



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

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2022**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting ID: 846 6678 1058  
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. September 1, 2022, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen



### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity Related to COVID 19

Diane Nguyen

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

Ryan Niblock

4. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates  
**a) State of California**  
**b) Federal - Valley Voice DC follow up**

Gus Khouri  
Jen Covino

5. 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. 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. California Inland Port Study                       | Tony Boren                  |
| 10. Valleywide Household Travel Survey                | Kristine Cai                |
| 11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan                  |
| 12. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo) | 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 to discuss the California Inland Port Project and the upcoming October 21<sup>st</sup> Regional Policy Council meeting***

### **Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2022**

*Joint ARB/CTC/HCD meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am – need to discuss time/date for Directors meeting*

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2022

ITEM 1

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Zoom Conference

Directors	MPO
Diane Nguyen – Chair	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ted Smalley – Vice Chair	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman	Merced County Association of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
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. August 4, 2022, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen

There was a motion to approve the August 4, 2022, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Ted Smalley

Motion Carried

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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

### 2. MPO Activity Related to COVID 19

D. Nguyen

Ahron Hakimi reported in-person meetings at Kern COG.

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

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported the SCS data tables are being submitted to CARB for review.

Quantitative Hot Spot analysis (EPA) was brought up for discussion. Conformity analyses are done on a region wide basis, however as non-exempt projects move through the environmental review process, project sponsors will need to provide project level air quality clearance. Most of the time, AQ impacts are below a threshold of a project not being an AQ concern. In Merced, Atwater-Merced Expressway, the project was not given an AQ clearance, and will require a more detailed AQ analysis. The result of the analysis and mitigation still identifies the project as being an AQ concern. Hence, this will also impact a number of valley projects in the future. Ms. Guzman noted the project is a long standing priority for the Merced region. She is in ongoing discussions with EPA about the project and is recommending that this item is added to the valley voice platform. Discussion ensued. Kern COG shared success they had for mitigating the AQ concern for the Centennial Freeway. StanCOG also reported a mitigating strategy for SR 132. Chair Nguyen reiterated the importance of the item and requested that the topic be further researched and refined in order to establish an “ask” for our legislators. Mr. Niblock added that revisiting the guidance could be the ask. It was collectively decided that a working group of staff, led by Stacie, Ryan and the air district, will get together and pull together talking points for this item for a robust discussion with EPA, led by MCAG.

### 4. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates

#### *Washington D.C.*

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted valley voice meetings on Tuesday (9/20) and Wednesday (9/21) only. She also noted the Inflation Reduction Act; \$369B going to climate and energy, \$2B for low carbon transportation grants, \$27B EPA for a greenhouse gas reduction fund, alternative fuel tax credit extensions, and other funding opportunities.

Ms. Covino asked for specific information related to the valley voice platform. Michael Sigala reviewed additional information pertaining to the valley voice trip. Tom Jordan noted air quality items he would provide in advance of the trip.

#### *State of California*

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported the legislature concluded the regular session this morning. He noted AB 2438 (Freidman) was passed, we will be recommending a veto to the governor. AB 2550 (Arambula) was passed, again we will be recommending a veto. AB 846 (Dodd) keeping the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant open was passed. Bill Higgins, CalCOG, noted that ARB GHG 2030 numbers will be increasing. ARB has asked staff to increase VMT reduction targets by about ten percent. Mr. Higgins noted Assemblymember Friedman will be holding hearings regarding SB 375 reform. There is a national GHG reduction target pending; the four large MPOs are writing a letter that Bill will share.

### 5. SJV REAP Program

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Robert Phipps reviewed the Housing Laws Guide that was recently finalized. Additionally, we have rewarded bid contracts for four additional valleywide work efforts. A lot of effort is going into technical assistance for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. HCD has approved the third and final REAP 1.0 funding application for \$8.7 million; we are still waiting for the contract from HCD. Michael Sigala reported on the workshop this week on annexations, and the upcoming workshop on ADU implementation.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 6. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Michael Navarro, District 6, reported \$100m in an upcoming cycle for Clean California. Reconnecting Communities, Safe Streets for All, TCEP applications are due in the month October. Planning Grants draft guidelines are near complete. SR 99 Comprehensive Corridor Plan, the RFP is almost done. Marlon Regisford, District 10, reported all Districts are expected to complete a Road Safety Action Plan to be completed by December of this year. \$1B will be available for the Active Transportation Program. Equity Advisory Committee, there is a call for applicants.

### 7. California High Speed Rail

G. Fernandez

Garth Fernandez reported 190 miles under construction. They are on schedule to complete the 22-mile Tulare County line to Wasco segment next year. South of Fresno to Tulare County, 11 crossings are near completion. The HSR Board recently approved contracts for Merced and Bakersfield design work. Also, the environmental review for San Jose to San Francisco has been approved. RAISE funding from last year went into Merced area planning.

### 8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

R. Gutierrez

Rene Gutierrez reported a rail commission meeting tomorrow. JPA Board meeting is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 9. California Inland Port Study

T. Boren

Tony Boren reported Fresno COG is meeting with COGs individually to discuss planned and operational goods movement projects. He noted \$300M in CA funding for innovative projects, like this one. He asked for assistance in identifying social justice groups in each county of the valley for outreach.

### 10. San Joaquin Valley Household Travel Survey

K. Cai

Kristine Cai noted she is working with valley housing authorities for outreach. She also reported that Caltrans is reviewing the KCAG P&L funding request to utilize surplus funding for this planning effort.

### 11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

No report provided.

### 12. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted 15 vehicles in operation. Stockton STEP work/integration is ongoing with three new vehicle purchases. The final report for Ecosystems is out for review.

### 13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

No report provided.

## OTHER ITEMS

### 14. Director Items

Tony Boren asked about the next Policy Council meetings, there is a provisional meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The status of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was discussed. Terri King asked for a sample agreement for REAP I efforts.

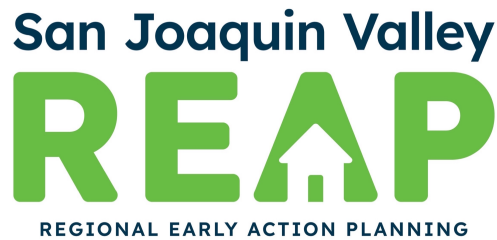
### 15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

No public comment.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 A.M.**

**Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants**

<b>Individual</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Melanie Arriola	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Jen Covino	Simon and Company
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Evelyn Espinosa	Madera County Transportation Commission
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Garth Fernandez	CA High Speed Rail
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority/ACE
Elizabeth Hahn	StanCOG
Aly Hernandez	Simon and Company
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc



**REAP Update  
October 6, 2022**

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

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

Five 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:**

- ADU Template Program (Precision Engineering); status – near completion
- Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning (AECOM); status – complete, update pending.
- Housing Capacity and Urban Footprint Scenario Development (HDR); status - pending
- AFFH Technical Assistance (Mintier Harnish with Rincon Consultants, Raimi with VTA, and Estolano); status – pending
- Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status - pending
- Inclusion Housing Analysis (EPS); status - pending
- Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier Harnish with Rincon Consultants); status-pending

- The ***Comprehensive Housing Report*** is completed and a web landing page for online resources from the housing report, like jurisdictional data sets, has been established. HCD has finally approved the jurisdictional data set templates and the data sets were completed in August and provided to all Valley jurisdictions.
- **The final and third REAP funding application** has been approved by HCD. We are awaiting the contract from HCD.
- **Valley MPOs** continue to work on the **sixth cycle RHNA** (regional housing needs allocations) planning. Allocations to jurisdictions are occurring in several counties. The September **REAP TAC** meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The next TAC meeting is on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **REAP workshop series:**  
The next workshop is on **ADU Implementation**, scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

# WORKSHOP IMPLEMENTING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Program  
Housing Workshop Series



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022**  
**1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM**  
**VIRTUAL - ZOOM (FREE)**

AICP CM Credits Pending

**REGISTER HERE:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ADUwebinar>

## About the Workshop

A free Virtual Workshop to learn about implementing accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in the San Joaquin Valley. The workshop will serve as a “Part 2” to the [SJV REAP Housing Workshop: ADUs in the San Joaquin Valley](#) that was held in August 2021. The workshop will cover practical tips to implementing ADUs in your jurisdiction and will introduce a suite of tools created specifically for Valley communities through the SJV REAP Valley wide ADU Program including ADU ordinance template, standard ADU plans and elevations, and informational handouts and guides. The workshop will also introduce a new opportunity for technical assistance to customize the suite of tools for your jurisdiction.

## Speakers





**Bonique Emerson, MAUP, AICP**  
*Precision Civil Engineering, Inc.*



**Jenna Chilingerian, MCRP, AICP**  
*Precision Civil Engineering, Inc.*



## Learning Objectives

-  To understand the basics of ADUs and the many resources available through the SJV REAP Valley wide ADU Program.
-  To comprehend how state-level ADU reform influences local ADU law, specifically for ADUs within single-family residential zones.
-  To identify barriers to ADU development and recognize the role that jurisdictions can play in finding solutions to those barriers.
-  To discover practical tools and approaches to implementing ADUs.

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