



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council Meeting

**Friday, January 26, 2024
9:30 a.m.**

Members of the Policy Council may participate via video teleconference at the following locations:

Kern Council of Governments
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Stanislaus County Office
1010 10th Street, Suite 6709
Modesto, CA 95354

Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N. Church St., Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291

Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Rd., Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

San Joaquin Council of Governments
Cornerstone Conference Room
555 E. Weber Ave., Suite 400
Stockton, CA 95202

Kings County Association of Governments
339 W. D St., Suite B
Lemoore, CA 93245

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

Members of the public may participate at any of the above locations or remotely via Zoom. Please contact Michael Sigala at (559) 266-6222 or michael@sigalainc.com prior to the meeting to determine which physical locations will be utilized.

Zoom Meeting Information

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Meeting ID: 839 6460 7649

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Agenda

Enclosure

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Poythress

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Poythress


C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES


Chair





1. June 23, 2023, regular meeting

2. November 3, 2023, regular meeting

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Supervisor Robert Poythress
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Air Pollution
Control District

San Joaquin
Joint Powers
Authority

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. California Legislative Priorities
<i>Discuss and approve draft priorities and discuss Valley Voice Sacramento 2024</i> | Gus Khouri | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Legal Services for the Regional Policy Council
<i>Consider approving an agreement with Monica Streeter</i> | Ted Smalley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Federal Legislative Update
<i>Receive update</i> | Jen Covino | |
| 4. State Route 99 and Major Highway Funding
<i>Receive update</i> | Diana Gomez and Eric Mather | |
| 5. Miocar Electric Vehicle Car Sharing Program
<i>Receive Update</i> | Michael Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Individuals noted will be present to provide a verbal update.

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| 1. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Samir Sheik |
| 2. High Speed Rail | Toni Tinoco |

F. OTHER ITEMS

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| 1. Executive Directors' Report
<i>a. Update on Valleywide Contract Solicitations</i>
<i>b. Annual Policy Conference, April 29th to May 1st</i>
<i>c. Other</i> | Ted Smalley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Regional Policy Council Member Comments | | |

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Items above.

H. ADJOURN

Next Regular Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, June 21, 2024, at 10 am.

There will be a Pre-Valley Voice Sacramento workshop meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Provisional Regular Meeting on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 9 am.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

The public meeting locations and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact the SJV Regional Planning Agencies at 559.266.6222, at least 3 days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the public meeting. Participation remotely via zoom is available.



Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 23, 2023

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Remote Zoom Video Teleconference

In accordance with Brown Act meeting requirements, each COG office was a designated meeting location for Policy Council members.

Policy Council Member Attendees:

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Robert Poythress (Chair)	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Daron McDaniel (Vice-Chair)	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Gary Yep	Fresno COG	Councilmember	City of Kerman
Alma Beltran	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of Parlier
Bob Smith	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Bakersfield
Cathy Prout	Kern COG	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Shafter
Scott Silveira	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Dan Wright	SJ COG	Councilmember	City of Stockton
Vito Chiesa	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Rosa Escutia-Braaton	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Dennis Townsend	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Samir Sheikh	SJVAPCD	Executive Director	SJVAPCD
Dan Leavitt (for Stacey Mortensen)	SJJPA	Executive Director	SJJPA

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poythress

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the May 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

First Motion: Gary Yep

Second Motion: Daron McDaniel

No Nays

Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Federal Legislative Platform

David Gellman

David Gellman, Covino & Simon, reviewed the draft legislative platform for Valley Voice DC provided to members in the agenda packet. Mr. Gellman noted legislative measures to reduce funding in several categories and departments. Key transportation programs need to be protected. Mr. Gellman noted earmark and grant applications from the Valley as a priority. SR 99 priority projects were noted. For air quality, the priority would be for urging EPA to approve the 2018 SIP contingency measures and remove potential highway funding sanctions. Samir Sheikh reiterated the need to address EPA on Valley Voice DC. Mr. Gellman noted passenger rail infrastructure and the pending grant applications from the ACE/SJJPA. RAISE grant selections would be announced shortly. Buy America continues to be an issue and waivers are still needed. Water infrastructure was also noted and the need for funding for water supply projects. Rudy Mendoza noted other issues surrounding water at this time such as levies. Dennis Townsend noted Farm-to-Market transportation-based funding and the need for parity for rural road needs. There was a motion to approve the legislative platform.

First Motion: Dan Wright

Second Motion: Vito Chiesa

No Nays

Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

2. California Legislative Update

Gus Khouri

Mr. Gus Khouri noted the main budget bill has been provided to the Governor's office. There are several trailer bills that need to be worked out. There is a \$31.5 projected deficit for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Transportation is not dependent on the general fund. SB 198 had intent language to provide \$4 billion to MPOs for transit subsidies over the next two fiscal years. AB 87 would codify the Governor's Climate Action Plan for transportation funding. AB 557 (brown act) would remove the sunset date in AB 661. SB 537 allows multijurisdictional entities to meet without a state of emergency declaration. AB 650 would have reconfigured the size and composition of the SJV Air District, this bill failed. AB 1525 would have restricted transportation investment to underserved areas, but the areas were undefined; this bill failed. The CTC will be considering amendments to SB 1 funding programs; a CTC meeting will occur on June 28th, and this will be an item on the agenda.

3. State Route 99 and Major Highway Funding

Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar

Diana Gomez, Caltrans District 6 Director, noted the SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan's contract will be executed next week and a kick-off meeting is scheduled for July. Ms. Gomez noted funding requests for the Paige Interchange (Tulare), Coldwell/SR 99 Interchange (Tulare) and Kern County SR 99/58 interchange will be on the CTC agenda next week. Reconnecting Communities funding will be available soon. Highways to Boulevards funding is also available. Ms. Gomez provided construction status updates on several SR 99 projects. Marlon Regisford, District 10 Planning Director, noted a station connectivity plan slated for kick-off in Merced.

4. Executive and Water Committees

Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala provided an update to the composition of the Executive and Water Committees. There is one vacancy on the Executive Committee and one vacancy on the Water Committee.

There was a motion to nominate Daron McDaniel to the Executive Committee. Rudy Mendoza and Alma Beltran were nominated as alternates by Gary Yep. The nominations were voted on in one motion.

First Motion: Rudy Mendoza/Gary Yep
Second Motion: Dan Wright
No Nays
Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

The Water Committee item needed a committee member from Stanislaus County. Stanislaus County members declined to nominate a member at this time.

5. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Valleywide Overall Work Program

Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala provided a brief overview of the overall work program activities and budget for FY 2023-24. As part of the overall work program, contracts for the government relations contracts need to be approved. Various valleywide contracts will go through a request for proposals process early next year. The action today is to 1) approve the overall work program, 2) approve the government relations contracts, and 3) approve the reimbursement agreements for the ten participating agencies to pay for the government relations contracts. There was a motion for approval.

First Motion: Daron McDaniel
Second Motion: Rosa Escutia-Braaton
No Nays
Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

6. Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala reviewed the meeting calendar for fiscal year 2023-24.
There was a motion for approval.

First Motion: Rudy Mendoza
Second Motion: Alma Beltran
No Nays
Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Inland Ports: TradePort CA & Castle Commerce Center** Tony Boren, Daron McDaniel
Tony Boren noted a recent TradePort CA DOT grant application submittal for \$4.5 million and ongoing meetings with other counties. Daron McDaniel, Castle Commerce Center, noted increases in activities at the Center.
2. **San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** Samir Sheik
Samir Sheik, Executive Director, noted a revised PM 2.5 plan, and noted \$600 million in clean air funding for the Valley as part of the recently approved budget.
3. **High Speed Rail** Toni Tinoco
Toni Tinoco noted new construction sites in Kings County. Construction package 4 (Kern Co. to the City of Wasco) is scheduled for completion in the fall. Several meetings for station design are pending. June 29th is the next HSR board meeting.
4. **ACE/SJIPA** Dan Leavitt
Dan Leavitt noted ridership of around 85% of pre-pandemic levels. Mr. Leavitt provided an overview of several pending state and federal grant submittals.

E. OTHER ITEMS

1. **Executive Directors' Report** Diane Nguyen
Diane Nguyen, San Joaquin COG Director, thanked Chair Poythress for his responsiveness throughout the year. The Policy Conference was held in Manteca this year. Ms. Nguyen noted the strength of working together.
2. **Policy Council member comments**
No member comments.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 am.

Appendix: A – List of other meeting attendees.

Individual(s)	Organization
Aly Hernandez	Simon & Co.
Michael Sigala	Sigala Inc.
Becky Napier	Kern COG
David Gellman	Simon & Co.
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin
Elisabeth Hahn	Stan COG
Gabbie Sefranek	Caltrans
Gus Khouri	Khouri
Jose Luis Caceres	Stan COG
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin
Patricia Taylor	MCTC
Kristine Cai	Fresno COG
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans D10
Meg Prince	MCAG
Michael Hanebutt	SJPA
Monica Streeter	StanCOG
Michael Navarro	Caltrans D6
Natalia Austin	MCAG
Rob Ball	Kern COG
Stephanie Jackson	MCAG
Steve Dial	San Joaquin
Toni Tinoco	CA High



ITEM C.2

Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 3, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Remote Zoom Video Teleconference

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Policy Council Member Attendees:

MEMBER	ORG.	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Robert Poythress (Chair)	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Alma Beltran	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of Parlier
Bob Smith	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Bakersfield
Joe Neves	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Jose Rodriguez	MCTC	Councilmember	City of Madera
Dan Wright	SJ COG	Councilmember	City of Stockton
Rosa Escutia-Braaton	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Linda Launer	TCAG	Councilmember	City of Dinba
Tom Jordan (for Samir Sheikh)	SJVAPCD	Executive Director	SJVAPCD
Michael Hanebutt (for S. Mortensen)	SJJPA	Executive Director	SJJPA

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poythress

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Guest Speaker, Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer

Gus Khouri introduced Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer. Fiona Ma provided an overview of several programs run by the Treasurer's Office. She described each program and her staff provided links:

- Treasurer Ma's GoGreen Business program: <https://gogreenfinancing.com/smallbusiness>
- Treasurer Ma's California Capital Access Program (CalCAP) for Small Business: <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfca/calcap/sb/index.asp>
- Treasurer Ma's CalSavers Retirement Savings Program - <https://www.calsavers.com>
- Treasurer Ma's ScholarShare 529 tax-advantaged college savings plan: <https://www.scholarshare529.com/>
- Treasurer Ma's CalKIDS program: www.calkids.org
- CalKIDS fact sheet: <https://calkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/CalKIDS-School-Toolkit-FastFacts-121222v1F.pdf>
- CalHFA's ADU Grant Program: <https://www.calhfa.ca.gov/adu/>
- Treasurer Ma's California Dream for All Program: <https://www.calhfa.ca.gov/dream/index.htm>
- Treasurer Ma's Sales and Use Tax Exclusion (STE) Program: <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/caeatfa/ste/index.asp>
- Have a question for the Treasurer after this meeting? Send an email to: AskFiona@treasurer.ca.gov

Gus Khouri described some of the initiatives currently going on in the Valley. Ms. Ma further discussed high speed rail improvements, transit-oriented development incentives, ADU grant program (\$40k grant to homeowners), and down payment assistance. Khaim Morton from Treasurer's Ma's office spoke about student housing financing opportunities. Policy Council member Bob Smith asked about categorizing electric bikes as electric vehicles. A short discussion ensued about bonding for state transportation projects. Alma Beltran asked about the ADU program and was directed to the CalHFA link provided. Rosa Escutia-Braaton commented on and inquired about the CalKIDS program.

2. Californians for Energy Independence

Brad Williams, Capitol Matrix Consulting, and Ingelise Guy, Californians for Energy Independence, presented an overview of the Californians for Energy Independence work efforts and what information the organization is trying to convey. Bryn Forhan introduced the group.

According to the presentation, affordable and reliable energy is critical to our Valley's industries and businesses, our families, and communities as well as our state economy. California faces significant challenges in its efforts to meet aggressive climate goals and transition to a cleaner economy. The presentation discussed California's support for responsible climate action, energy realities, and demonstrate how traditional fuels like oil and gas remain critical to meeting our vast energy needs – until we have adequate replacement power.

Californians for Energy Independence is a coalition of local oil and gas producers and community members who support safe and responsible in-state local oil and gas production that protects public health, safety and the environment. Supporting all forms of energy – wind, solar, nuclear and hydroelectric power alongside fossil fuels – is the best way to ensure reliability and affordability for all Californians.

After the presentation, a short discussion ensued about the status of the solar industry for homeowners, climate impacts from oil tankers, and demand and supply for domestic oil.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 am.

Appendix: A – List of other meeting attendees.

Individual(s)	Organization
Michael Sigala	SJV Coordinator, Sigala Inc.
David Gellman	Simon & Co.
Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Bryn Forhan	Consultant
Christian Daly	State Treasurer’s Office
Dylan Stone	MCTC
Elisabeth Hahn	Stan COG
Elizabeth Forte	MCAG
Katherine Asprey	State Treasurer’s Office
Khaim Morton	State Treasurer’s Office
Michael Hanebutt	SJPA
Michael Navarro	Caltrans D6
Patricia Taylor	MCTC
Rita Clark	State Treasurer’s Office
Stacie Guzman	MCAG
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Stephanie Jackson	MCAG
Steve Dial	San Joaquin COG
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Tristian Osborn	City of Stockton
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Yvette Davis	SJ COG

ITEM D.1

**San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
2024 State Legislative Priorities**

Issue	Goal	Strategy
<p>1. Pragmatically Address Air Quality, Equity, and Mobility Goals Through Operational Improvements</p>	<p>Support stable, equitable, and environmentally conscious state funding of alternatives to petroleum fuel sources to expand infrastructure and incentives for conversion to electric vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Prioritize feasible implementation strategies for State and regional climate goals to improve air quality and mobility.</p> <p>Extend the Cap-and-Trade Program beyond 2030.</p> <p>Pursue Innovative Solutions to Address Climate and Mobility Goals.</p> <p>Monitor activities on conversations regarding the jobs-housing imbalance and the impact on vehicle miles traveled.</p> <p>Monitor the implementation of SB 743, AB 285, and discussion on amending SB 375 and protect the ability to</p>	<p>SJVRPC supports a revenue-neutral conversion from the gas tax to a source that ensures equity in revenue collection that does not disadvantage those who must drive further to job centers. Distribution should respect San Joaquin Valley's vital role in maintaining system integrity and providing mobility options. This includes continuing to monitor the Road User Charge Technical Advisory Committee's activities.</p> <p>SJVRPC will collaborate with all stakeholders to implement CAPTI to promote mode-shift where feasible while also working towards completing key highway projects that enhance safety and support goods movement, tourism, disaster response, and military operations.</p> <p>SJVRPC will work to ensure that efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions account for opportunities and limitations within the region due to socioeconomic disadvantages, geographical considerations, the jobs-housing imbalance, the lack of density, and the profile of the regional economy.</p> <p>SJVRPC will also work with organizations such as the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG), California League of Cities, California State Association of Counties, and Self-Help Counties Coalition (SHCC), among others, to extend and pursue funding from Cap-and-Trade revenues beyond 2030 or other means to comply with the statewide mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and endorse policies that promote equity and regional job creation to reduce vehicle miles traveled with pragmatic solutions that fit the region.</p> <p>SJVRPC will also support greater investments into transit priority projects, operational improvements such as telecommuting, vanpools, shipping more freight via rail, availability of more e-bikes, and promoting opportunities for regions to sell mitigation credits to generate revenue for providing multi-modal options.</p> <p>SJVRPC will work with organizations such as CALCOG and SHCC, among others, to protect transportation funding from being withheld or diverted, while working with stakeholders to find alternatives to address jobs-housing imbalance. This includes monitoring the implementation of SB 743 and AB 285 recommendations and the impact on</p>

Issue	Goal	Strategy
	<p>continue addressing congestion management and safety on the state highway system.</p> <p>Restore REAP 2.0 funding to meet affordable housing goals.</p> <p>Restore FARMER funding to accelerate air quality goals.</p>	<p>addressing safety, congestion management, goods movement on the state highway system to ensure that capacity projects are not precluded from being funded.</p> <p>SJVRPC will work with CALCOG to develop additional revenue sources at the state, regional and local levels to support the planning required by SB 375 to support the construction of affordable housing in the region. This includes advocating for the full restoration of the \$300 million that is proposed to be cut in the Governor's proposed FY 24-25 State Budget for the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) planning grants.</p> <p>SJVRPC will also continue to pursue revenue made available through the Cap and Trade, Active Transportation Program, and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, for operations and capital needs for bus, rail and bicycle and pedestrian programs.</p> <p>SJVRPC will advocate for the restoration of \$150 million in funding for the FARMER program in the FY 24-25 State Budget.</p> <p>SJVRPC will support efforts to maintain local control for air districts and oppose efforts to enact redundant, costly oversight to meet air quality goals.</p>
<p>2. Leveraging State Funding to Address Safety, Goods Movement, and Mobility</p>	<p>Aggressively pursue funds through the State Budget, California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation process or any other state sources to address safety, congestion management, and goods movement.</p> <p>Advocate for a successor source to the gas tax to ensure stability and predictability of funding.</p> <p>Ensure that CSIS allows investments to enhance safety and goods movement on state highway system.</p>	<p>SJVRPC will remain diligent in competing for additional state funds to complete gap closures to improve safety, congestion management, and goods movement throughput on State Route 99 and other regional arterials. This includes building out SR 99 to a minimum of six lanes, consistent with the Caltrans-adopted State Route 99 Business Plan. This will also maximize the return on previous state and local investments.</p> <p>SJVRPC will monitor Road User Charge Technical Advisory Committee's activities and consider sponsoring legislation to implement a successor source to the gas tax and advocating for the restoration of truck weight fees to ensure predictable, stable funding, and consider additional resources to expedite project delivery.</p> <p>SJVRPC will advocate to ensure that goals expressed in the Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) does not limit the ability to address safety and goods movement projects on the state highway system.</p>

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Issue	Goal	Strategy
3. Access Transit Funding	<p>Support potential changes to the Transportation Development Act that will assist local public transportation systems with funding eligibility.</p> <p>Stabilize and increase transit funding levels.</p> <p>Protect and augment existing programs to encourage mode-shift.</p>	<p>SJVRPC will monitor the CalSTA Transit Transformative Task Force and support modifications to the TDA process as appropriate to ensure that transit operators are provided with flexibility to continue accessing funding to maintain and expand service.</p> <p>SJVRPC will support efforts to advocate for additional flexibility for TDA, State Transit Assistance Program, and State of Good Repair funding. This includes supporting additional funding for operations.</p> <p>SJVRPC will advocate for increased, ongoing transit operations and capital funding, either through existing programs or longer-term programs, including updates to TDA and a successor to the sales tax on diesel, to provide predictable and stable funding.</p> <p>SJVRPC will advocate to protect SB 125 formula funds provided by the legislature for operations and capital needs from being diverted.</p>
4. Enhance Passenger Rail Infrastructure and Service	<p>Provide enhanced passenger rail service to better connect the San Joaquin Valley to Sacramento, the Bay Area, and Southern California.</p> <p>Maintain and increase funding for commuter and intercity passenger rail for Ace, San Joaquins, and ValleyLink. Pursue funding opportunities made available through CalSTA.</p>	<p>SJVRPC will work cooperatively with CalSTA, Caltrans Division of Rail, Amtrak, CTC, ACE, San Joaquins, Valley Link, BNSF, and Union Pacific Railroad to expand passenger rail service and connectivity to accommodate Valley residents.</p> <p>SJVRPC will continue to diligently work on establishing extended commuter/intercity rail and high-speed rail service, to provide enhanced mobility options and connectivity, reduce vehicle miles traveled, greenhouse gas emissions, and the impacts of congestion on SR 99, and expand equitable transportation options for San Joaquin Valley residents.</p> <p>SJVRPC will advocate to preserve SB 125 funding administered regionally and consistent with the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), given the needs for current operations and planned expansions. Preserving this funding and exploring additional future opportunities for capital and operations funding is a critical component for continued passenger rail operations and delivering upon planned service expansions.</p> <p>SJVRPC will advocate to increase, recalibrate, and acquire funding from CalSTA through the State Rail Assistance (SRA) and TIRCP Cycle 7 to help expedite delivery of multimodal options and meet 2030 climate goals. This includes supporting the extension of Cap and Trade to allow for the TIRCP program to continue.</p> <p>SJVRPC supports the Governor's plan and CHSRA's 2022 Business Plan to complete the Early Operating Segment between Merced and Bakersfield between 2030 and 2033 and will</p>

Issue	Goal	Strategy
		continue to promote local and regional coordination efforts around station design, station-area planning, and connectivity to align with the region's priorities for project delivery and enhanced mobility in the San Joaquin Valley.



ITEM D.2

DATE: January 26, 2024

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council

SUBJECT: Legal Services Proposed Contract

Legal counsel for the Regional Policy Council is occasionally needed for advisement on meeting brown act requirements, parliamentary procedures, agenda review, contracts, memoranda of understanding, resolutions, and other related matters.

An hourly professional services agreement with Monica Streeter, General Counsel for StanCOG, is being proposed by the Directors' Committee for this service. The proposed scope of work, billing detail and conflict of interest statement are attached to this cover memo.

Contract cost are proposed to be shared equally among Regional Policy Council member agencies.

Ted Smalley, Chair of the Directors' Committee, will be available to provide additional information and address any questions at the January 26th meeting.

Requested Action: Consider approving in concept a professional services agreement for legal services with Monica Streeter. Additional contract terms, agreement to form, and fiscal agent designation will be determined by the Directors' Committee subsequent to this approval.

**LEGAL SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK
FOR SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL POLICY COUNCIL**

- I. Limited Counsel Services: Since each member agency of the Policy Council has retained dedicated general counsel services, this scope of work provides a narrower range of services focusing on administrative/procedural/Brown Act matters.

- II. Scope of Work: Basic services for the scope of this proposal shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 1. Attend regular and special meetings of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (“Policy Council”), San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Directors Committee (“Directors Committee”), and San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee when requested. Attendance may be in-person or via teleconference.
 2. Be prepared to advise the Policy Council, Directors Committee and Staff on such matters as the Brown Act, Public Records Act, conflicts of interest, and parliamentary procedures.
 3. Review and provide direction on agendas and agenda items as needed.
 4. Prepare and/or review staff documents, including but not limited to, staff reports, contracts, memoranda of understanding, resolutions, and agendas.
 5. Render advice regarding Policy Council contracts and memoranda of understanding. Coordinate with Policy Council member agencies and their legal counsel regarding same.
 6. Other tasks as deemed necessary.
 7. Legal representation shall not be provided for human resources, labor, employment, legislation, litigation or other adjudicative matters, or matters specific to a particular member agency.

III. Compensation.

1. All services will be billed at the hourly rate of \$299 per hour.
2. Time will be billed in increments of not less than one-tenth of an hour for each task performed at a time and rounding up for each partial increment. In addition, time will generally be billed in a minimum of two-tenths of an hour for each task given administrative costs and lost productivity associated with shifting attention from task to task.
3. All time recorded on a given day may be recorded in one entry and in certain situations may be recorded in one entry for all days spent on a matter. The rate(s) provided herein are subject to change upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the Policy Council. If the Policy Council declines to pay increased rates, StanCOG and its General Counsel will have the right to withdraw as attorney for the Policy Council.
4. The Policy Council will be billed for all activities undertaken in providing legal services, including but not limited to the following: **(i)** conferences (including preparation and participation); **(ii)** review and preparation of correspondence and legal documents; **(iii)** legal research and case analysis; and **(iv)** telephone and e-mail communications.

IV. Conflicts of Interest.

It is acknowledged that Monica J. Streeter is General Counsel for the Stanislaus Counsel of Governments (StanCOG). While there generally may be no problem with Ms. Streeter continuing representation of StanCOG and the Policy Council, both StanCOG and the Policy Council must consider potential conflicts becoming real.

One way in which a conflict of interest could occur is if Ms. Streeter receives conflicting instructions from the Policy Council and StanCOG. For example, if one of you instructs us to take certain actions on your behalf which another of you instructs us not to take, we would be placed in a position where we could not follow one of the instructions without violating the other. That situation, if unresolved, could create a conflict of interest that would require one or each of you to seek new attorneys.

Another way in which a conflict could arise is if in the course of representation you and StanCOG develop inconsistent objectives. For example, one of you wants us to pursue an objective that could adversely affect the other, a conflict of interest would exist that would require us to withdraw as your counsel.

If the Policy Council engages Monica J. Streeter as legal counsel, the Policy Council agrees that should an actual conflict arise, Ms. Streeter will, to the extent possible, continue representation of StanCOG and the Policy Council may need to seek new attorneys.



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Míocar Info

- ④ California based non-profit
- ④ Hiring local staff where we operate
- ④ Míocar handles all of our customer service in-house
- ④ Bilingual team is on call 24/7
- ④ Focused on providing access to affordable transportation in disadvantaged communities



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The Míocar Team



Alberto

Operations
Manager



Fernando

Fleet & Member
Services Manager



Adrian

Fleet & Member
Services Associate



Herson

Fleet & Member
Services Associate



Gloria

Chief
Operating
Officer



Jennifer

Contracts
& Program
Manager



Rachel

Director of
Strategic Expansion
& Special Projects



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We're Growing

\$7.7M



contracts in process

90+



vehicles deploying

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Locations

Active

Richmond
Stockton
Visalia

Re-deploying

Orosi
Dinuba
Arvin
Porterville

New

Escalon
Shafter
Oildale
Bakersfield
Watsonville
Tracy



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Vehicles

Nissan Leaf & Leaf
XLS
150-240 mile
range



Chevy Bolt
240 mile range



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Stats

- Over 20,000 hours reserved
- 4,500+ reservations
- 200,000 EV miles traveled
- Average of 6 hours usage/day/vehicle in Stockton
- 400+ members and 900+ applications in process



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Community Carsharing



- UC Davis & Miocar teaming up to help capacity building for EV carsharing, piloting a “Shared Mobility Cooperative Extension” approach
- STEP Planning Grant will support communities across SJV who want to build carsharing programs.
- Planning grant sets the stage for upcoming EPA ECJ Community Change Funding, Miocar is looking at this source to further scale in SJV and Central California.

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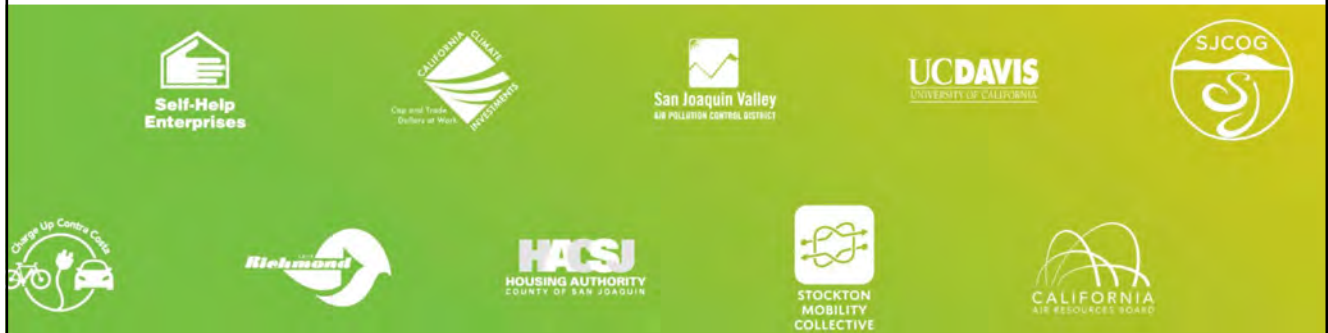
Next Steps



- Scale our operations with additional funding, locations, staff and board members.
- Focus on San Joaquin Valley jurisdictions for expansion.
- Conduct a strategic planning effort for the nonprofit.
- Continue to enhance the organization’s capacity.
- Establish strategic long partnerships with funders, public agencies, EV car makers, and charging station companies.

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Thank You.
 Michael Sigala
 Board President
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2024

San Joaquin Valley

Spring Policy Conference

ALL PATHS LEAD TO

YES!



Keynote Speaker:

Richard "KiKi" Torrez Jr.



Hosted by Tulare County Association of Governments



THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES POLICY COUNCIL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE 2024 POLICY CONFERENCE: ALL PATHS LEAD TO YES! WILL BE HOSTED BY THE TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS APRIL 29 – MAY 1

Please join us at the Visalia Convention Center in beautiful Downtown Visalia. This in-person event is a must-attend for elected officials, agency staff, transportation consultants, professionals, and anyone interested in shaping the future of the Valley.



This conference is about saying YES! to a vision of a transportation system that works for the San Joaquin Valley. Our diverse lineup of speakers will provide thought-provoking perspectives and attendees will have the opportunity to discover the latest insights, network with industry experts, engage in lively discussions on a wide range of policy topics, such as new technology, housing, social justice, funding, and more!

This can't-miss event is an exciting opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and gain valuable knowledge. The ticket for the Policy Conference includes a ticket to the Blueprint Awards Luncheon. Registration is discounted through February 2nd, so don't wait to get your tickets!

[Ticket & Hotel Information Here](#)

Location

The Policy Conference will be held at the Visalia Convention Center
303 E Acequia Ave, Visalia, CA 93291



Directions

From HWY 99
Take HWY 198 exit.
Take exit 107A to merge onto CA-63 N toward Cutler Orosi/Kings Cyn.
Turn left onto CA-63 N/S Court St.
Turn right onto E Acequia Ave.
Destination will be on the right.

**VISALIA MARRIOTT AT THE CONVENTION CENTER FOR \$132 PER NIGHT
BOOK YOUR GROUP RATE FOR 2024 TCAG POLICY CONFERENCE**

***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

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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.

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