



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Merced County Association of Governments
369 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Zoom Option:

Meeting ID: 889 7378 9506, Passcode: 522120

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. October 12, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley



DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

Ryan Niblock

a. Update and discussion

b. Approve one-year extension of Trinity Consultants contract for air quality services

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

Gus Khouri

Jen Covino

a. California

b. Federal

4. SJV REAP Program

Michael Sigala &

Robert Phipps



Receive update

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Ted Smalley - Chair

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Council of
Governments
Tony Boren - Vice Chair

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Terri King

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Diane Nguyen

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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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| 5. Caltrans Directors' Report | Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar |
| 6. California High Speed Rail | Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco |
| 7. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | Dan Leavitt |
| 8. TradePort California | Simran Jhutti |
| 9. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan |
| 10. Miocar Car Sharing | Michael Sigala |
| 11. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | |

OTHER ITEMS

12. Director Items

13. 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' Executive Session from 11am to 12pm.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2023

ITEM 1

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 (Becky Napier for)	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. September 7, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley

There was a motion to approve the September 7, 2023, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Diane Nguyen
Second Motion: Stacie Guzman

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Diane Nguyen provided the report: Regarding Highway Sanctions: our legislative advocates are indicating that the sanctions issue will be cleared before December 27, 2023. Thankfully, the 45-day stopgap funding bill has kept EPA in business to keep working on our issue. In the meantime, Caltrans/FHWA/EPA staff are continuing to do the work of reviewing our project lists and pre-approving exempt projects should sanctions actually occur. Regarding RTP/SCS: we still have a few SCS's under review in the Valley. For those of us who have received a "verbal approval" of our SCS from CARB staff – we're still waiting for a timeline for an official approval. Two things need to happen – CARB staff needs to finish their own reports on our SCS, and we need a signed letter from CARB leadership. I'll push for a timeline from CARB by the next Directors Meeting. Post RTP/SCS Review & Modeling: Coming out of the Directors Retreat, there is a desire to reconvene the Valley Modelers Group. We'll plan to meet in November to compare notes on how our models performed in the last RTP, and on the notes received from CARB on what they expect out of our models in the future. We'll brainstorm ideas to make Valleywide improvements, and report back to the Directors.

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri noted the September 14th close of the legislative session. There is a \$31.5 billion deficit. The governor did sign AB 557 (brown act) which removes the January 1, 2024, sunset date for AB 361, but it necessitates a declaration of state of emergency. SB 746 was sponsored by Valleylink for a hydrogen facility in the City of Tracy. SB 125 funds (TIRCP transit), MPOs are currently assessing how to utilize these funds. CalSTA TIRCP cycle seven is being delayed by 60 days. Depending on the tax filings due in October, this might impact the amount of infrastructure funding available in the state. Ted Smalley noted the need to more strategically discuss the state platform for 2024. Tom Jordan reported that AB 985 (Arambula) was amended in the senate and went back to the assembly. It failed in the assembly but is still on the floor.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted the 45-day continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded through November 17th. Speaker McCarthy lost his speakership role last week. Scalese has been nominated as speaker. Jim Jordan is also a contender. Jen Covino noted Ms. Butler as the new California senator. Jen noted a Valley Voice meeting summary that was sent via email prior to this meeting. FHWA has announced their FY 2024 formula allocations for the bridge program. DOT has announced Crissy grant selections. FHWA has an electric vehicle infrastructure NOFA out. DOT has a Thriving Communities NOFA out. EPA has a Clean School Bus NOFA out. The EPA highway sanction item was noted. Tom Jordan reported he would coordinate with Jen about following up with EPA prior to the December 17th deadline.

4. SJV REAP Program

M. Sigala & R. Phipps

Michael Sigala reviewed current valleywide work efforts. There are 19 technical assistance assignments; most of the TA requests are for ADU assistance. Michael reviewed the various other work efforts underway and pending webinars. Robert Phipps noted the revised funding MOU was for the third round of REAP I funding. Six of the eight counties (MPOs) have submitted invoices for final payment. Robert noted the Urban Footprint RHNA Insights Tool as ongoing with 11 organizations participating. In terms of REAP 1 closeout, its looking like the end of July or August 2024 will be the close out months for activity. Ted Smalley requested information on existing balances and the need to reallocate funds if needed, with a priority on maintaining funds in the Valley (versus returning funds to Sacramento). Mr. Smalley requested to further discuss funding balances at the December meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Diana Gomez, District 6, noted the SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan kickoff meeting and a stakeholder meeting. The next workshop will occur on October 20th. FY 23-24 Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant awards were recently announced. On October 26th there will be a workshop for the planning grants. DOT MEGA application for the Madera HSR station was submitted. DOT INFRA, Caltrans worked with Kern COG on the SR 99/58 connector and worked with Fresno COG on the South Fresno Interchanges. Clean California, cycle two, District 6 received 29 applications and awarded six. Dennis Agar, District 10, noted Clean California, cycle two, District 10 received 10 applications and awarded three. FY 23-24 Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant, District 10 will hold a workshop next week. Mr. Agar announced that Marlon Regisford was named the District 7 Deputy Director of Planning.

6. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

Toni Tinoco noted a \$202 million Crissy grant award for work in the City of Shafter. Construction package 4 (Wasco) civil work and project completion is anticipated in the coming months.

7. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Michael Hanebutt noted a Sacramento event on October 4th for the next completion of their Central City Implementation project. The next Rail Commission meeting is on November 3rd. The next SJ JPA board meeting is on November 17th. TIRCP applications are due in March 2024, and they are working on those applications now.

8. TradePort California

S. Jhutti

Tony Boren noted a forthcoming federal grant in the amount \$1.75 million.

9. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

Tom Jordan noted a CARB action on October 26th on a smog check measure. This is the last piece/roadblock for the EPA contingency measure item.

10. MioCar EV Car Sharing

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted high usage in Stockton. They are submitting a \$500k grant application to CARB for technical assistance and capacity building.

11. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

No report provided. Michael Sigala noted he spoke with Jim Suennen, associate secretary for external affairs at the California Health and Human Services Agency for an update on the nomination process. Eduardo Gonzales is out on a leave of absence for an unknown period of time. The executive committee is scheduled to meet again to discuss the status of current members, vacancies and new appointments. Ted Smalley requested a letter with his signature formally requesting that Terri King become the new representative for the COG Directors. The next Partnership Board meeting is December 8th in Modesto.

OTHER ITEMS

12. Director Items

Patricia Taylor noted the next CTC meeting will be in Madera on October 18th and 19th. The reception will occur on October 18th.

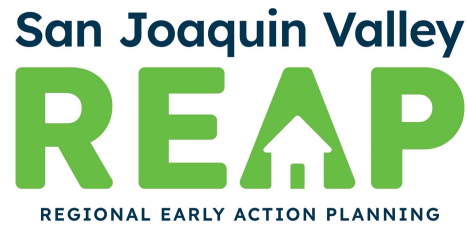
13. Public Presentations for Items not on the Agenda

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 10
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Sabrina Bradbury	CalCOG
Nick Cook	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Jen Covino	Simon and Company
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
Jose Luis Caceres	Stanislaus Council of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Michael Hanebutt	SJ JPA
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Steven Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Simran Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 10
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Merced County Association of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Toni Tinoco	CA High Speed Rail
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments



**REAP Update
November 2, 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.

19 jurisdictions have requested technical assistance to date: *Arvin, McFarland, Atwater, Kingsburg, Bakersfield, Clovis, Stanislaus County, Hughson, Wasco, Stockton, Madera County, Madera, Merced County, Tulare County, Kings County, Selma, Lodi, Parlier and Porterville.*

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 (UF); status – complete, 11 jurisdictions/COGs are utilizing
- Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
- Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
- Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier/Rincon Consultants); status- draft of final study completed.
- REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - ***Next workshop is January 23, 2024 on Ground Water Supply/SGMA Implications on Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA)***

- **The final and third REAP funding application** has been approved by HCD, revised funding memo and MOU has been sent to Valley COGs and distribution of funding is occurring.
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on October 24th. The November TAC meeting will occur on November 14th.

FREE WEBINAR

CONSEQUENCES FOR MISSING HOUSING ELEMENT DUE DATES

San Joaquin Valley
REAP
REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING



TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

More information is forthcoming,
here are the learning objectives:

- sdjfasdf; dfja;sjfd azs
- dafjadslk;fasdf
- djfasdjf dskfjkadsf adsf asdjfa

Panelist:
SOHAB MEHMOOD, HCD
SOMEONE ELSE, HCD

REGISTER

MORE INFO

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