



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. December 14, 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

Gus Khouri

Jen Covino



4. Committee Updates

a. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

b. SJV Swap Meet

c. Housing and Land Use

d. Travel Modelers Group

Robert Phipps

Gabriel Gutierrez

Kim Anderson

Rob Ball

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| 5. January 26, 2024, Regional Policy Council Meeting
<i>Discuss Agenda Topics</i> | Michael Sigala | <i>to be provided</i> |
| 6. SJV REAP Program
<i>Receive update</i> | Michael Sigala &
Robert Phipps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. 2024 Annual Policy Conference
<i>Receive update</i> | Ted Smalley | <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/Eric Mather |
| 9. California High Speed Rail | Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco |
| 10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | Dan Leavitt |
| 11. TradePort California | Simran Jhutti |
| 12. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan |
| 13. Miocar Car Sharing | Michael Sigala |
| 14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | |

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items
16. 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

11 am: Directors' Executive Session to discuss the 2024 California Legislative Platform

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2024. In person, Madera.

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

ITEM 1

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Videoconference

Directors	MPO
Ted Smalley – Chair	Tulare County Association of Governments
Robert Phipps for Tony Boren – Vice Chair	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
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 2, 2023, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley

There was a motion to approve the November 2, 2023, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Stacie Guzman

Second Motion: Robert Phipps

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock noted EPA has signed four deferral notices to avoid the highway sanctions. The notices will remove the sanctions and approve the contingency measures.

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri noted the \$68 billion deficit. There is \$24 billion in the rainy-day fund and transportation is not dependent on general fund resources, however, expect some cuts in related programs. Mr. Khouri noted he is working on the legislative platform and proposed a date for the Valley Voice Sacramento for March 13th.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted \$6 billion in federal grants coming to California from the Federal Railroad Administration. \$3 billion is from the Partnership Program to fund High Speed Rail improvements for the Merced Extension, the Bakersfield Extension, the Fresno Station and train procurement. Under the Corridor ID Program, the San Joaquin Valley corridor was selected. Ms. Covino noted a debriefing on the SJ JPA proposed Rail Academy. FHWA has announced Safe Streets for All funding awards. Ahron Hakimi asked about the INFRA announcements and was informed that awardees would be notified in early January.

4. Committee Updates

a. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

Robert Phipps reported a first meeting was held. Protocols, monthly meetings, information flow, etc. were topics discussed.

b. SJV Swap Meet

Gabriel Gutierrez reported a meeting on November 7th. They agreed on a charter and to meet once a month for the first six months.

c. Housing and Land Use

Kim Anderson reported to expect to meet in early January. Land use and housing legislation, technical challenges from SCS land use tools, REAP best practices, RHNA tools and methodologies are topics the group expects to discuss.

d. Travel Modelers Group

Rob Ball reported the group has met and has agreed to submit an eight-county V-TRANSFRM (Valley Transport Resiliency Advancement For Neighborhoods' Sustainable FReight Movement) grant proposal to the climate adaptation program to enhance freight data, including railroad data, develop a three step truck model, and analyze impacts to disadvantaged communities. The \$3,000,000 grant requires an in-kind match of \$388,863. Mr. Ball noted the need to include a disadvantaged community in the grant application. TCAG would be lead fiscal agent for this grant. Ted Smalley asked for a motion to approve the grant application and match requirement:

First Motion: Robert Phipps
Second Motion: Ahron Hakimi
Motion Carried

5. SJV REAP Program

M. Sigala & R. Phipps

Robert Phipps noted ongoing discussions with HCD regarding utilizing existing funds to supplant current funding needs, as well as preparing a revised third application to HCD. Michael Sigala noted an upcoming January webinar on the valley's water supply and its impact on housing production.

6. 2024 Annual Policy Conference

T. Smalley

Ted Smalley noted some speakers are confirmed. The first night will include a reception at the McDermot Field House.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Michael Navarro, District 6, noted Caltrans released the 2024 SHOPP project list showing \$15.7 billion in projects statewide. Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant applications are due January 18th. Mr. Navarro noted a federal grant for \$132M for Tulare 99 was not funded. He also noted a pending Kings County Reconnecting Communities Grant. Mark Samuelson is now the acting Deputy District Director for Planning for District 10. Mr. Samuelson introduced himself and noted a 20-year career at Caltrans. Dennis Agar retired at the end of December 2023.

8. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

Toni Tinoco noted the previously mentioned \$3.1 billion award in federal grant funding. The funding will help construction throughout the valley and will help with additional property acquisition. \$202 million for grade separation in Shafter was noted. Upcoming community meetings for station design were also noted.

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

M. Hanebutt

Michael Hanebutt noted the Madera station relocation project and funding from MCTC. They will be submitting Caltrans Planning Grants in January and will need support from this group.

10. TradePort California

S. Jhutti

Robert Phipps noted the recently awarded FHWA funding will result in an upcoming Fresno COG RFP that staff is working on.

11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

No report provided.

12. MioCar EV Car Sharing

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted they are working on the MioCar update for the January Director's and upcoming Policy Council meeting. Mr. Sigala noted several new grant awards that will double the size of the Miocar fleet in this coming year.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Rosa Park noted a request from the Partnership Chair Vito Chiesa to develop a list of three recommendations for board members from each COG. The application process was discussed. Rosa Park would follow up with Vito to clarify on how we treat/identify existing board members. Michael will follow up with Rosa and Chiesa's office.

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

No comments.

15. Public Presentations for Items not on the agenda

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Sabrina Bradbury	CalCOG
Jose Luis Caceres	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Jen Covino	Simon and Company
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Gabriel Gutierrez	Tulare County Association of Governments
Michael Hanebutt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 10
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Merced County Association of Governments
Mark Samuelson	Caltrans District 10
Gabbie Sefranek	Caltrans
Michael Sigala	Sigala Inc, Valleywide Coordinator
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Toni Tinoco	CA High Speed Rail

ITEM 3.b



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To: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee
From: Jen Covino
David Gellman
Date: January 5, 2024
Subject: Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

See below for a review of developments at the federal level of interest to the Central Valley. Topics include an update on the Second Session of the 118th Congress, the opening of pre-filing registration for elective payment of clean energy tax credits authorized by the *Inflation Reduction Act* (P.L. 117-169), the race to succeed to former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, and new and upcoming funding opportunities. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide further information.

118th Congress Returns for Second Session

Members of Congress will return to the nation's capital next week for the Second Session of the 118th Congress. The Senate returns on Monday, and the House of Representatives will be back on Tuesday. Lawmakers will have a busy agenda moving forward in the first quarter of 2024.

Congressional leaders will need to quickly work towards a resolution for funding the government for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2024. As a reminder, Congress passed a two-step Continuing Resolution (CR) averting a government shutdown last month. That "laddered" stopgap established two upcoming deadlines.

First, the CR extended government funding through January 19, 2024 for four spending bills:

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration;
- Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies;
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

Next, the remaining eight spending bills are extended through February 2, 2024:

- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies;
- Defense;
- Financial Services and General Government;





- Homeland Security;
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies;
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education;
- Legislative Branch; and
- State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

A partial government shutdown could begin when the first package of bills expires on January 19, 2024, absent Congressional action.

House Speaker Mike Johnson previously announced that he was not interested in pursuing any additional short-term extensions, preferring to instead push a vote on a full-year CR. However, Senate Democrats are applying pressure on their Republican counterparts in House leadership to come to an agreement on all 12 individual spending bills. Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Patty Murray [released information](#) detailing the adverse impacts of passing a full-year CR rather than pursuing a bicameral agreement on an omnibus.

In a [letter](#) to House Budget Committee leadership yesterday afternoon, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provided more clarity on the potential impacts of the sequestration provision included in the *Fiscal Responsibility Act* (P.L. 118-5) that would be triggered if Congress fails to pass all 12 spending bills by April 30th. CBO estimates that the sequester would result in a reduction to nondefense and foreign aid spending ranging from five to nine percent. Defense spending would only minimal reductions, likely resulting in a cut of only zero to one percent.

Speaker Johnson and more than 60 House Republican colleagues traveled to Eagle Pass, Texas earlier this week to draw attention to the need for more security and enforcement along the southern border. House Republicans have expressed some willingness to shut down the government absent an agreement with the Biden Administration and Senate on the border. Many are proposing that an emergency supplemental appropriations package must include policy changes and more funding for border security, if President Joseph Biden wants Congress to approve his request to provide military aid to Ukraine defending itself against Russia or humanitarian assistance to Israel and Palestine in response to the ongoing conflict there in the Middle East following the October 7th terrorist attacks by Hamas.

House leadership is apparently insisting that the *Secure the Border Act* (H.R. 2) serve as the basis of negotiations; however, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer indicated that the legislation would not garner sufficient bipartisan support to advance in that chamber. According to [Punchbowl News](#), it appears that Speaker Johnson understands there may be a need to open the channel of direct communications with the White House very soon. It remains to be seen whether any discussions could lead to an agreement on the FY 2024 spending bills or a supplemental appropriations package. We will be sure to communicate any updates on this front.



The math for passing any measure through the House just became more complicated, following the announcement that Ohio Representative Bill Johnson will resign his seat for a new professional opportunity later this month. That resignation, effective January 21st, will leave Republicans with a slimmer majority of 219 seats. Democrats have 213 votes. There will be three vacancies in the House (for the seats of former Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California, expelled Congressman George Santos of New York, and Johnson). We will make you aware of the outcomes of upcoming special elections.

Beyond the budget, lawmakers have plenty of other legislative business on their plates over the next few months. Congress will have to work on long-term reauthorizations for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the Farm Bill, and the *Water Resources Development Act* (WRDA) with expiring authorizations that will need to be addressed later this year. With primary season and the general election in November on the horizon, the business of governing will certainly be interesting for both the Legislative and Executive Branches.

Direct Pay

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently [launched](#) its [pre-filing registration tool](#) for taxpayers interested in receiving elective payment, or Direct Pay, of tax credits authorized by the *Inflation Reduction Act* (P.L. 117-169). As a reminder, the IRA allows units of local government and other tax exempt and governmental entities to receive a payment equal to the value of new and expanded tax credits authorized by the law for a variety of clean energy projects.

Eligible incentives organized by project area are outlined in an IRS [fact sheet](#). Pre-filing registration is a requirement for eligible taxpayers to receive elective payment of these tax credits. IRS released a [User Guide](#) and [instructional video](#) to assist taxpayers in completing the pre-filing registration process. The registration number generated by the pre-filing registration tool must be included on a taxpayer's annual return and filed before any payments can be received.

Regarding the timing for pre-filing registration, IRS states, "Interested taxpayers should complete and submit the pre-filing registration request no earlier than the beginning of the tax year in which the taxpayer they will earn or the credit it wishes to monetize with an elective payment election or transfer election. Even though registration is not possible prior to the beginning of the tax year in which the credit will be earned, the IRS recommends that taxpayers register as soon as reasonably practicable during the tax year. The current recommendation is to submit the pre-filing registration at least 120 days prior to when the organization or entity plans to file its tax return on which it will make its election."



A White House [website](#) on Direct Pay notes further, “For most tax-exempt and governmental entities, the return for a taxable year is due 4.5 months after the end of that taxable year. For example, if your tax year is the calendar year, and your project is coming online in 2023, your tax return will be due by May 15, 2024. Those without a filing requirement can also receive an automatic 6-month extension.”

IRS will host a [webinar](#) next Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) to provide additional information on Direct Pay and pre-filing registration. Direct Pay is detailed further in [proposed regulations](#), a list of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#), and [guidance](#) from IRS governing the process. An IRA [webpage](#) developed by the agency also includes guidance on each credit eligible for Direct Pay as it is released.

IRS separately [issued guidance](#) on “procedures for applicable entities to claim the statutory exception to the application of the phaseouts for elective payment projects that begin construction during calendar year 2024 that fail to satisfy the domestic content requirement.” The guidance applies to the Section 45 Renewable Energy Production Credit, Section 45Y Clean Electricity Production Credit, Section 48 Energy Credit, and Section 48E Clean Electricity Investment Credit. Applicable entities include tax-exempt organizations, state and local governments, Tribal governments, and rural electric cooperatives.

Composition of Congress

The Office of the 20th Congressional District of California formerly filled by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy became vacant as of January 2, 2024. We expect California Governor Gavin Newsom to set a date for a special election imminently to fill the seat for the remainder of the former Congressman’s term. Declared candidates currently include California Assemblymember Vince Fong, Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreaux, Clovis small business owner David Giglio, and Clovis businessman Kyle Kirkland.

Current Funding Opportunities

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency

[DHS FEMA FY 2024 Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund](#)

(Application Opens: February 1, 2024)

[DHS FEMA FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program](#)

(State Deadline: February 29, 2024)

[DHS FEMA FY 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program](#)

(State Deadline: February 29, 2024)

[DHS FEMA FY 2024 Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams](#)





(State Deadline: February 29, 2024)

[DHS FEMA FY 2024 Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund](#)

(Deadline: April 30, 2024)

U.S. Department of the Interior **Bureau of Reclamation**

[DOI USBR FY 2024 and 2025 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

(First Application Deadline: January 16, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2024 and 2025 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants \(WEEG\)](#)

(FY 2024 Funding Deadline: February 22, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2023 and 2024 WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects](#)

(Second Deadline: March 29, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2023 and 2024 WaterSMART Planning and Design Grants](#)

(FY 2024 Funding Deadline: April 2, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2024 and 2025 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

(Second Application Deadline: July 9, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2023 and 2024 WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I](#)

(Second Deadline: September 3, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2023 and 2024 WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects](#)

(Third Deadline: September 30, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2024 and 2025 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants \(WEEG\)](#)

(FY 2025 Funding Deadline: October 30, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2024 and 2025 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

(Third Application Deadline: January 14, 2025)

[DOI USBR FY 2024 and 2025 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

(Fourth Application Deadline: July 8, 2025)

Bureau of Land Management

[DOI BLM HQ FY 2024 IJA/IRA California Plant Conservation and Restoration Management](#)

(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

[DOI BLM FY 2024 IJA/IRA California Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance Program](#)

(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

[DOI BLM FY 2024 IJA/IRA California Recreation and Visitor Services Program](#)

(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

[DOI BLM FY 2024 IJA/IRA California Forest and Woodlands Resource Management](#)

(Deadline: February 5, 2024)



**U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary**

[DOT FY 2024 RAISE Grant Program](#)
(Deadline: February 28, 2024)

Federal Highway Administration

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)
(FY 2023 Full Application Deadline: January 23, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023 and 2024 Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\) Program](#)
(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)
(FY 2023 and 2024 Deadline: February 19, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)
(FY 2023 and 2024 Deadline: March 19, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)
(FY 2024 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 16, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)
(FY 2024 Full Application Deadline: May 28, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Large Bridge Project Grants](#)
(FY 2025 Deadline: August 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)
(FY 2025 Deadline: October 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)
(FY 2025 Deadline: November 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)
(FY 2025 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 15, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)
(FY 2025 Full Application Deadline: May 27, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Large Bridge Project Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Deadline: August 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Deadline: October 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Deadline: November 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 14, 2026)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Full Application Deadline: May 26, 2026)



Maritime Administration

[DOT MARAD FY 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program](#)

(Deadline: April 30, 2024)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[EPA 2023 Clean School Bus Rebates](#)

(Deadline: January 31, 2024)

[EPA FY 2023 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act \(WIFIA\) Program](#)

(Rolling Deadline)

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

January

FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Program

FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program

FMCSA High Priority - Enforcement Training Support

NHTSA State Electronic Data Collection

February

OST Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program

Winter

FHWA Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grants

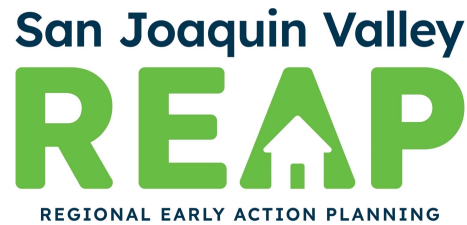
March

FTA Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program

FTA Ferry Service for Rural Communities

Summer

OST Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grants: Stages 1 and 2



**REAP Update
January 11, 2024**

- **Robert Phipps will provide a verbal update on funding balances and allocation planning for the remainder of the REAP 1.0 program, which concludes in December 2024.**
- **Technical Assistance** to Valley jurisdictions is available utilizing the following consultants:
 - Mintier Harnish
 - Precision Engineering
 - Rincon Consultants (AFFH)
 - VTA (AFFH)
 - Estolano (AFFH)

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.*

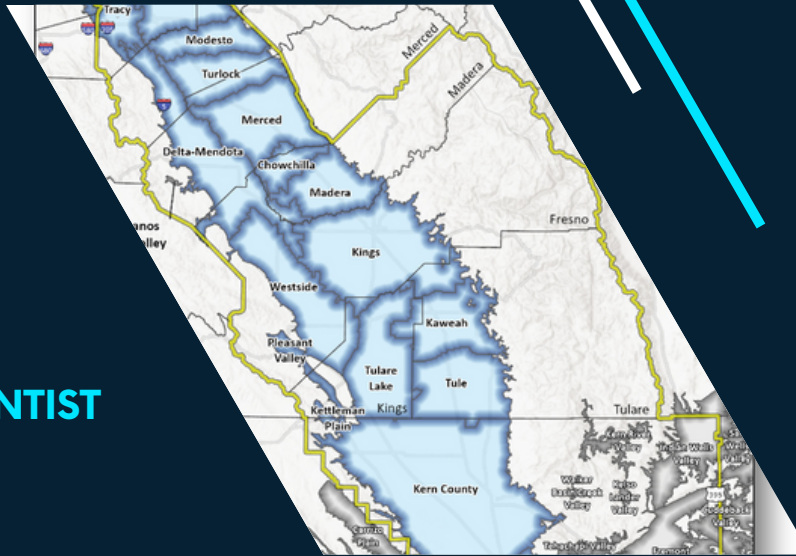
Jurisdictions can request technical assistance via a web site portal:

<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, on-line, 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- final study completed, workshop in January.
 - REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - ***Next workshop is January 23, 2024, on Water Supply 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. The draft Revised application with re-allocations Robert will address verbally has been completed.
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on January 9th. The February TAC meeting will occur on February 13th.

FREE WEBINAR

HOW DOES THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY'S WATER SUPPLY ACCOMODATE FOR THE PROJECTED RHNA HOUSING GROWTH?



Panelists:

ROSALYN PRICKETT, PRINCIPAL
EMILY MCCORD, WATERSHED SCIENTIST
Rincon Consultants, Inc.

REGISTER

TUESDAY
JANUARY 23, 2024
1 PM - 2 PM

VIA ZOOM

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) has prepared a Water Supply Study for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program. The study assess linkages between land use planning and water management in the San Joaquin Valley and evaluates the adequacy of water supply identified in water management plans to accommodate projected RHNA growth. Register for this free webinar to hear from the experts who conducted this interesting study.

AICP CM
Eligible

MORE INFO

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San Joaquin Valley

SPRING POLICY CONFERENCE

Mon. April 29- Wed. May 1, 2024

In Beautiful Downtown Visalia @ The Convention Center

IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Richard "Kiki" Torrez Jr.

Professional Boxer | Olympic Silver Medalist



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Partners



San Joaquin Valley
REAP
REGIONAL EARLY REGIONAL PLANNING



For more info

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Hosted by Tulare County Association of Governments

**Nominations are now
open for the 2024**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY BLUEPRINT AWARDS

Awards will be presented on May 1st at the San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference hosted by the Tulare County Association of Governments.

Nominations due April 1, 2024
Download Nominations Packet Here

Award Categories

Development Projects

On the ground, existing projects that exemplify the Blueprint principles:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Downtown Revitalization
- Transportation Enhancement
- Historic Revitalization

Planning Project or Program

Recognition of sustainable and innovative planning projects or programs.

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Awarded to an individual who has shown enthusiasm and tenacity in promoting the Blueprint principles.

Jenny Kenoyer Outstanding Elected Official

Awarded to an elected official who demonstrates great leadership and advocacy for promoting Blueprint principles.

For more information, please visit the 2024 San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference web site

CLICK HERE

