



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

### Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Enclosure*

1. August 3, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley



### 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, Valley Voice DC*

Gus Khouri  
Jen Covino

4. Directors' Retreat, October 9-10, 2023  
*Update and discussion*

Ted Smalley

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.*

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 6. Caltrans Directors' Report                         | Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar     |
| 7. California High Speed Rail                         | Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco |
| 8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail                 | Dan Leavitt                 |
| 9. TradePort California                               | Simran Jhutti               |
| 10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan                  |
| 11. Miocar Car Sharing                                | Michael Sigala              |
| 12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | Eduardo Gonzalez            |

## OTHER ITEMS

13. Director Items

14. Public presentations for items not on the agenda.

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to three minutes. The public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.*

## ADJOURN MEETING

***Directors only closed session if necessary.***

**Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023 (tentative)**

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Zoom Conference

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

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. July 13, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley

There was a motion to approve the July 13, 2023, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Patricia Taylor

Motion Carried

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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock noted SJ COG has a tentatively approved SCS. Work is ongoing with FHWA, EPA and Caltrans for highway sanction item. Mr. Niblock noted he is sharing a memo template for staff to complete to identify projects in the Valley and other information. There are currently \$1.3 billion in projects identified as at risk. Additional at-risk projects further down the pipeline amount to \$3.4 billion. The Air District is working hard to get the contingency measures approved for the SIP in question, this would help significantly. Another meeting for next week with FHWA, EPA and Caltrans is pending. Ahron Hakimi noted Speaker McCarthy's office is aware of the issue; Mr. Hakimi requested a draft memo from Ryan summarizing this item. Tom Jordan and Ryan would work on finalizing the draft memo and share it with the Directors. Tom Jordan added that EPA did send out a notice saying they are ready to release the proposed SIP.

### 3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

#### *State of California*

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported the legislature is on summer recess. SB 125 (transportation trailer bill) the indirect cost rate proposal cap, charge that Caltrans passes over to self-help-counties for work on the state highway system, was noted. The 10 percent cap is now permanent. Mr. Kouri noted the TIRCP program funding for transit that is forthcoming. CalSTA is proposing to have draft guidelines available by mid-September. This will be a grant formula program with about \$560 million coming to the Valley. Eligible expenses will be in line with current TIRCP guidelines with a focus on supplementing transit operations.

Madera will be hosting an upcoming CTC meeting, and an upcoming WTS meeting in Fresno was noted.

#### *Washington D.C.*

J. Covino

David Gellman noted the full list of earmarks from the Valley that is in the meeting agenda packet. As of late last week, there is a list of projects selected to be included in the budget bill. In the House, all the Valley projects are identified to be funded at some level. In the Senate, there was an over subscription of funding request. Both the House and Senate earmarks are not typically included in the continuing resolution for funding if this is the outcome of the current budget process.

Mr. Gellman went on to discuss the upcoming Valley Voice trip. He is working on getting a set room for members to come to us. Simon and Company continue to update the federal platform.

### 4. Directors' Retreat

T. Smalley

Ted Smalley noted a moderator (Eileen) has been hired and she will be contacting and interviewing attendees prior to the workshop. Robert Phipps has arranged a first night activity, axe throwing in Oakhurst.

### 5. SJV REAP Program

M. Sigala & R. Phipps

Michael Sigala reviewed current valleywide work efforts. An inclusionary housing webinar is slated for August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Self Help Enterprises is interested in the REAP ADU program; they have a financing program for ADUs. Ahron Hakimi noted a couple subdivisions in Bakersfield that have an ADU on each lot. Robert Phipps noted we are still waiting for the \$4.35 million from HCD for the last REAP installment.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 6. Caltrans Directors' Report** D. Gomez/D. Agar  
Diana Gomez, District 6, noted State transportation Secretary and Director visits next week in Fresno. Tomorrow is the kickoff meeting for the SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. US DOT MEGA grant application for Madera HSR is in the planning stages to be resubmitted. The INFRA Kern 58/99 grant application is under review. Highways to Blvds. grant program deadline for submittal is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Dennis Agar, District 10, noted a MEGA application will be filled again for the I-5 Stockton Viaduct project. A climate action program manager position is out for recruitment.
- 7. California High Speed Rail** T. Tinoco  
No report provided.
- 8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt  
Rene Gutierrez provided an update. He noted a final study published for the Southern Alameda County rail study. The Merced intermodal track connection project is under development. The ACE Ceres-Turlock expansion is preparing for another grant application to INFRA. A kick-off meeting is pending for the Madera HSR EIR. The next SJJPA board meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 9. TradePort California** S. Jhutti  
Terri King noted funding announcements have been made for inland ports. Tony Boren noted a debriefing meeting with the State on August 14<sup>th</sup> to further discuss.
- 10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** T. Jordan  
No report provided.
- 11. MioCar EV Car Sharing** M. Sigala  
Michael Sigala reported ongoing operations in Tulare, Kings, Stockton, and Richmond. CARB has NOFAs out for planning and capacity building and Miocar is gearing up to apply.
- 12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** E. Gonzales  
Ted Smalley noted he would like to transfer his role as the COG staff representative for the Partnership. Patricia Taylor nominated Terri King to take Ted's role. A unanimous decision to appoint Terri King was voted on. Patricia Taylor nominated Rosa Park as the alternate to Terri King. A unanimous decision to appoint Rosa Park as the alternate was voted on.

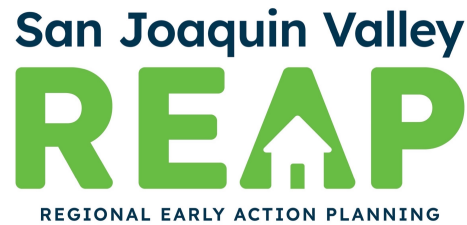
## OTHER ITEMS

- 13. Director Items**  
Ted Smalley noted April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, is the next Policy Conference. Richard Torres, Olympic boxing medalist is the keynote speaker.  
  
An in-person Directors' meeting was proposed for Merced in December.
- 14. Public Presentations for Items not on the 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
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Caleb Brock	Caltrans District 6
Sabrina Bradbury	CalCOG
Jose Luis Caceres	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Rene Gutierrez	SJJPA
Aly Hernandez	Simon & Company
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Simran Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
John Washam	Tulare County Association of Governments



## REAP Update September 7, 2023

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

- Mintier Harnish
- Precision Engineering
- Rincon Consultants (AFFH)
- VTA (AFFH)
- Estolano (AFFH)

TA contracts were not extended to AECOM and Quad Knopf for FY 2023-24.

15 jurisdictions have requested technical assistance to date: *Arvin, McFarland, Atwater, Kingsburg, Bakersfield, Clovis, Stanislaus County, Hughson, Wasco, Stockton, Madera County, Madera, Merced County, Selma, 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, deployment of software is occurring.
- Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status – draft of complete study completed.
- Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – study completed.
- Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier/Rincon Consultants); status- draft of complete study completed.
- REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
  - **Next workshop is October 17<sup>th</sup> on Condominium Construction in the SJV**

- **The final and third REAP funding application** has been approved by HCD, revised funding memo and MOU has been sent to Valley COGs.
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on September 5th. The October TAC meeting will occur on October 10<sup>th</sup>.