suite 308  
Modesto, CA 95354

**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
210 N. Church St., Suite B  
Visalia, CA 93291

**Madera County Transportation Commission**  
2001 Howard Rd., Suite 201  
Madera, CA 93637

**San Joaquin Council of Governments**  
555 E. Weber Ave., Suite 400  
Stockton, CA 95202

**Kings County Association of Governments**  
339 W. D St., Suite B  
Lemoore, CA 93245

**Merced County Association of Governments**  
369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Merced, CA 95340

Members of the public may participate in-person at any of the above referenced locations or remotely via Zoom.

### Zoom Meeting Information

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Enclosure

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Poythress

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Poythress



January 27, 2023, Regular Meeting

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**C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

***Pending Legislative Bills***

1. Approve oppose position for AB 985
2. Approve oppose, unless amended, position for AB 6
3. Approve oppose, unless amended, position for AB 7

**D. OTHER ITEMS**

1. Regional Policy Council Member Comments

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Items above.*

**Next Regular Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, June 23, 2023.**

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May 4, 2023

ITEM C.1

The Honorable Chris R. Holden  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8220  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 985 (Arambula) – San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District: emission reduction credit system – OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Holden:

On behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council, I am writing to respectfully inform you of our strong opposition to AB 985 (Arambula), which would make significant and unsustainable changes to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District’s (SJVAPCD or District) offsets program and require an extremely resource-intensive review of emission reduction credits (ERCs) held by facilities in the District.

AB 985 would require CARB to conduct an extensive analysis of the Valley’s ERC banks for particulate matter below 10 microns (PM10), carbon monoxide (CO), and oxides of sulfur (SOx). This requirement does not recognize that ERCs are publicly noticed, and that CARB and US EPA review and approve every ERC prior to their issuance. Repeating work that has already taken place will not improve air quality. AB 985 also requires CARB to conduct an analysis for all permits in the District that use ERCs for oxides of nitrogen (NOx) or volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Per bill language, this review is required to identify emission reduction opportunities at each source, including the availability of Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT). Consistent with existing state and federal regulations, the District is already required to constantly re-evaluate emission reduction opportunities to satisfy BARCT, Best Available Control Measures (BACM), and Most Stringent Measures (MSM). As a result of these efforts, CARB and US EPA have repeatedly found that the District’s rules and regulations not only meet these requirements but are among the most stringent requirements in the nation. The significant amount of resources in time, staffing, and costs required to meet these new provisions will not provide improved air quality and could instead be better invested in other activities like providing incentives for much-needed reductions in mobile source emissions which make up the majority of emissions in the San Joaquin Valley and other parts of California.

Additionally, the changes that AB 985 proposes to the District’s rules governing how ERCs are calculated and utilized would also unnecessarily limit the availability of ERCs which are required for the permitting of essential public services such as hospitals, wastewater treatment facilities, electric power generation, composting facilities as well as new and expanded businesses.

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For the reasons above, we must oppose AB 985. In addition to being costly to implement, this bill will not assist in meeting air quality and public health protection goals. If signed into law, the precedent AB 985 sets is untenable, and will encourage other special interest groups to pursue similar, ill-conceived approaches that distort public health programs, undermine local control, and weaken the process through which California has realized decades of success reducing air pollution and protecting public health, while at the same time ensuring economic viability. We respectfully urge you to hold this bill in the Appropriations Committee. If you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Gus Khouri, at (916) 605-8975 or [gus@khouriconsult.com](mailto:gus@khouriconsult.com).

Sincerely,



Robert Poythress

Chair of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council  
Madera County Supervisor

cc: The Honorable Joaquin Arambula, Assembly Member, 31st District  
Members of the Appropriations Committee



DATE: May 5, 2023

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council

SUBJECT: AB 6 and AB 7, approve oppose, unless amended, position

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**AB 6 (Friedman)**

**Transportation Planning: regional transportation plans: Solutions for Congested Corridors**

This bill would require the State Air Resources Board, after January 1, 2024, and not later than September 30, 2026, to establish additional greenhouse gas emission targets for automobiles and light trucks, for 2035 and 2045, respectively. This bill would additionally require each Solutions for Congested Corridors project nomination to demonstrate how the project would contribute to achieving the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

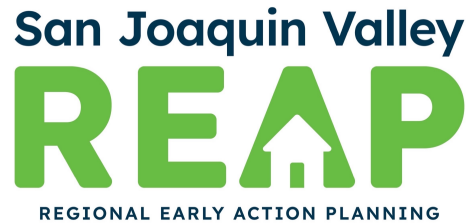
**AB 7 (Friedman)**

**Transportation funding: capacity projects**

This bill would require, on and after January 1, 2025, the project selection process for each transportation project that would be funded, at least partially, from specified funding sources, including the State Highway Account, the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Account, to incorporate specified principles. Principles include improving safety and resilience of highway system, accelerating environmental review through the One Federal Decision framework, making streets accessible compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, addressing storm runoff, electric vehicle charging stations, and reconnecting disadvantaged communities in the planning, projects election, and design process. The bill would require the agency, on or before January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, to submit a report to the Legislature on how those transportation projects that were completed during the prior year incorporated those principles.

***Requested Action:***

1. Approve an oppose, unless amended, position for AB 6
2. Approve an oppose, unless amended, position for AB 7



**REAP Update  
May 4, 2023**

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

- AECOM
- Mintier Harnish
- Precision Engineering
- QK (Quad Knopf)
- Rincon Consultants (AFFH)
- VTA (AFFH)
- Estolano (AFFH)

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; status – complete, ongoing TA.
- Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning; status – complete and available on-line.
- RHNA Insights GIS Tool (HDR); status – complete, licensing arrangements are pending.
- Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status – work in process.
- Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – work in process.
- Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier/Rincon Consultants); status- work in process.
- REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
  - **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 signed by Fresno COG, and Fresno COG is in discussions with HCD to allow for a 50 percent invoice for all remaining REAP 1 funding.

- **2022 Annual Report.** Submitted April 13, 2023.

- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The next TAC meeting is on May 9<sup>th</sup>.