



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council Meeting

**Friday, March 1, 2024
9:00 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 Council of Governments
1111 I St., Suite 308
Modesto, CA 95354

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

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2001 Howard Rd., Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

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

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339 W. D St., Suite B
Lemoore, CA 93245

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

Robert J. Cabral Station
Second Floor, Training Room
949 E. Channel Street
Stockton, CA 95202

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81268587387?pwd=dzdlnFBxQUxRbnlEZ1hSRFJvVHlkdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 6858 7387, Passcode: 267155

Phone only: (669) 900-9128

Enclosure

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDaniel

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve January 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chair McDaniel



2. Water Committee Policy Item

Gary Yep



Approve one of the recommended actions:

1. *Water is not the focus of the Policy Council, and we should curtail these efforts.*
2. *If we pursue water issues, then we should pursue those efforts with partners who have that expertise.*
3. *Water shall be a brief part of Valley Voice, three priority projects for the valley – one project in the north, central and south valley.*

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3. Valley Voice Sacramento, March 13-14, 2024

Gus Khouri



- a. Discuss trip itinerary and review legislative priorities.
- b. Solicit volunteers for speaking assignments:
 - *Pragmatically address air quality, equity, and mobility goals through operational improvements.*
 - *Leverage state funding to address safety, goods movement, and mobility.*
 - *Access transit funding.*
 - *Enhance passenger rail service.*

C. ADJOURN

Chair McDaniel



ITEM B.1

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 26, 2024

Time: 9:30 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
Daron McDaniel (Chair elect)	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Vito Chiesa (Vice Chair elect)	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus 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
Doug Verboon	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Joe Neves	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Jose Rodriguez	MCTC	Councilmember	City of Madera
Pat Nagy	MCAG	Mayor	City of Gustine
Dan Wright	SJ COG	Councilmember	City of Stockton
Rosa Escutia-Braaton	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Linda Launer	TCAG	Councilmember	City of Dinuba
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

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poythress

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

There was a motion to elect Daron McDaniel as Chair.

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

There was a motion to elect Vito Chiesa as Vice-Chair.

First Motion: Robert Poythress
Second Motion: Doug Verboon
No Nays
Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McDaniel

There was a motion to approve the June 23, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

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

There was a motion to approve the November 3, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

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

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. California Legislative Priorities

Gus Khouri

Gus Khouri, legislative advocate, provided an overview of the regional priorities/legislative platform for the current year. The priorities would be the focus of Valley Voice Sacramento, scheduled for March 13-14, 2024. Mr. Khouri referred to the presentation on the screen. He noted that the gas tax is a declining revenue source. It is challenging to make prudent investments for a multitude of transportation needs. Mr. Khouri noted proposed budget cuts to the REAP 2.0 program and the Farmer Program. Caltrans Investment Strategy was noted as a policy item to pay attention to. TIRCP funding was noted as important for passenger rail. Robert Poythress noted the importance of the road charge efforts. Gary Yep asked about water policy advocacy for Valley Voice. Rudy Mendoza reiterated the need to have water for discussion at Valley Voice. Robert Poythress noted that water is very complex, and we need to focus only on transportation. Discussion ensued about the need to include water in the platform/valley voice trip. Gus Khouri noted it is important to have an ask versus having an

open-ended inquiry about water. Rudy Mendoza noted the importance to have updates on water policy from our legislators. Dan Wright noted the need to include water projects besides the Delta Conveyance project. Gus Khouri noted he would add water policy as a placeholder in the platform. Robert Poythress asked why we are not being specific about water. Discussion ensued about having a Water Subcommittee meeting to further discuss the water issue. Gus Khouri noted the date for Valley Voice is proposed for the afternoon of March 13 and the morning of March 14. Discussion ensued about a reception on the first day, or a breakfast. There was a motion to approve the legislative platform, with a possible placeholder for a water item, and the meeting dates.

First Motion: Robert Poythress
Second Motion: Dan Wright
No Nays
Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

2. Legal Services for the Regional Policy Council

Ted Smalley

Ted Smalley presented a legal services agreement with Monica Streeeter to provide ongoing support to the Policy Council. The scope of the agreement was included in the agenda packet. StanCOG would be the fiscal agent on behalf of the ten participating agencies, who will equally share in the cost. There was a motion to approve the contract as presented.

First Motion: Pat Nagy
Second Motion: Gary Yep
No Nays
Motion Carried (A roll call vote was conducted for this item.)

3. Federal Legislative Update

David Gellman

David Gellman, Covino and Smith, provided the update. Mr. Gellman noted the third continuing resolution for funding for FY 2024. The transportation and housing bills will expire on March 1, 2024. FY 2025 earmark process, submissions will open in March 2024. INFRA and MEGA program announcements for \$4.9B in funding were announced yesterday. The Direct Pay pre-filing registration process has opened. The US DOT updated its funding calendar, Mr. Gellman noted several programs that might of interest to the valley.

4. State Route 99 and Major Highway Funding

Diana Gomez/Eric Mather

Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 6 Planning Director, noted the SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan progress with recent workshops and managed lane recommendations. Mr. Navarro noted funding for the Highways to Boulevards program is forthcoming. Funding and construction are ongoing for SR 99 in Madera and Tulare counties. Mark Samuelson, District 10 Planning Director, noted Grace Magsayo will be the new District Director.

5. Miocar Electric Vehicle Car Sharing Program

Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala provided a brief overview of the Miocar EV car sharing program. He noted the presentation in agenda packet. Miocar is 501 c.3 nonprofit organization. It provides sharing services throughout the San Joaquin Valley and beyond. They are 30 vehicles on the road now and 90 total cars pending. There have been 4,500 reservations to date. Mr. Sigala noted an upcoming EPA grant opportunity and indicated he was seeking jurisdictional and MPO partners.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Samir Sheik

Samir Sheik, Executive Director, noted approval of the EPA highway sanction item. Mr. Sheik noted the air district has recently adopted their legislative platform the year. He noted a \$56 million award to the air district from FHWA for clean energy facilities.

2. High Speed Rail

Toni Tinoco

No report provided.

F. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors' Report

Ted Smalley

Ted Smalley, TCAG Executive Director, noted a recent retreat and decisions to go out to bid for the state, federal, and coordinator contracts. The annual SJV Policy Conference will be held in Visalia this year. Outreach for speakers is ongoing. The need for nominations for the CA Partnership was noted.

2. Policy Council member comments

Dan Wright noted SJ COG recently received \$15M for additional EV chargers throughout San Joaquin County.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 am.

Appendix: A – List of other meeting attendees.

Individual(s)	Organization
Michael Sigala	Sigala Inc.
Stacie Guzman	MCAG
Robert Phipps	Fresno COG
Terri King	KCAG
Claudia Cazares	City of Clovis
David Gellman	Simon & Co.
Keith Michaud	SJ COG
Meg Prince	MCAG
Michael Navarro	Caltrans D6
Monica Streeter	Stan COG
Gus Khouri	Khouri
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin COG
Patricia Taylor	MCTC
Rosa De Leon-Park	StanCOG
Steve Dial	San Joaquin COG



ITEM B.2

Water Committee
Meeting Summary
Friday, February 2, 2024
Time: 11:00 a.m.


Committee Members:


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

Discussion Item


The Water Committee met to further discuss the inclusion of water policy for the upcoming Valley Voice Sacramento advocacy visit. This item was discussed at the Regional Policy Council meeting on January 23, 2024, and it was suggested that the Water Committee convene to further discuss. The following is a summary of the discussion points that ensued on February 2nd:

- COGs don't have water expertise; hence Policy Council members need to bring the water policy issues forward.
- Water is a complicated topic, in each county and across the valley. Example, North Valley doesn't want the twin tunnels, South Valley does.
- Water storage, permitting for ground water recharge, and water quality are things we can agree on.
- Perhaps we advocate for three priority projects for the valley - north, central and south valley. Make a quick ask in Sacramento.

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- Water wouldn't be part of the platform for valley voice, but perhaps it is part of an earlier or other visit to Sacramento.
- There are many groups who go to Sacramento to talk about water. We should join with their efforts (i.e. California Farm Bureau) instead of diluting a transportation advocacy trip.
- Fighting for transportation is hard enough. Public health, or public safety advocates don't go to Sacramento and ask for water, nor do they advocate for transportation....why should we advocate for water.
- The Water Committee was established to advise the larger Policy Council on water infrastructure issues.

After deliberation, the group decided to take this matter back to the Policy Council for a vote on one of the recommended actions below.

Recommendations for Policy Council consideration:

1. Water is not the focus of the Policy Council, and we should curtail these efforts.
2. If we pursue water issues, then we should pursue those efforts with partners who have that expertise.
3. Water shall be a brief part of Valley Voice, three priority projects for the valley – one project in the north, central and south valley.

Draft Agenda

March 13-14, 2024

Valley Voice

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 13

- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm** Assembly and Senate Transportation Committee Consultants (possible Chairs)
- 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm** **Senator Anna Caballero (Fresno, Madera, Merced, Tulare)**
1021 O Street, Conference XXXX
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm** **Assembly Member Carlos Villapudua (San Joaquin)**
1021 O Street, Conference Room XXXX
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm** **Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains (Kern)**
1021 O Street, Conference Room XXXX
- 3:15 pm – 3:40 pm** **Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria (Fresno, Madera, Merced)**
1021 O Street, Conference Room XXXX
- 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm** **Assemblymember Juan Alanis (Merced, Stanislaus)**
1021 O Street, Conference Room XXXX
- 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm** **Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil (Madera, Merced, Stanislaus)**
1021 O Street, Conference Room XXXX
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm** **Evening Reception- Ella Dining Room & Bar**
1131 K Street

Day 2- Thursday, March 14, 2024

- 9:00 am – 9:45 am** **Tanisha Taylor, CTC Director**
1120 N Street, CTC Conference Room
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am** Tony Tavares, Caltrans Director
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am** **Senator Hurtado (Fresno, Kern, Kings, Tulare)**
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm** Lunch – CalSTA Secretary Omishakin
Ella Dining Room & Bar, 1131 K Street

Items in bold are confirmed.

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VALLEY VOICE

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

2024

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San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT



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PRAGMATICALLY ADDRESS AIR QUALITY, EQUITY, AND MOBILITY GOALS THROUGH OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

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.

- Support a revenue-neutral, environmentally friendly successor source to the gas tax.
- Support multi-modal investments while completing highway projects to facilitate safety and goods movement.
- Protect affordable housing funding through REAP 2.0 to help the San Joaquin Valley address the jobs-housing imbalance.
- Restore critical funding through the FARMER program to provide clean equipment for agricultural harvesting, transport, and operations.
- Support efforts to maintain local control for air districts and oppose enacting redundant, costly oversight to meet air quality goals.

LEVERAGING STATE FUNDING TO ADDRESS SAFETY, GOODS MOVEMENT, AND MOBILITY

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.

- Aggressively pursue state funds to complete gap closures on critical infrastructure, such as State Route 99.
- Support the restoration of truck weight fees to accelerate project delivery.
- Coordinate with state agencies to ensure climate and mobility goals are synergetic and address safety and goods movement.





ACCESS TRANSIT FUNDING

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.

- Monitor CalSTA Transformative Transit Task Force for funding recommendations to allow transit operators to maintain and expand service.
- Protect funding provided through SB 125 for transit capital and operations.
- Pursue a successor source to the sales tax on diesel to provide stable and predictable transit funding.



ENHANCE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

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.

- Support the extension of the Cap-and-Trade program.
- Support augmenting rail programs through the 40 percent of Cap and Trade that is subject to legislative discretion.
- Support the expansion and completion of Valley rail projects through state grant programs.

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 continue addressing congestion</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 addressing safety, congestion management, goods movement on the state highway system to ensure that capacity projects are not precluded from being funded.</p>

Issue	Goal	Strategy
	<p>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>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>
<p>3. Access Transit Funding</p>	<p>Support potential changes to the Transportation Development Act that will assist local public</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>

Issue	Goal	Strategy
	<p>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 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>
<p>4. Enhance Passenger Rail Infrastructure and Service</p>	<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 Valley Link. 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 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.</p>



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**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 13, 2024**

5:30 PM TO 7 PM

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