



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. January 12, 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. *Discuss February REAP Committee Meeting*

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. California Inland Port Study | Simran Jhutti |
| 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: *Calvans and Miocar follow up*

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 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. December 1, 2022, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen

There was a motion to approve the December 1, 2022, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Stacie Guzman

Second Motion: Ted Smalley

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported that the RTP/SCS data tables have been submitted to CARB. Regarding the PM2.5 SIP withdrawal, Valley COGs have been coordinating with the Air District and timing on project delivery is not problematic at this time. Ryan requested info on any RTP amendments as this might impact project delivery.

3. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri noted a 75 percent democratic control of both houses. The Governor's budget was released on January 10th. He noted that the deficit previously reported shouldn't be an issue at this time due to the rainy-day fund. For transportation, he noted \$4B for transit capital (STA) was reduced to \$2B. Active transportation received general funds last year, this year the highway account will back fill active transportation. The indirect cost rate cap is now expired and the self-help counties coalition is working on this. Valley Voice Sacramento is March 29th, in-person. Gus noted \$951 million in the rainy-day fund that is slated for infrastructure investments that we should look into. A letter of support for Valley Link and the SJJPA for TIRCP funding was discussed.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted the new congress and Speaker McCarthy's new staff. In terms of the Omnibus Budget Act for 2023, it included \$15.3B for over 7,000 earmark requests which included \$42.4M for valley projects. The newly approved House Rules does not limit the ability to maintain earmarks, however the process appears to be more difficult moving forward. She noted the NOFA funding calendar is out. The Madera rural surface transportation grant was noted, and other grant award announcements are pending.

4. Regional Policy Council Meeting, January 27, 2023

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reviewed agenda items for the upcoming Policy Council meeting. A short discussion ensued; membership was discussed.

5. SJV REAP Program

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted an uptick in technical assistance requests mostly related to ADU assistance. He noted other valleywide activities including new assignments for condo construction, SGMA and inclusionary housing (Ripon, McFarland, Clovis, Visalia and Stockton are proposed case studies). Robert Phipps noted that Fresno COG has submitted the final REAP invoice for \$8.75M to HCD. A short discussion ensued about AFFH technical assistance. A late February 2023 REAP committee is being planned; membership was discussed.

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

Y. Davis

Diane Nguyen provided a quick update. A workshop meeting for next week was mentioned. Blueprint Awards were noted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Dennis Agar, District 10, noted road closures due to the recent rain and snow storms. He noted a March 25th Clean California day throughout California. Michael Navarro, District 6 Assistant Director, noted road closures, Planning Grant applications are due March 9th, and pending RAISE grant applications were noted.

- 8. California High Speed Rail** T. Tinoco
Toni Tinoco reported the opening of a number of structures, Fowler/Adams, Kings County. A RFQ for station delivery support was released. HSR was at the TRB conference this past week.
- 9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
Dan Leavitt reported increased ridership during the holidays; about 80 percent compared to pre-COVID. The business plan update will be presented at the upcoming board meeting. A TIRCP and RAISE application are pending. The Tulare, Kings and Fresno COG planning grant for the Kings-Tulare HSR station planning and Cross Valley was noted.
- 10. California Inland Port Study** S. Jhutti
Tony Boren noted the pending CalSTA grant application. The project is now renamed Trade Port California.
- 11. San Joaquin Valley Household Travel Survey** K. Cai
Kristine Cai noted the survey is well underway with recent outreach efforts focusing on transit riders. The survey is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2023.
- 12. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** T. Jordan
No report provided.
- 13. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)** M. Sigala
Michael Sigala reported work on the strategic business plan.
- 14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** E. Gonzales
No report provided. Patricia Taylor inquired about the vacancies on the Partnership board.

OTHER ITEMS

- 15. Director Items**
Patricia Taylor noted a pending RAISE grant letter of support for the Policy Council.
- 16. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:07 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 10
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Melanie Arriola	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Jasmine Amanin	FHWA CA
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Emma Goldsmith	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Hahn	Madera County Transportation Commission
Simran Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt	ACE/SJJPA
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council 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

REAP Update
February 2, 2023

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

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

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

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 – complete, ongoing TA.
- Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning (AECOM); status – complete.
- 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.

- 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.
- **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.
- **Valley MPOs** continue to work on the **sixth cycle RHNA** (regional housing needs allocations) planning. Allocations to jurisdictions have occurred in all 8 counties. The January **REAP TAC** meeting was held on January 10th. The next TAC meeting is on February 14th.
- **REAP workshop series:**
A workshop on ***GIS Housing Capacity and Analysis Tools for the SJV*** is scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 1pm.



SAVE THE DATE

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY POLICY CONFERENCE



JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ
Keynote Speaker

José Hernández: Former NASA astronaut, aerospace consultant, motivational speaker, and founder of Reaching for the Stars Foundation.

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

- Innovative Transportation Projects
- Housing and Social Equity
- Air Quality
- Valley Infrastructure Priorities



APRIL 24-26, 2023
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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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