



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 1, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. May 4, 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. California
b. Federal

Gus Khouri
Jen Covino



4. Regional Policy Council Meeting, June 23, 2023
Review and discuss agenda items

Michael Sigala

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Ted Smalley - Vice Chair

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| 5. SJV REAP Program
<i>a. Receive update</i>
<i>b. Discuss agenda items for June 23, 2023, REAP Committee meeting</i> | Michael Sigala &
Robert Phipps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2023-24
<i>Consider approving in concept, budget revisions needed.</i> | Michael Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Fiscal year 2023-24 meeting calendar
<i>Review and approve</i> | Michael Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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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| 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 – Discuss Valleywide budget/contracts for FY 2023-24

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023 (tentative)

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2023

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. April 6, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Diane Nguyen

There was a motion to approve the April 6, 2023, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Ted Smalley

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. Governor's Office of External Affairs

Abigail Solis, Central Valley representative with the Governor's Office of External Affairs, provided an overview of the functions of the office. It includes coverage for 13 counties, and it is located in the state building in downtown Fresno. She encouraged ongoing coordination with their office for valleywide planning, project and legislative issues.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock noted approval of the 2022 SCSs and the implication for funding of SB1 projects. He noted the disapproval of the 2018 PM2.5 contingency measures as an ongoing concern. Funding sanctions will occur in December 2023 if a resolution is not attained. Ted Smalley asked for a one-page summary of the EPA sanction issue. Tom Jordan, SJVAPCD, noted ongoing communication with EPA and federal legislators. EPA is releasing a FIP in the summer of 2023 which could impact the sanction issue.

4. Budget, Policy and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported on the state May Revise budget. The current deficit is \$27 billion, but the actual number will not be known until the fall of 2023. TIRCP awards have been announced. There are some discussions about a state bond for transportation. AB 6 & 7 are placeholder bills and there are working groups for these bills with recommendations pending. Bill Higgins, CalCOG, noted AB 6 will now focus on a VMT mitigation bank concept. AB 1525 (Bonta) is proposing to take transportation funding and targeting the funds towards transit. Terri King asked about SB 84 (Gonzalez), restricting use of the Clean Transportation program.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted congressional discussions about the debt limit. The limit could be reached by June 1, 2023. There are still several billions of dollars of Covid relief funding in several departments that may be rescinded due to the ongoing debt limit issue. The bulk of cuts will need to come from discretionary accounts, proposed 20 percent reductions from FY 2022. The community project funding requests (house) and congressional directed spending requests (senate) have been submitted. These are at risk for reductions too. Discussion ensued about the logistics of getting project funding requested into the appropriate portals.

5. Regional Policy Council Meeting, May 5, 2023

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted the Policy Council meeting for tomorrow. He noted the Brown Act requirements and quickly reviewed the agenda items.

6. 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 with licensing pending. AFFH workshop series is ongoing. Robert Phipps noted he spoke with Paul McDougal at HCD about the last round of REAP funding of \$8.7 million. Robert noted the 2022 REAP Annual Report as satisfying the HCD request to better understand expenditures or encumbrances to date. Robert Phipps reported that HCD is ok with providing up to 50 percent of the available remaining funding, roughly \$4.35 million. Bill Higgins, CalCOG, noted the revamping RHNA process has begun.

7. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2023-24

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted the draft of the document is still ongoing and is projected to be approved at the June Directors' meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 8. Caltrans Directors' Report** D. Gomez/D. Agar
Michael Navarro, District 6, noted a recent bridge groundbreaking in Madera. There are still seven routes closed due to the winter storm damage. Clean CA grant program application deadline has been extended to May 31st. Highways to Boulevards funding workshop is upcoming on May 9th. US DOT Reconnecting Communities NOFA is pending. Safe Streets for All funding deadline is May 19th. The SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan; award announcement is pending.
- 9. California High Speed Rail** T. Tinoco
Victor Diaz noted FRA is in town and meeting with HSR management staff. Flooding in Tulare County is impacting planning/implementation in those areas. Station design outreach has started. Board meeting is next week, May 11th.
- 10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
No report provided.
- 11. TradePort California** S. Jhutti
Tony Boren noted they are still waiting to hear from the state about funding.
- 12. San Joaquin Valley Household Travel Survey** K. Cai
Kristine Cai noted the survey is over and the consultants will present the results to Directors at their June meeting.
- 13. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** T. Jordan
No report provided.
- 14. MioCar EV Car Sharing** M. Sigala
Michael Sigala noted they are still trying to stabilize operations; they are looking at AB 617 funding opportunities to expand programming in Shafter.
- 15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** E. Gonzales
No report provided.

OTHER ITEMS

- 16. Director Items**
Diane Nguyen thanked the group for participating in the Conference and noted photos are posted.
- 17. Public Presentations for Items not on the Agenda**
No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:13 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association 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
Victor Diaz	CA High Speed Rail
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Simran Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Steven Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Ryan Niblock	SJ COG
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus 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: May 26, 2023

As we noted in our last update, Members of the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate have now disclosed all Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests submitted to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for potential inclusion in FY 2024 appropriations legislation. We have provided links to the full 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 \(CA-23\)](#)

See below for a full list of surface transportation and water infrastructure projects requested by the Congressional delegation on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and their member jurisdictions for potential inclusion in the FY 2024 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (T-HUD) and Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies spending bills. Projects sponsored by the Planning Agencies are highlighted for your consideration.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Recipient Name: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
Project Purpose: Funds would be used to expand the Altamont Corridor Express from Natomas to Ceres to run over new tracks by installing Positive Train Control (PTC) systems on Modesto & Empire Terminal (M&ET) rolling stock.
Project Location: Stockton CA
Amount Requested: \$1 million

Recipient Name: City of Gustine
Project Purpose: Funds would be used to renovate the Gustine Community Wellness Center
Project Location: Gustine CA
Amount Requested: \$1.5 million



Recipient Name: City of Modesto

Project Purpose: Funds would be used to strengthen Yosemite Community College's Columbia College Fire Technology Program by constructing a new regional training facility and upgrading its technology and equipment.

Project Location: Modesto CA

Amount Requested: \$1.5 million

Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA)

Recipient Name: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

Project Purpose: Funds for a project would enable expanded Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) from Natomas to Ceres to run over new tracks by installing Positive Train Control (PTC) systems, and ensuring appropriate employee training and rail safety practices required to host new passenger rail service.

Project Location: County of San Joaquin CA

Amount Requested: \$2.812 million

Recipient Name: Stanislaus Council of Governments

Project Purpose: Funding for a project to improve transportation and goods movement in the Central Valley along SR-132.

Project Location: Stanislaus CA

Amount Requested: \$5 million

Recipient Name: City of Bakersfield

Project Purpose: Project to develop Martin Luther King Jr. Park into a new state-of-the-art community education, recreation, and disaster resiliency center and park.

Project Location: City of Bakersfield CA

Amount Requested: \$3 million

Recipient Name: City of Dinuba

Project Purpose: Funding to build an Emergency Services Station that houses ambulance services at a satellite location to service a significant portion of the City.

Project Location: City of Dinuba CA

Amount Requested: \$3.5 million

Recipient Name: City of Hanford

Project Purpose: The East Lacey Corridor Improvement project is a multi-modal infrastructure project that will connect Hanford residents to services in the downtown, promote active transportation opportunities, and connect residents to the Kings/Tulare High Speed Rail Station.

Project Location: City of Hanford CA

Amount Requested: \$7.315 million

Recipient Name: City of Mendota

Project Purpose: Funding to be begin repairing and upgrading city streets.

Project Location: City of Mendota CA

Amount Requested: \$2 million

Recipient Name: City of Mendota

Project Purpose: Funding for construction of a new community center, which would serve as a hub for recreation and workforce development throughout the year and also as a regional emergency shelter during natural disasters.

Project Location: City of Mendota CA



Amount Requested: \$1 million

Recipient Name: City of Tracy

Project Purpose: This project will fund the construction of a Multigenerational Recreation Center in the City of Tracy.

Project Location: City of Tracy CA

Amount Requested: \$2 million

Recipient Name: County of Madera

Project Purpose: Funding for land acquisition to develop an open green space for the Madera Ranchos community.

Project Location: County of Madera CA

Amount Requested: \$1.075 million

Recipient Name: County of Merced

Project Purpose: The project will construct a new 18.6-acre public park in the unincorporated community of Franklin-Beachwood.

Project Location: County of Merced CA

Amount Requested: \$3.5 million

Recipient Name: City of Dinuba

Project Purpose: Funding to upgrade the Dinuba Senior Center facility with Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, replace the failing HVAC system, and conduct necessary repairs to make the facility accessible for seniors.

Project Location: Dinuba CA

Amount Requested: \$1 million

Recipient Name: Madera County

Project Purpose: This project will connect a historically disadvantaged, underserved community to a vital link for traffic traveling from Parksdale to Madera and the surrounding community.

Project Location: Madera CA

Amount Requested: \$3.24 million

Recipient Name: City of Farmersville

Project Purpose: This project will support the installation of streetlights to increase public safety.

Project Location: Tulare CA

Amount Requested: \$2 million

Congressman Josh Harder (CA-9)

Project Name: State Route 99/120 Connector Project Phase 1B

Requested Amount: \$5,000,000

Subcommittee: THUD

Project Sponsor: San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)

Project Explanation: The funding would be used to improve the connector from northbound State Route (SR) 99 to northbound State Route 120 by widening the connector to two lanes and adding merge/weave lane on westbound SR 120 between SR 99 and the Main Street Interchange.

Financial Disclosure: [View here](#)

Project Name: Emission Reduction Initiatives for the Port of Stockton

Requested Amount: \$9,600,000

Subcommittee: THUD

Project Sponsor: Port of Stockton



Project Explanation: The funding would be used for bonnet capture and control device that will capture emissions from some of the vessels traveling through the Port. The device provides cargo carriers a great option in reducing their air quality impacts while continuing to provide key economic benefits to Stockton.

Financial Disclosure: [View here](#)

Project Name: Manteca Veterans Center for the American Legion

Requested Amount: \$3,000,000

Subcommittee: THUD

Project Sponsor: City of Manteca

Project Explanation: The funding would be used to construct a 3,000-square-foot Veterans Center for the American Legion Post in Manteca.

Financial Disclosure: [View here](#)

Project Name: Reimagined Housing on Main Street

Requested Amount: \$2,200,000

Subcommittee: THUD

Project Sponsor: City of Lodi

Project Explanation: The funding would be used to purchase a property that would be renovated into a transitional housing opportunity for individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Financial Disclosure: [View here](#)

Project Name: Van Buskirk Park: Expanding Community Spaces

Requested Amount: \$2,800,000

Subcommittee: THUD

Project Sponsor: City of Stockton

Project Explanation: The funding would be used for blight removal purposes as well as the rehabilitation of the area to construct a 225,000 square foot Community Garden.

Financial Disclosure: [View here](#)

Congressman John Duarte (CA-13)

Project Name: Parksdale Community Road Rehabilitation

Requested Amount: \$3,240,000

Intended Recipient: Madera County

Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 200 W 4th St, Madera, CA 93637

Explanation of the request: The funding would be used for engineering and rehabilitation construction costs for the Parksdale Community Road Rehabilitation project. The streets within the community desperately need reconstruction and repair to help address safety concerns and access.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Mendota Pavement Project

Requested Amount: \$5,000,000

Intended Recipient: City of Mendota

Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 643 Quince St, Mendota, CA 93640

Explanation of the request: The project will include pavement rehabilitation including crack and slurry sealing and/or overlays of approximately 20 miles of local streets within the city. Striping of the newly paved streets will provide road-diets with reduced width travel lanes and bike lanes, where appropriate. The project would also include reconstruction of some failed local streets, improvements to curb ramps, and gap closures in sidewalks.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Tranquillity Complete Streets



Intended Recipient: City of Tranquillity
Requested Amount: \$3,000,000
Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 2220 Tulare St, Fresno, CA 93721
Explanation of the Request: Provides essential facilities to the community of Tranquillity by reconstructing streets, building sidewalks and bike lanes, and making ADA improvements.
[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Cantua Creek and El Porvenir Street and Sidewalk Improvements
Intended Recipient: Cantua Creek and El Porvenir
Requested Amount: \$5,000,000
Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 2220 Tulare St, Fresno, CA 93721
Explanation of the Request: Improvement of the streets, sidewalks and drainage facilities in the rural impacted communities of Cantua Creek and El Porvenir. The Project will address flooding risks and improve safety and accessibility.
[Member Certification Form](#)

Congressman Jim Costa (CA-21)

Project Name: Fresno Yosemite Airport Phase II Terminal Expansion project
Request Amount: \$7 million
Intended Recipient: City of Fresno – Airports Division
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 4995 East Clinton Way, Fresno, California 92727
Summary: Fresno-Yosemite International Airport is one of the fastest-growing airports in the country, with historic passenger growth. This project would help initiate Phase 2 of the Airport's terminal expansion project to meet air travel demand and maintain high levels of service expected by passengers.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Project Name: City of Farmersville – Streetlamp project
Request Amount: \$3.5 million
Intended Recipient: City of Farmersville
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 909 W. Visalia Road, Farmersville, CA 93223
Summary: This project would boost the electrical infrastructure in the City of Farmersville by installing roughly 70 streetlights across the city, strengthening security, and enhancing safety at night in the community.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Project Name: City of Fowler – Streetscape project
Request Amount: \$2.5 million
Intended Recipient: City of Fowler
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 128 South 5th Street Fowler, CA 93625-2401
Summary: The City of Fowler launched the Fowler Downtown Streetscape plan to develop a bold approach to revitalizing Downtown Fowler. Funding for this project would bring this plan to reality helping reinforce Fowler's history, developing walkable streets and creating public spaces for the community.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Project Name: City of Sanger – Fire Station Remodel
Request Amount: \$2 million
Intended Recipient: City of Sanger
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 1700 7th Street Sanger, CA 93657-2804
Summary: This project would revitalize and expand the Fire Station in the City of Sanger, accommodating additional space for training, dormitories, storage, and coverage parking for fire



engines in the rear of the facility.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Project Name: Mulberry Roundabout project
Request Amount: \$3.5 million
Intended Recipient: City of Woodlake
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 350 N. Valencia Blvd. Woodlake, CA 93286
Summary: This project would construct a roundabout at the intersection of Naranjo Boulevard (SR-216) and Mulberry Street in Woodlake. By revitalizing its streets, sidewalks, and streetlights, all residents will benefit from this safe intersection and improved infrastructure that is ADA compliant.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Congressman David Valadao (CA-22)

Project Name: Ave 56 Farm to Market Road Project
Proposed Recipient: County of Tulare
Address of Recipient: 5961 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA 93277
Requested Amount: \$4,000,000
Explanation of Request: The funding would be used for roadway resurfacing of 7.2 miles of roadway. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because serves as a primary haul route directly servicing the unincorporated areas of Earlimart and the community of Allensworth. This route is commonly used for the transportation of goods and services.
[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Bakersfield Portable Fueling Container Project
Proposed Recipient: Golden Empire Transit
Address of Recipient: 1830 Golden State Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301
Requested Amount: \$1,645,044
Explanation of Request: The funding would be used to construct an integrated Portable Fueling Container for the fueling of hydrogen fuel cell buses and electric vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce environmental impact, ensure safe and compliant operations, and increase economic development.
[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: East Lacy Corridor Improvement Project
Proposed Recipient: City of Hanford
Address of Recipient: 319 N Douty St, Hanford, CA 93230
Requested Amount: \$7,315,245
Explanation of Request: The funding would be used to resurface roads, restripe lines to allow for more lanes, construct bike lanes, sidewalks, curb cuts for transit stops, and lighting along Lacey Boulevard. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase the use of active transportation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve safety along the corridor, and invest in nearby businesses.
[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: International Agri-Center Way Extension Project
Proposed Recipient: City of Tulare
Address of Recipient: 411 East Kern Ave, Tulare, CA 93274
Requested Amount: \$4,000,000
Explanation of Request: The funding would be used for the construction component of the International Agri-Center Way Extension Project. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly increase regional connectivity to the new International Agri-Center Interchange and increase safety, reduce congestion, and improve travel-time reliability of time-



sensitive goods.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: McFarland Street Infrastructure Project

Proposed Recipient: City of McFarland

Address of Recipient: 401 W Kern Ave, McFarland, CA 93250.

Requested Amount: \$7,650,000

Explanation of Request: The funding would be used to repave new roads and provide necessary equipment to maintain and clean them. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow the City to repave and maintain several roads that are unsafe for vehicles and pedestrians.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: MLK Jr. Blvd. Complete Streets Project

Proposed Recipient: City of Bakersfield

Address of Recipient: 1600 Truxton Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Requested Amount: \$5,000,000

Explanation of Request: The funding would be used to reconstruct the infrastructure of MLK Jr. Blvd. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will transform the safety, economic development, and accessibility of a historically disadvantaged community.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Porterville Street Realignment Project

Proposed Recipient: City of Porterville

Address of Recipient: 291 N Main St, Porterville, CA 93257

Requested Amount: \$3,500,000

Explanation of Request: The funding would be used to build a new regional access road that connects many integral locations and industrial developments to implement the vital link for direct access to State Route 190. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide the final important piece to fully-fund the critical regional transportation project.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Well 42 Project

Proposed Recipient: City of Delano

Address of Recipient: 1015 Eleventh Avenue, Delano, CA 93215

Requested Amount: \$7,223,475

Explanation of Request: The funding would be used for the creation of a new city well and treatment plant. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will create the capacity to provide clean and contaminant free water to the 14,840 residents residing in the census tract served by the new well.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Recipient Name: Stallion Springs Community Services District

Project Purpose: Funds would be used for construction of a new drinking water blending tank that will reduce contaminant concentration from water wells that serve more than 3,000 residents.

Project Location: Kern County CA

Amount Requested: \$3 million



Recipient Name: City of Lindsay
Project Purpose: Funds would be used for construction of a pipeline replacement, surface water, and new water well projects.
Project Location: Lindsay CA
Amount Requested: \$1.75 million

Recipient Name: City of Modesto
Project Purpose: Funds would be used for construction to strengthen and replace old, undersized steel mains that are prone to leaking and low pressure.
Project Location: Modesto CA
Amount Requested: \$1.4 million

Recipient Name: County of San Joaquin
Project Purpose: Funds would be used for construction and equipment to replace aging, leaky steel pipes which require frequent repairs.
Project Location: Stockton CA
Amount Requested: \$2.3 million

Recipient Name: County of Tulare
Project Purpose: Funds would be used to complete the next phase of planning (engineering design, permitting, and environmental review) for a new sewer collection system and wastewater treatment facility for the community of Allensworth.
Project Location: Tulare County CA
Amount Requested: \$1.4 million

Recipient Name: City of Turlock
Project Purpose: Funds would be used for the replacement and upsizing of over 1,120 feet of pipe in Turlock in order to create a positive drainage system and alleviate serious flooding in the City.
Project Location: Turlock CA
Amount Requested: \$1 million

Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA)

Recipient Name: City of Kingsburg
Project Purpose: Funding for the acquisition of a ladder truck for the Kingsburg Fire Department.
Project Location: City of Kingsburg CA
Amount Requested: \$2 million

Recipient Name: City of Madera
Project Purpose: Rehabilitation of storm drain pipeline, from the intersection of Sunset Ave and Fourth Street to the intersection of Sunset Ave and Laurel Ave.
Project Location: City of Madera CA
Amount Requested: \$2.89 million

Recipient Name: City of Madera
Project Purpose: The City of Madera is requesting funds to install approximately 10,600 linear feet of permanent underground storm drain pipelines, associated manholes, and storm water inlets/outlets.
Project Location: City of Madera CA
Amount Requested: \$6.517 million

Recipient Name: City of California City
Project Purpose: This project will improve water quality, system reliability, and resiliency.



Project Location: Kern County CA
Amount Requested: \$6.332 million

Recipient Name: San Joaquin County
Project Purpose: Project to replace water mains, aging steel pipes, and water meters within Lincoln Village, a disadvantaged community in San Joaquin County.
Project Location: San Joaquin County CA
Amount Requested: \$3.5 million

Recipient Name: City of Turlock
Project Purpose: Replacement and upsizing of over 1,120 feet of pipe in Turlock in order to create a positive drainage system and alleviate serious flooding in the City.
Project Location: Stanislaus CA
Amount Requested: \$2 million

Recipient Name: City of Turlock
Project Purpose: This project will provide critical out of boundary utility services to properties that are considered to be an unserved county area, currently on wells and septic tanks.
Project Location: Stanislaus CA
Amount Requested: \$1.5 million

Recipient Name: City of Modesto
Project Purpose: The project will rehabilitate a water main that is old, steel, undersized, and prone to leaks and low pressure.
Project Location: Stanislaus County CA
Amount Requested: \$800,000

Recipient Name: City of Modesto
Project Purpose: This project will replace existing water mains which are old and undersized mains with industry-standard 8- and 12-inch PVC water mains, as well as city-standard valves and hydrants.
Project Location: Stanislaus County CA
Amount Requested: \$1.9 million

Recipient Name: City of Visalia
Project Purpose: Project to improve stormwater capture to reduce flood risks and to replenish groundwater basin.
Project Location: Tulare County CA
Amount Requested: \$3.5 million

Recipient Name: Tulare County
Project Purpose: This project would complete the next phase of planning (engineering design, permitting, and environmental review) for a new sewer collection system and wastewater treatment facility for the community of Allensworth. The community's 521 residents currently rely upon failing septic systems.
Project Location: Tulare County CA
Amount Requested: \$1.7 million

Recipient Name: City of Dinuba
Project Purpose: Project will expand sewers in the industrially-zoned area of Dinuba to better serve existing businesses in the area. Existing sewer system is past its functional life, which exposes everyone in the area to potential environmental hazard.
Project Location: Tulare County CA



Amount Requested: \$2.4 million

Congressman Josh Harder (CA-9)

Project Name: Stockton Diamond Sewer Upsizing Project

Requested Amount: \$1,600,000

Subcommittee: Interior

Project Sponsor: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, 949 E. Channel Street, Stockton, CA 95202

Project Explanation: The funding would be used for upgrading the City of Stockton's sewer system capacity, resilience, as well as reduce community disruptions by addressing sewer infrastructure while the new railroad right-of-way is exposed. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address degrading water infrastructure, prevent contamination risks during flooding, and save taxpayers' money by completing this project at the same time as the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation construction.

Financial Disclosure: [View here](#)

Congressman John Duarte (CA-13)

Project Name: Golden State Sewer Extensions

Requested Amount: \$1,200,000

Intended Recipient: City of Turlock

Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 156 S Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380

Explanation of the request: The City of Turlock's Golden State Sewer extension project focuses on an 18-inch diameter sewer main line that is approximately 2,450 feet north of Taylor Road, a major road in Turlock. The extension will provide out of boundary utility services to adjacent properties that are considered to be an unserved county area, currently on wells and septic tanks. Additionally, this project will bolster economic growth in the City and County by allowing for more frequent and more reliable use sewage services.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Howard Road Storm Drain Pipeline

Requested Amount: \$6,517,384

Intended Recipient: City of Madera

Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 205 W 4th St, Madera, CA 93637

Explanation of the request: These funds would be used to install approximately 10,600 linear feet of permanent underground storm drain pipelines, associated manholes, and storm water inlets/outlets. These pipelines are to be installed along Howard Avenue, Granada Avenue, and West Almond Avenue due to chronic flooding in the area.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Pecan Avenue Sewer Trunk Main

Requested Amount: \$5,500,000

Intended Recipient: City of Madera

Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 205 W 4th St, Madera, CA 93637

Explanation of the request: This project seeks to rehabilitate and replace up to 1.7 miles of sewer trunk main in Pecan Avenue from Grenada Drive to SR-99. The Pecan Avenue sewer main carries 40% of the sewer between the entire city of Madera as well as surrounding County service areas, Parkwood and Parksdale, and Madera Community College to the wastewater treatment plant. Proactive rehabilitation of this pipeline will come at a much lower cost as well as, preserve the integrity, health and welfare of the City's residents.

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Project Name: Positive Drainage Ditch
Requested Amount: \$1,600,000
Intended Recipient: City of Turlock
Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 156 S Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380
Explanation of the request: The City of Turlock's Positive Drainage Project would involve the replacement and upsizing of over 1,120 feet of pipe in the city to create a positive drainage system. This would increase flood capacity and alleviate serious concerns in the city. The funds allocated through this request would go directly towards construction of the project.
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Congressman Jim Costa (CA-21)

Project Name: City of Dinuba – Sewer System project
Request Amount: \$2.4 million
Intended Recipient: City of Dinuba
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 405 East El Monte Way Dinuba, CA 93618-1691
Summary: This project would expand the existing sewer capacity in the City of Dinuba to facilitate additional development and jobs to the region, while meeting the needs of the community and protecting the public health from sewer spills and overflows.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Project Name: Groundwater Basin project
Request Amount: \$3.5 million
Intended Recipient: City of Visalia
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 707 West Acequia Avenue Visalia, CA 93291
Summary: This project would increase groundwater recharge capacity in the City of Visalia, while maintaining groundwater levels and improving drought resiliency.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Project Name: Traver Sewer System Feasibility Study project
Request Amount: \$750,000
Intended Recipient: County of Tulare
Full Street Address of the Intended Recipient: 5961 South Mooney Boulevard Visalia, CA 93277-9394
Summary: This project would improve wastewater service and expand sewer capacity in the disadvantaged community of Traver, helping provide sanitary sewer disposal and a better quality of life for residents.
[Signed Financial Disclosure Letter](#)

Congressman David Valadao (CA-22)

Project Name: Frick Unit In-Lieu Groundwater Recharge Project
Proposed Recipient: Arvin-Edis
on Water Storage District (AEWSD)
Address of Recipient: 20401 E Bear Mountain Blvd, Arvin, CA 93203
Requested Amount: \$4,852,800.00
Explanation of Request: The funding would be used for the construction of a new gravity pipeline which will provide irrigation to over 2,800 acres of irrigated agriculture. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide greater groundwater pumping stability to a region that relies almost entirely on groundwater to meet irrigation demands. The expansion of the distribution system will allow surface water supplies to be delivered to landowners for irrigation, subsequently reducing the landowner's groundwater pumping and providing in-lieu groundwater recharge. Supplementing groundwater recharge dilutes an ever-increasingly contaminated water table,



allowing for cleaner, safer water supply below ground for residents and irrigators alike.

[Member Certification Form](#)

Project Name: Lindsay Pipeline Project

Proposed Recipient: City of Lindsay

Address of Recipient: 251 E. Honolulu St, Lindsay, CA 93247

Requested Amount: \$395,200.00

Explanation of Request: The funding will be used to replace an existing undersized, old main pipeline stretching from the intersection of Page Ave and East Sierra View Street to the intersection of Page Ave and East Tulare Road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because it will serve as one of multiple city water system improvement projects that will lead the City of Lindsay, CA to be self-sustainable with clean drinking water.

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Congressman Jay Obernolte (CA-23)

Project Name: The Upper Rancho Water Replacement Project

Location 21000 Hacienda Blvd, California City, CA 93505

Project Sponsor/Requester City of California City

Amount Requested: \$6,332,358

[Click here for certification letter.](#)

**REAP Update
June 1, 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)

13 jurisdictions have requested technical assistance to date: *Arvin, McFarland, Atwater, Kingsburg, Bakersfield, Clovis, Stanislaus County, Hughson, Wasco, 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 – draft of complete study completed.
- Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – draft of complete study completed.
- Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier/Rincon Consultants); status- work in process.
- REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - **Next workshop in July-August.**

- **The final and third REAP funding application** has been approved by HCD. An amended master funding agreement has been signed by Fresno COG. HCD verbally has agreed to will 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 May 9th. The next TAC meeting is on June 13th.



June 23, 2023
Regional Policy Council Meeting
8:30 am to 10:00 am
Zoom meeting via remote locations

Proposed Agenda Topics:

- Approve May 5, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- Valley Voice DC, legislative priorities – Jen C.
- State Route 99 and other major highway funding – Caltrans update
- State budget/legislation update – Gus K.
- FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program
 - Approve government affairs contracts and reimbursements
- Meeting Calendar, FY 2023-24
- Update Executive and Water Committee Membership
- Info items, member comments, Director's update
- *Optional: SMGA water supply presentation*

DATE: January 22, 2021

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Policy Council is created to take legislative and administrative actions on behalf of the Policy Council. The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Policy Council appointed for two years. The Chair of the Policy Council shall serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Membership of the Executive Committee shall include geographic representation from the northern San Joaquin Valley counties (San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced), the central San Joaquin Valley counties (Fresno and Madera) and the southern San Joaquin Valley counties (Kings, Tulare and Kern). The Executive Committee shall be operated in accordance with the Bylaws of the Policy Council (*from bylaws*).

Current Executive Committee members

- Robert Poythress, Madera County (Chair) {CENTRAL}
- Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto, Stanislaus County {NORTH}
- Dan Wright, City of Stockton, San Joaquin County {NORTH}
- Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield, Kern County {SOUTH}
- Gary Yep, City of Kerman, Fresno County {CENTRAL}

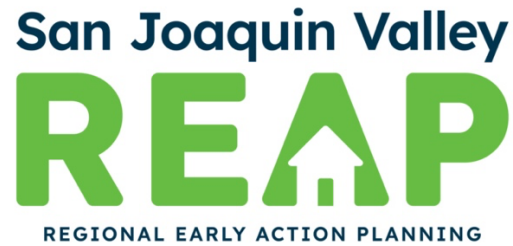
- Alternate- Daron McDaniel, Merced County {NORTH}
- Alternate – Brett Frazier, Madera County {CENTRAL}

Water Policy Committee

The Water Policy Committee of the Policy Council is created to advise the Policy Council on local, state and federal matters of importance related to water infrastructure funding and policy. The Water Policy Committee shall consist of eight (8) members of the Policy Council appointed for two years. The Chairperson of the Water Policy Committee shall be elected by the Policy Council. Membership of the Water Policy Committee shall include geographic representation from each San Joaquin Valley county. The Water Policy Committee shall be operated in accordance with the Bylaws of the Policy Council, except for voting. Voting by the Water Committee shall be conducted on 100 percent consensus (not majority) among its members. (*from bylaws*).

Current Water Policy Committee members

- Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake, Tulare County, CHAIR
- Dan Wright, San Joaquin County
- Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto, Stanislaus County
- Daron McDaniel, Merced County
- Robert Poythress, Madera County
- Gary Yep, City of Kerman, Fresno County
- Doug Verboon, Kings County
- Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield, Kern County



June 23, 2023

San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee for Housing Meeting

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Zoom meeting via remote locations

Proposed Agenda Topics:

- Approve February 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- REAP Program and Funding Update
- CA HCD Update
- Presentation of Inclusionary Housing Study
- Presentation of Condo Construction Study
- Optional: *SMGA water supply presentation*
- Member Comments

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES



ITEM 6

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM FY 2023-2024



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council Members and Staff, June 2023

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Councilmember Gary Yep, City of Kerman

Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier

Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Nijjer, City of Kerman

STAFF: Tony Boren, Executive Director. Vice-Chair, Directors' Committee

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

Supervisor Zack Scrivner, Kern County

Councilmember Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield

Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Prout, City of Shafter

STAFF: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County

Mayor Alvaro Preciado, City of Avenal

Alternate: Supervisor Joe Neves, Kings County

STAFF: Terri King, Executive Director

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

Supervisor Robert Poythress, Madera County – **CHAIR, POLICY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, City of Madera

Alternate: Councilmember Waseem Ahmed, City of Chowchilla

STAFF: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County - **VICE CHAIR, POLICY COUNCIL**

Mayor Pat Nagy, City of Gustine

Alternate: Supervisor Scott Silveira, Merced County

STAFF: Stacie Guzman, Executive Director

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

Councilmember Dan Wright, City of Stockton

Mayor Gary Singh, City of Manteca

Alternate: Supervisor Rick Rickman, San Joaquin County

STAFF: Diane Nguyen, Executive Director

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County

Councilmember Rosa Escutia-Braaton, City of Modesto

Alternate: Supervisor Buck Condit, County of Stanislaus

STAFF: Rosa Park, Executive Director

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Supervisor Dennis Townsend, Tulare County

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake

Alternate: Councilmember Linda Launer, City of Dinuba

STAFF: Ted Smalley, Executive Director. Chair, Directors Committee

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)

Samir Sheikh, Executive Director

Alternate: Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor

San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJ JPA)

Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director

Alternate: Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives

Introduction

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) covers over 27,000 square miles and encompasses the eight-county region of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Since 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (Valley RPAs) have coordinated planning activities where interregional issues are involved, including air quality conformity, goods movement, funding for regional transportation projects, legislative advocacy, and Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Planning efforts of Valleywide importance are conducted among the eight RPAs through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee (Directors' Committee) and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (Regional Policy Council), a governing board including elected officials from each Valley RPA and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA). In FY 2021-22, government affairs contracts for state and federal representation for the Regional Policy Council was implemented.

The FY 2023-2024 Valleywide Overall Work Program is a summary document and details major coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies, along with the Air District and SJJPA, are actively engaged in. The Valleywide OWP does not replace the need or requirements of each RPA to conduct their own OWP, rather it is a planning and budgeting tool for shared Valleywide activities.

{Note – the terms Regional Planning Agency (RPA), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and Council of Governments (COG) are used interchangeably in this document.}

Current Valleywide Major Activities

1. MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES

Objective: To develop and foster regional coordination and prioritization for improving SR 99, I-5, and other regionally significant corridors.

Lead: Kern COG, MCAG, TCAG, MCTC

The Valley RPAs work in close consultation with Caltrans, and other stakeholders, to prioritize funding for SR 99, and other major highways and interstates. The 99 Business Plan helped the Valley achieve dedicated funding for SR 99 through Proposition 1B in 2006, the only transportation earmark in the bond placed before the voters. Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have updated the 99 Business Plan and Master Plan, and worked with the Valley RPAs on project selection and funding alternatives. The Directors, working in close consultation with Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff, routinely meet and discuss continued project planning and funding utilizing SB1 funding, RAISE, and other funding strategies.

In FY 2022-23, considerable activities related to SR 99 improvements took place including continued efforts around coalition building for finishing the system, and STIP funding awards for the Tulare, Merced and Madera segments.

Activities for FY 2023-2024:

- Continue to advocate to complete the SR 99 system, to a least six lanes of travel throughout the San Joaquin Valley.
- Partake in and lead discussions with the Regional Policy Council, the California Transportation Commission, legislators, and others, about the importance of identifying and prioritizing state and federal funding for all major Valley projects.
- Seek federal and state funding for major highway and interstate projects and coordinate pre-construction activities, when feasible, to ensure project readiness. New federal infrastructure funding programs, and the state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are major SB1 funding sources to be targeted. Other sources at the state level include budget surplus funds.
- Work in close consultation with Caltrans Districts 6 & 10 to identify the most congested highway segments for eligibility for Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SB 1) funding. Continue to refine and prioritize regionally significant projects through a methodical mutually agreed upon evaluation process.
- Outline policies for converting temporary lanes to permanent lanes when feasible. Kern COG to coordinate with Caltrans D6, and MCAG to coordinate with D10 on opportunities for additional programming.

2. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INTERREGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT

Objective: To prioritize, coordinate and implement goods movement planning and capital projects to improve the Valley's economic competitiveness.

Lead: Fresno COG, TCAG and Kern COG

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) has always been California's geographic and agricultural production center generating more than \$45 billion every year in agricultural commodities. It also plays a major role in the national and international distribution of processed foods and energy products, and has a burgeoning logistics and distribution industry.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies have a strong history of regional goods movement planning. The San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan (2015), San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan (2017), the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable

Implementation Plan (2017), and the I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study (2019) are examples of regional coordination to enhance freight movement in the Valley. In 2020, funding and regional support for the California Inland Port concepts was solidified among the RPAs.

Activities for FY 2023-24:

- Continue to coordinate project prioritization for RAISE, SB1 and other goods movement federal and state funding.
- Participate and provide input to California’s Freight Mobility Plan and the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).
- Continue to work with regional partners conducting logistics and economic development industries to enhance goods movement planning and implementation efforts.
- Continue to identify multimodal strategies to compliment and support the movement of goods in the SJV.
- Continue to actively fund and participate in inland port concepts for the Valley, including the now TradePort California and the Castle Commerce Center.
- Continue to explore alternative fuels and technology strategies for meeting the California’s Sustainable Freight mandates.

4. AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Objective: To continue successful coordination of Valleywide air quality planning minimizing potential impacts to project delivery.

Lead: San Joaquin COG

Transportation conformity is required by the federal Clean Air Act and ensures that federal funding is given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. The Clean Air Act strengthened conformity requirements for transportation projects, necessitating a more enhanced level of technical analysis of plans, programs, and projects than in the past. Conformity determinations must be conducted at least every four years, or as amendments are made to plans or projects. The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC). The IAC has been established to provide a coordinated approach to Valley air quality, conformity and transportation modeling issues.

Coordination among the Valley RPAs, the Air District and other air quality and transportation agencies is proving to be a very effective process. The Valley RPA Directors have budgeted to continue joint funding

for a valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, responsible to the Directors, to ensure that air quality conformity and related modeling within the Valley is accomplished on a consistent and timely basis.

Activities for FY 2023-24:

- Continue to monitor and work towards approval of the 2018 PM2.5 plan, which could impact project funding in this fiscal year.
- Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements.
- Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), as required by federal laws and regulations.
- Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board as requested.
- Continue to utilize the Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) for routine communication and coordination.
- Coordinate with California Air Resources Board staff related to future SCS review template.
- Assist Valley staff in demonstrating conformity; provide EMFAC emissions modeling support.
- Assist Valley staff in SCS review performed by the California Air Resources Board.

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Objective: To develop and coordinate SB 375 compliant Sustainable Communities Strategies for the Valley

Lead: San Joaquin COG and Fresno COG

California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires each MPO to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A SCS outlines the plan for reducing per capita greenhouse gas emissions by integrating transportation and land use elements.

Under the Sustainable Communities Act, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) sets regional targets for GHG emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies will be working independently, and collectively, to meet the 2022 and 2026 targets and have invested considerable resources towards technical staff, modeling, and scenario development.

In addition, the Valley's Regional Planning Agencies will continue to work with ARB on new protocols for the updated SCS review guidelines.

Activities for FY 2023-24:

- Work with ARB staff to finalize 2022 RTP/SCS reviews.
- Assist ARB, and other state entities, on SB 375 progress reporting, and other guidance or policy documents as needed.
- Continue to implement transportation and land use strategies developed in the RTP/SCS.
- Continue to evaluate and monitor CAPTI, and other climate change and social equity polices for implementation into Valley RTPs where appropriate.

6. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTERNAL AGENICES AND ENTITIES

Objective: To develop and foster greater communication and coordination between Valley Regional Planning Agencies and other related agencies and stakeholders.

Lead: TCAG, Valleywide Coordinator

To maintain ongoing communication and cooperation with other external agencies, the Valley RPAs have included a relationship development component to foster routine “two way” communication with related state and federal transportation and related agencies.

Federal entities include the Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State entities include the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Transportation Commission (CTC), California Air Resources Board (ARB), Caltrans Districts 6 and 10, Caltrans Headquarters, California Association of Council of Governments (CalCOG), California Self Help Counties Coalition, Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the High-Speed Rail Authority, and Housing and Community Development (HCD). Regional entities include the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, the San Joaquin Valley JPA for Passenger Rail, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), MPOs in the Central Coast, and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Other stakeholders include the California Trucking Association, agricultural associations, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, colleges and universities, environmental groups, and the public.

Activities for FY 2023-2024:

- Directors to coordinate and attend one-third of CTC meetings, and meet throughout the year with our CTC Commissioner representative.
- Directors to meet annually with CalSTA Director.

- CTC staff to be invited to Directors' Committee meeting once a year; Directors to meet with at least two CTC Board Members they don't currently know.
- RPA staff to be encouraged to take more leadership positions on Valleywide matters.
- Valley Directors to develop and maintain relationships with the Caltrans Director and Deputy for Planning.
- Valley Directors' Committee meetings should be moved, periodically, to a time of the month where Valley Directors can review and discuss the CalCOG meetings, to develop timely joint strategies on issues.
- Request MTC or SCAG staff come to a Valley Directors' Committee meeting.
- Valley Directors to meet annually with ARB management and board members, and attend the joint CTC/ARB and joint CTC/ARB/HCD Board meetings.

7. VALLEY VOICE ADVOCACY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Objective: To engage in a unified process that allows the eight county region to discuss and comment on legislative affairs, and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.

Lead: Valleywide Coordinator, government affairs consultants, TCAG

In FY 2021-22, government affairs contracts for state and federal representation for the Regional Policy Council were implemented with StanCOG as the fiscal agent. The federal and state government affairs staff routinely update the Directors and Policy Council when legislative advocacy is needed for the Valley. Several times annually, position letters are written and circulated regarding legislation to support or oppose, and funding opportunities to pursue and support. Working in close consultation with the Directors and government affairs personnel, the Coordinator will plan and coordinate the annual Valley Voice advocacy visits to Sacramento and Washington D.C.

Activities for FY 2023-24:

- Plan and execute "Valley Voice" Washington D.C. visit for September 2023.
- Continue to routinely meet with our state and federal legislators regarding legislation and funding opportunities for the Valley.
- Track legislation, communication with legislative offices, letter campaigns and other activities to develop a unified, Valleywide position.
- Develop the Valleywide Legislative Platform (state and federal).
- Plan "Valley Voice" Sacramento visit for Spring 2024.

- Continue to engage and update Policy Council members on issues of regional importance.

8. OTHER VALLEYWIDE ACTIVITIES

- **Housing Planning Funds, REAP.** The Governors’ budget proposal for FY 2019-20 included housing planning funds to the Valley MPOs through the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program. The Valley MPOs have organized and coordinated activities for this program starting in January 2020. A 24-member working group has been formed and approximately \$10.2 million of the roughly \$19 million available to the Valley has been received from the State of California. Considerable and additional work efforts utilizing this new funding source have begun and will continue through August 2024.

Approximately \$59 million in REAP 2.0 funding is slated to come to Valley MPOs beginning in FY 2022-23. Valley MPOs are currently have completed initial applications for funding and are starting the implementation process.

- **Passenger Rail.** The valley regional planning agencies coordinate and implement regional passenger transportation planning and capital efforts with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJ JPA). The SJ JPA was added as member of the Policy Council at the beginning of FY 2021-22. The SJ JPA advises the Policy Council on passenger rail matters that are in need of a coordinated and unified position and passenger rail continues to be a significant part of the annual state and federal legislative platforms.
- **San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference.** The valleywide conference is held in the spring, at a different location each year, and is coordinated by the host agency. The 2023 conference was held in Manteca, in San Joaquin County. The 2024 conference will be held in Visalia, in Tulare County. The Central California American Planning Association is also a contributor to the conference and manages the Blueprint Awards.

Past Conferences

Modesto (StanCOG) Fall 2011
 Lemoore (KCAG), Fall 2012
 Stockton (SJ COG), Fall 2013
 Visalia (TCAG), Fall 2014
 Tenaya (MCAG), Fall 2015
 Fresno (Fresno COG), Spring 2017
 Modesto (StanCOG), Spring 2018
 Lemoore (KCAG), Spring 2019
 Fresno (Fresno COG), Spring 2022
 Manteca (SJ COG), Spring 2023

Future Conferences

TCAG, 2024
 MCTC, 2025
 MCAG, 2026
 StanCOG, 2027
 KCAG, 2028
 Fresno COG, 2029
 SJ COG, 2030
 Kern COG – may be available to host at some time.

- Policy Council Meetings and Directors’ Committee Meetings.** The Valleywide Coordinator shall continue to schedule monthly Directors’ Committee meetings and meetings for the Policy Council. In FY 2017-18, an Executive Committee and Water Policy Committee were created for the Policy Council. The Regional Policy Council usually meets twice a year in person and holds two to three zoom conference meetings in preparation for Valley Voice visits. Up to four additional provisional and emergency meetings are also held each year. The Chair of the Policy Council is elected for a one year term in the first meeting of the fiscal year (usually in January). Activities for the coordinated efforts of the Valley are maintained at www.sjvcogs.org.

Directors’ Chair	Tulare County Association of Governments, 2023-24
Rotation Schedule	Fresno Council of Governments, 2024-25
	Merced County Association of Governments, 2025-26
	Stanislaus Council of Governments, 2026-27
	Madera County Transportation Commission, 2027-28
	Kings County Association of Governments, 2028-29
	Kern Council of Government, 2029-30
	San Joaquin Council of Governments, 2030-31

Policy Council	Robert Poythress, Madera County Supervisor, 2023
Chairs	Robert Poythress, Madera County Supervisor, 2022
	Robert Poythress, Madera County Supervisor, 2021
	Charles “Chuck” Winn, San Joaquin County Supervisor, 2020
	Rudy Mendoza, Mayor, City of Woodlake, 2019
	Rudy Mendoza, Mayor, City of Woodlake, 2018
	Rudy Mendoza, Mayor, City of Woodlake, 2017
	Amarpreet “Ruby” Dhaliwal, Mayor, City of San Joaquin, 2016
	Robert Poythress, Mayor, City of Madera, 2015
	Robert Poythress, Mayor, City of Madera, 2014
	Allen Ishida, Tulare County Supervisor, 2013
	Allen Ishida, Tulare County Supervisor, 2012
	Bill Spriggs, Mayor, City of Merced, 2011

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

The budget for the shared Valleywide activities noted in this document are detailed below. Budget amounts by agency represent the total direct cost for this activity. Budget amounts by activity are apportioned by population share for all items, except for Valley Voice/legislative advocacy, which is apportioned equally.

SJ COG is the fiscal agent for Air Quality Planning which is conducted by Trinity Consultants with project management support by SJ COG staff.

Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for the Valleywide Coordinator contract.

StanCOG is the fiscal agent for the state and federal government affairs contracts.

The total budget of \$496,000 for shared valleywide activities for fiscal year 2023-2024 is detailed below.

Valleywide Activities	Air Quality Planning ⁽²⁾	Legislative Advocacy/Valley Voice ⁽³⁾	Valleywide Coordinator ⁽⁴⁾	Total FY 2023-24
MPO Share By Population ⁽¹⁾				
Fresno	1,011,499			\$94,256
Kern				\$86,311
Kings				\$28,534
Madera				\$29,079
Merced				\$38,793
San Joaquin				\$77,044
Stanislaus				\$58,698
Tulare				\$53,284
SJPA				
SJVAPCD				
Total FY 2023-24				\$496,000

**BUDGET NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24
WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

(1) CA DOF, E-1, January 1

(2) SJ COG Staff (\$50,000).

(3) No PL Funds, cost for v

Cost for Valley Voice includes federal and state government agency contracts at \$200,000.

(4) Sigala Inc, includes subcontracts for administering the Annual Policy Conference, website maintenance (sjvcogs.org) and IT support, and other subcontracts and subscription services.

Valleywide Meeting Calendar FY 2023-2024

San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies

2023						
July						
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	Executive Directors' Committee Meetings
	Washington DC Valley Voice (September 12-13, mtg dates)
	Regional Policy Council Regular Meetings
	Regional Policy Provisional Meetings
	Pre Valley Voice Planning Meetings
	Annual Policy Conference May 2024, dates TBD
	Sacramento Valley Voice (March 2024, actual dates TBD)