



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 2, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. April 4, 2024, 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

Kasia Poleszczuk

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| 5. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2024-25
Review Draft. | Michael Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. SJV REAP Program
Receive update. | Michael Sigala &
Robert Phipps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. 2024 Annual Policy Conference
Receive update. | Ted Smalley | |

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/Grace Magsayo |
| 9. California High Speed Rail | Toni Tinoco |
| 10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | Dan Leavitt |
| 11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan |
| 12. Miocar Car Sharing | Michael Sigala |
| 13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | |

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURN MEETING

Directors' Executive Session.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2024.

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Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Videoconference

Directors	MPO
Ted Smalley – Chair	Tulare County Association of Governments
Robert Phipps – 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
Steve Dial for Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 7, 2024, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley

There was a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi

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 FHWA Performance Measure Three (GHG targets for states) were ruled by the courts as an ineligible authority of FHWA in two other states. As a result, no targets for states or MPOs will be required. Ryan will confirm with Caltrans and report back to the group. Ryan noted a recent staff call for upcoming air quality deadlines; 2012 PM2.5 budget update and 2025 FTIP were two major plans/deadlines. Tom Jordan noted the ozone contingency package is going to their board this month; another federal highway funding freeze is a possible outcome.

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported on the state budget. LAO reported a \$68 billion deficit back in November 2023. The Governor had the deficit at \$38 billion in January 2024. Right now, the agreed upon range for the deficit is from \$38B to \$53B. \$17.3 billion in cuts/reductions have been identified. This includes delaying \$1 billion in SB 125 funds, a delay of \$100 million in broadband last mile funding, and a \$100 million delay for the port and infrastructure program. Ahron Hakimi asked about the \$17.3 billion figure not amounting to the total deficit figure(s). Gus indicated that the Governor/Legislature are waiting for revised revenue figures. Robert Phipps asked about a Valleywide REAP letter. Gus Khouri indicated he is working on it. Tom Jordan noted a spot bill by Soria, AB 2900, that would create a technical and financial assistance program for agricultural truckers.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

Jen Covino provided an update on the FY 2025 budget. Last week House Appropriations Chair Greenwood announced that she would be resigning. This is important because republicans have noted that this would delay considering Community Project Funding request until a new chairperson is appointed. California was the top receiver state in the FY 2024 budget for Community Project Funding. Port Infrastructure Development program has a deadline for applications of May 10th. The \$5.1 billion MPDG program which includes MEGA/INFRA and Rural funding has a deadline of May 6th. CRISSY deadline is May 28th. The new Active Infrastructure Investment Program by FHWA deadline is June 27th.

4. Committee Updates

a. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

Robert Phipps reported VLAC cancelled their March meeting. The group is looking to assist in the upcoming federal Valley Voice trip.

b. SJV Swap Meet

Ted Smalley reported there was no meeting for the group this month.

c. Housing and Land Use

Kim Anderson reported no meeting or report this month.

d. Travel Modelers Group

Rob Ball reported an upcoming meeting on May 1st.

5. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2024-25

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted he will work with MPO staff during the month of April to develop the draft by May. Ted Smalley asked the air district and SJJPA to take the lead in items as well.

6. SJV REAP Program

M. Sigala & R. Phipps

Michael Sigala noted the 2023 REAP Annual Report has been submitted to HCD. Mr. Sigala noted \$10M of the \$14.5M allocated thus far to the Valley has been spent. If you count encumbrances, we exceed the amount allocated to date. There are several “deficit” counties with encumbrances more than amounts allocated to date. The REAP program will end on December 31, 2024. All billings/invoices from MPOs are due by August 31, 2024.

7. 2024 Annual Policy Conference

T. Smalley

Ted Smalley noted 250 registrants. All the speakers are confirmed. Michael Sigala added that 10 Blueprint Award nominations were received.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Caltrans Directors’ Report

D. Gomez/G. Magsayo

Diana Gomez, District 6 Director, provided the update: Caltrans is currently updating their Strategic Plan with a draft for review in July 2024; CTC Commission Eager has been reappointed; Caltrans Worker Memorial event will be in the last week of April; a CAPTI listening session will be held at Fresno COG in early May; work continues on the SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) with a technical committee meeting planned for April 18th; ATP Cycle 7 is upcoming with a deadline of June 17th, letters of support for the USDOT multimodal project discretionary grant program as due next week; Safe Streets for All has multiple deadlines coming up in the next couple of months; Clean California community day is the weekend of April 19th; a Disparity Study is being conducted in the local assistance program; and, obligation authority delivery is projected to be low this year. Grace Masgayo, District 10 Director, noted: ATP cycle 7 and support to applicants; local Clean California projects still in development are facing a deadline as the program is ending; Ms. Masgayo thanked the group for their support at the last CTC meeting; and, the May CTC meeting has revised start times, please check the agenda.

9. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

Toni Tinoco noted an April 11th Board Meeting where the 2024 Business Plan will be presented. Community meetings in Bakersfield, Fresno and Merced are upcoming and will provide a station design update to the public.

10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

M. Hanebutt

Michael Hanebutt noted the 2024 business plan has been submitted to CalSTA.

11. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

No report provided.

12. MioCar EV Car Sharing

M. Sigala

No report provided.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

No report provided.

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

Stacie Guzman provided an update on the Merced “tunnel”. MCAQ broke ground this week in Gustine for a CMAQ funded roundabout project.

15. Public Presentations for items not on the agenda

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:59 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
Nick St Cook	StanCOG
Jen Covino	Simon & Company
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Paul Herman	Fresno Council of Governments
Michael Hanebutt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Simran Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Steven Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Lynn O'Conner	Caltrans
Michael Sigala	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, President
David Gellman, Senior Advisor
Date: April 26, 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests, legislation under development by Congressman Duarte, Congressional comments on the In-Use Locomotive Regulation, the publication of the Environmental Justice Enforcement Action Plan by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), water infrastructure awards in the Central Valley, and current and upcoming federal funding opportunities from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and other agencies. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide further information.

Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending

The House and Senate Appropriations Committee recently issued their updated guidance governing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) process. The deadline for submissions from Members of Congress to the House Appropriations Committee will be next Friday, May 3, 2024 at 6:00pm Eastern Time. Therefore, Members will seek to wrap any outstanding application submission processes immediately. House Members will have until May 17, 2024 to disclose their 15 requests submitted to the House Appropriations Committee.

In the Senate, Members will have until the following deadlines to submit Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee until each spending bill:

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: May 8, 2024
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: May 8, 2024
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: May 9, 2024
- Financial Services and General Government: May 9, 2024
- Energy and Water Development: May 10, 2024





- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: [May 13, 2024](#)
- Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies: [May 14, 2024](#)
- Homeland Security: [May 15, 2025](#)
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: [May 15, 2024](#)

Senators will likely disclose their full lists of requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee within 15 days following the respective deadline for each spending bill in keeping with previous tradition.

We will be sure to keep you updated on any requests from the Central Valley delegation once they are announced.

Congressman Duarte Circulates Draft Legislation

Congressman John Duarte is circulating draft legislation entitled the *San Joaquin Valley Local Infrastructure Improvement Act*. The measure proposes to rescind a recent \$3.1 billion award to the California High-Speed Rail Authority made by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and 2023 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program for the California Inaugural High-Speed Rail Service Project. The legislation would direct the Secretary of Transportation to re-allocate that funding to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) located in the Tulare Basin and San Joaquin Basin of the Central Valley as designated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS). The bill would redistribute 70 percent of the total funding through the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and the remaining 30 percent of funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). See the [draft text](#) and [one-page summary](#) from the Congressman's staff. Please let us know if we provide any additional context or facilitate any engagement with the Congressman and his team on the draft legislation.

House Republicans Express Opposition to In-Use Locomotive Regulation

Republican leaders of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee [submitted comments](#) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urging the agency to deny [authorization](#) to the California Air Resource Board (CARB) to implement its [In-Use Locomotive Regulation](#). Adopted in April 2023, the regulation [requires](#) that, beginning in 2030, switch, industrial, and passenger locomotives operating in California must have an original engine build date less than 23 years old. Locomotives built in 2030 or later and freight line haul locomotives built in 2035 or later must operate in zero-emission configurations. The regulation also mandates that, beginning in 2024, locomotives may not idle for more than 30 minutes, and locomotive operators in California must pay into a spending account to upgrade to clean locomotive technologies. Members of Congress argue in the letter that the rule



“directly conflicts with existing statutory policies” and “would have substantial negative consequences for interstate commerce.”

EPA and CalEPA Publish Environmental Justice Action Plan

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) [released](#) their [2024/2025 Environmental Justice Enforcement Action Plan](#). The Plan is the second issued under a five-year [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) signed in 2021 between the two agencies to reduce pollution, strengthen environmental compliance, and improve public health in overburdened communities in California. A key focus area for the new Plan includes enhanced community engagement with forums in Fresno County, Kern County, and three other communities. Additional focus areas include continued use of rapid response task force, increased transparency and public access to environmental compliance information, and expanded information sharing among communities and communication within agencies.

Bureau of Reclamation Awards for Central Valley Water Projects

The Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) announced a variety of awards in April for water infrastructure projects in the Central Valley. Three Valley sponsors were among the 34 [recipients](#) of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grants program, a reimagined opportunity under the WaterSMART program that [supports](#) drought contingency planning, water marketing, and project design. Selected Project Design Grants supported by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (P.L. 117-58) and *Inflation Reduction Act* (P.L. 117-169) included \$400,000 for the Delta Water Treatment Plant Groundwater Recharge Improvement Project sponsored by the City of Stockton, \$400,000 for the Rancho de Kaweah Groundwater Banking Project sponsored by the Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District, and \$200,000 for the Lateral Interconnection Project sponsored by the Westland Water District. USBR also [announced](#) a \$15 million grant to the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority from the IRA to advance the implementation of floating photovoltaic solar arrays on the Delta-Mendota Canal.

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](#)

(State Deadline: April 30, 2024)

U.S. Department of the Interior





Bureau of Reclamation

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

(New FY 2024 Funding Deadline: May 21, 2024)

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

(New Second Deadline: May 31, 2024)

[DOI USBR FY 2024 and 2025 Environmental Water Resources Projects](#)

(First Application Deadline: June 18, 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 2024 and 2025 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants \(WEEG\)](#)

(FY 2025 Funding Deadline: October 30, 2024)

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

(New Third Deadline: November 26, 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 Environmental Water Resources Projects](#)

(Second Application Deadline: March 11, 2025)

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

(Fourth Application Deadline: July 8, 2025)

U.S. Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary

[DOT FY 2025 and 2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity](#)

(Deadline: May 6, 2024)

[DOT FY 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program](#)

(Second Planning and Demonstration Grants and Sole Implementation Grants Deadline: May 16, 2024)

[DOT FY 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program](#)

(Third Planning and Demonstration Grants Deadline: August 29, 2024)

Federal Highway Administration

[DOT FHWA FY 2022-2024 Prioritization Process Pilot Program](#)

(Deadline: May 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2022-2024 Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection Program](#)

(FY 2022 and 2023 Deadline: May 27, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)





(FY 2024 Full Application Deadline: May 28, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023 Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program](#)

(Deadline: June 17, 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)

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(FY 2026 Full Application Deadline: May 26, 2026)

Federal Transit Administration

[DOT FTA FY 2024 Ferry Programs](#)

(Deadline: June 17, 2024)

Federal Railroad Administration

[DOT FRA FY 2023 and 2024 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program](#)

(Deadline: May 28, 2024)

Federal Aviation Administration

[DOT FAA FY 2023 Supplemental Discretionary Grants](#)

(Deadline: May 2, 2024)

Maritime Administration



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

(New Deadline: May 10, 2024)

Build America Bureau

[DOT BAB FY 2022-2024 Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program](#)

(Deadline: May 10, 2024)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[EPA Clean Ports Program](#)

(Application Deadline: May 28, 2024)

[EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grants](#)

(Deadline: July 25, 2024)

[EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program](#)

(Deadline: November 21, 2024)

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

(Rolling Deadline)

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

April

PHMSA Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grants

May

OST Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation
FHWA Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants - Round 2 Non-State
FHWA National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration
FTA Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development Planning
FRA Railroad Crossing Elimination

June

OST Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program
FHWA Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (Community Charging)
FHWA Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (Corridor Charging)
FHWA National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) 10% Set Aside
FHWA Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities

Summer





OST Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
OST Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation
OST Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Demonstration Program
FHWA Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving
Transportation (PROTECT)
FAA Airport Terminal Program

Fall

OST Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)
FRA Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (National)

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES



ITEM 5

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

FY 2024-2025



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council Members and Staff, June 2024

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Councilmember Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Nijjer, City of Kerman

**STAFF: Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director
Chair, Directors' Committee**



Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

Supervisor Zack Scrivner, Kern County
Councilmember Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield
Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Prout, City of Shafter

STAFF: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director



Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

Mayor Alvaro Preciado, City of Avenal
Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County
Alternate: Supervisor Joe Neves, Kings County

STAFF: Terri King, Executive Director



Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

Supervisor Robert Poythress, Madera County
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, City of Madera
Alternate: Councilmember Waseem Ahmed, City of Chowchilla

STAFF: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director



Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County - **CHAIR, POLICY COUNCIL**
Mayor Pat Nagy, City of Gustine
Alternate: Supervisor Scott Silveira, Merced County

**STAFF: Stacie Guzman, Executive Director.
Vice Chair, Directors Committee**



San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

Mayor Gary Singh, City of Manteca

Councilmember Dan Wright, City of Stockton

Alternate: Supervisor Rick Rickman, San Joaquin County

STAFF: Diane Nguyen, Executive Director



Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County - **VICE CHAIR, POLICY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Rosa Escutia-Braaton, City of Modesto

Alternate: Supervisor Buck Condit, County of Stanislaus

STAFF: Rosa Park, Executive Director



Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake

Supervisor Dennis Townsend, Tulare County

Alternate: Councilmember Linda Launer, City of Dinuba

STAFF: Ted Smalley, Executive Director.



San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)

Samir Sheikh, Executive Director

Alternate: Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor



San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJ JPA)

Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director

Alternate: Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives



Introduction

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) covers over 27,000 square miles and encompasses the eight-county region of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Since 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (Valley RPAs) have coordinated planning activities where interregional issues are involved, including air quality conformity, goods movement, funding for regional transportation projects, legislative advocacy, and Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Planning efforts of Valleywide importance are conducted among the eight RPAs through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee (Directors' Committee) and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (Regional Policy Council), a governing board including elected officials from each Valley RPA and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA). In FY 2021-22, government affairs contracts for state and federal representation for the Regional Policy Council were implemented.

The FY 2024-2025 Valleywide Overall Work Program is a summary document and details major coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies, along with the Air District and SJJPA, are actively engaged in. The Valleywide OWP does not replace the need or requirements of each RPA to conduct their own OWP, rather it is a planning and budgeting tool for shared Valleywide activities.

{Note – the terms Regional Planning Agency (RPA), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and Council of Governments (COG) are used interchangeably in this document.}

Current Valleywide Major Activities

1. MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES

Objective: To develop and foster regional coordination and prioritization for improving SR 99, I-5, and other regionally significant corridors.

Lead: Kern COG, MCAG, TCAG, MCTC

The Valley RPAs work in close consultation with Caltrans, and other stakeholders, to prioritize funding for SR 99, and other major highways and interstates. The 99 Business Plan helped the Valley achieve dedicated funding for SR 99 through Proposition 1B in 2006, the only transportation earmark in the bond placed before the voters. Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have updated the 99 Business Plan and Master Plan, and worked with the Valley RPAs on project selection and funding alternatives. The Directors, working in close consultation with Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff, routinely meet and discuss continued project planning and funding utilizing SB1 funding, RAISE, and other funding strategies.

In FY 2023-2024, multiple funding requests related to SR 99 improvements took place including STIP funding awards for the Tulare, Merced and Madera segments.

Additionally, Caltrans initiated the **State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP)** to identify a broad range of multimodal opportunities for improving and enhancing the SR 99 corridor and for developing a stakeholder shared vision and implementation plan for the corridor that aligns with state goals to reduce GHG emission and passenger VMT, and increase freight reliability and throughput for inclusive economic development. The CMCP is a prerequisite for additional state funding for SR 99 capital projects. The CMCP planning process will be coordinated between Caltrans' district offices and the Valley MPOs and is a current ongoing planning effort.

Activities for FY 2024-2025:

- Continue to advocate to complete the SR 99 system, to a least six lanes of travel throughout the San Joaquin Valley, including non-SOV and truck lanes being considered by the CMCP.
- Monitor and participate in the planning process for the State Route 99 CMCP.
- Partake in and lead discussions with the Regional Policy Council, the California Transportation Commission, legislators, and others, about the importance of identifying and prioritizing state and federal funding for all major Valley projects.
- Seek federal and state funding for major highway and interstate projects and coordinate pre-construction activities, when feasible, to ensure project readiness. Federal infrastructure funding programs, and the state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are major SB1 funding sources to be targeted.
- Work in close consultation with Caltrans Districts 6 & 10 to identify the most congested highway segments for eligibility for Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SB 1) funding. Continue to refine and prioritize regionally significant projects through a methodical mutually agreed upon evaluation process.
- Outline policies for converting temporary lanes to permanent lanes when feasible. Kern COG will coordinate with Caltrans D6, and MCAG will coordinate with D10 on opportunities for additional programming.
- Consider the findings of the Rural Counties Task Force: 2024 Rural Induced Demand Study funded by Caltrans (<https://www.nctc.ca.gov/Reports/RCTF-Rural-Induced-Demand-Study/index.html>) for determining impacts in predominantly rural areas.

2. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INTERREGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT

Objective: To prioritize, coordinate and implement goods movement planning and capital projects to improve the Valley's economic competitiveness.

Lead: Fresno COG, TCAG and Kern COG

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) has always been California's geographic and agricultural production center generating more than \$45 billion every year in agricultural commodities. It also plays a major role in the national and international distribution of processed foods and energy products, and has a burgeoning logistics and distribution industry.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies have a strong history of regional goods movement planning. The San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan (2015), San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan (2017), the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan (2017), and the I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study (2019) are examples of regional coordination to enhance freight movement in the Valley. In 2020, funding and regional support for the California Inland Port concepts was solidified among the RPAs.

Activities for FY 2024-25:

- Continue to coordinate project prioritization for RAISE, SB1 and other goods movement federal and state funding, particularly for State Route 99.
- Participate and provide input to California's Freight Mobility Plan and the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).
- Continue to work with regional partners conducting logistics and economic development industries to enhance goods movement planning and implementation efforts.
- Continue to identify multimodal strategies to compliment and support the movement of goods in the SJV.
- Continue to actively fund and participate in inland port concepts for the Valley, including the now TradePort California and the Castle Commerce Center.
- Continue to explore alternative fuels and technology strategies for meeting the California's Sustainable Freight mandates.

3. AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Objective: To continue successful coordination of Valleywide air quality planning minimizing potential impacts to project delivery.

Lead: San Joaquin COG, TCAG, Kern COG, SJV Air Pollution Control District

Transportation conformity is required by the federal Clean Air Act and ensures that federal funding is given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. The Clean Air Act strengthened conformity requirements for transportation projects, necessitating a more enhanced level of technical analysis of plans, programs, and projects than in the past. Conformity determinations must be conducted at least every four years, or as amendments are made to plans or projects. The federal

transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC). The IAC has been established to provide a coordinated approach to Valley air quality, conformity and transportation modeling issues.

Coordination among the Valley RPAs, the Air District and other air quality and transportation agencies is proving to be a very effective process. The Valley RPA Directors have budgeted to continue joint funding for a valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, responsible to the Directors, to ensure that air quality conformity and related modeling within the Valley is accomplished on a consistent and timely basis.

In FY 2023-24, the ***SJV Swap Meet Committee*** was reinstated on the staff level. The SJV Swap Meet Group is comprised of transportation programming staff from each of the San Joaquin Valley MPO's. The group meets virtually, approximately every other month. Meetings provide a forum for staff to discuss a variety of programming topics including FTIP best practices, apportionment exchange opportunities, new programming rules and regulations, air quality conformity, and other important issues. The forum also provides a great opportunity for entry level programmers to learn about the complexities of programming from more experienced staff. In the coming months, meetings will be focused on topics related to the preparation of the 2025 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity documentation.

In FY 2023-24 the ***Valley Transportation Modelers Group (TMG)*** was created on the staff level to coordinate with the Valleywide air quality modeling consultant and MPO transportation modeling consultants. The Valley TMG provides a staff perspective to the COG Directors group on technical modeling issues such as induced demand, and coordinates resource saving collaboration such as travel model updates, training, data collection, and software licensing, best practices, etc.

Activities for FY 2024-25:

- Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements.
- Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), as required by federal laws and regulations.
- Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board as requested.
- Continue to utilize the Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) for routine communication and coordination.
- Coordinate with California Air Resources Board staff related to future SCS review template.
- Assist Valley staff in demonstrating conformity; provide EMFAC emissions modeling support.
- Assist Valley staff in SCS review performed by the California Air Resources Board.

4. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Objective: To develop and coordinate SB 375 compliant Sustainable Communities Strategies for the Valley

Lead: San Joaquin COG and Fresno COG

California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires each MPO to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A SCS outlines the plan for reducing per capita greenhouse gas emissions by integrating transportation and land use elements.

Under the Sustainable Communities Act, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) sets regional targets for GHG emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies will be working independently, and collectively, to meet the 2022 and 2026 targets and have invested considerable resources towards technical staff, modeling, and scenario development. Furthermore, SB 743 (2014), introduced the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) metric, which is separate from SB 375 but associated with similar goals to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips.

In addition, the Valley's Regional Planning Agencies will continue to work with ARB on new protocols for the updated SCS review guidelines, as well as establishing regular and ongoing communication with ARB staff to better implement the SCS planning process for future plan cycles.

In FY 2023-24, a **Housing and Land Use Committee** on the staff level was formed to further evaluate and monitor land use policy and funding decisions at the state level that impact the RTP/SCS planning process.

Activities for FY 2024-25:

- Work with and encourage ARB staff to finalize the 2022 RTP/SCS reviews as quickly as possible ahead of the 2026 RTP cycle.
- Establish regular and ongoing communication between ARB staff and Valley MPOs for an enhanced, transparent and consistent SCS planning and review process in future cycles.
- Assist ARB, and other state entities, on SB 375 progress reporting, and other guidance or policy documents as needed.
- Continue to implement transportation and land use strategies developed in the RTP/SCS.
- Continue to evaluate and monitor CAPTI, CSIS, and other climate change and social equity polices for implementation into Valley RTPs where appropriate.

5. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTERNAL AGENICES AND ENTITIES

Objective: To develop and foster greater communication and coordination between Valley Regional Planning Agencies and other related agencies and stakeholders.

Lead: Valleywide Coordinator, Government Affairs Consultants

To maintain ongoing communication and cooperation with other external agencies, the Valley RPAs have included a relationship development component to foster routine “two way” communication with related state and federal transportation and related agencies.

Federal entities include the Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State entities include the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Transportation Commission (CTC), California Air Resources Board (ARB), Caltrans Districts 6 and 10, Caltrans Headquarters, California Association of Council of Governments (CalCOG), California Self Help Counties Coalition, Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the High-Speed Rail Authority, and Housing and Community Development (HCD). Regional entities include the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, the San Joaquin Valley JPA for Passenger Rail, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), MPOs in the Central Coast, and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Other stakeholders include the California Trucking Association, agricultural associations, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, colleges and universities, environmental groups, and the public.

Activities for FY 2024-2025:

- Directors to coordinate and attend one-third of CTC meetings, and meet throughout the year with our CTC Commissioner representative.
- Directors to meet annually with CalSTA Secretary or pertinent staff.
- CTC staff to be invited to Directors’ Committee meeting once a year; Directors to meet with at least two CTC Board Members they don’t currently know.
- RPA staff to be encouraged to take more leadership positions on Valleywide matters.
- Valley Directors to develop and maintain relationships with the Caltrans Director and Deputy for Planning.
- Valley Directors’ Committee meetings should be moved, periodically, to a time of the month where Valley Directors can review and discuss the CalCOG meetings, to develop timely joint strategies on issues.
- Request sister MPO (MTC, Central Coast or SCAG) to come to a Valley Directors’ Committee meeting.

- Valley Directors to meet annually with ARB management and board members, and attend the joint CTC/ARB and joint CTC/ARB/HCD Board meetings.

6. VALLEY VOICE ADVOCACY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Objective: To engage in a unified process that allows the eight county region to discuss and comment on legislative affairs, and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.

Lead: Government Affairs Consultants, Valleywide Coordinator, VLAC

In FY 2021-22, government affairs contracts for state and federal representation for the Regional Policy Council were implemented with StanCOG as the fiscal agent. The federal and state government affairs staff routinely update the Directors and Policy Council when legislative advocacy is needed for the Valley. Several times annually, position letters are written and circulated regarding legislation to support or oppose, and funding opportunities to pursue and support. Working in close consultation with the Directors and government affairs personnel, the coordinator will plan and coordinate the annual Valley Voice advocacy visits to Sacramento and Washington D.C.

In FY 2023-24, the ***Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)*** was reinstated as a subcommittee of the Directors' Committee. In conjunction with the government affairs personnel, the VLAC provides a staff perspective to the COG Directors' Committee and SJV Regional Policy Council on legislative priorities, potential bills to sponsor, as well as helping to direct logistics for the signature "Valley Voice" trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. each year.

Activities for FY 2024-25:

- Track legislation and regulations, develop a unified Valley-wide position, communicate those positions to federal and state officials, and participate in advocacy campaigns and other coalition-building activities as appropriate.
- Share information regarding grant opportunities and other financial resources available at the state or federal level.
- Develop the Valleywide Legislative Platform (state and federal).
- Continue to routinely meet with state and federal officials, including elected officials representing our region, regarding legislation, regulations, and funding opportunities of interest or concern to the Valley.
- Plan and execute "Valley Voice" Washington D.C. visit scheduled for September 2024.
- Plan and execute the "Valley Voice" Sacramento visit scheduled for Spring 2025.

7. OTHER VALLEYWIDE ACTIVITIES

- **Housing Planning Funds, REAP.** The Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program is a State of California funded grant program to help regions and jurisdictions with planning activities to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment, and to spur affordable housing production. The Valley MPOs have organized and coordinated activities for this program starting in January 2020. A 24-member working group has been formed and approximately \$14.6 million of the roughly \$19 million available to the Valley has been received from the State of California. Considerable and additional work efforts utilizing this new funding source have begun and will continue through August 2024.

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Lemoore (KCAG), Spring 2019
Fresno (Fresno COG), Spring 2022

Future Conferences

Madera County (MCTC), 2025
Merced County (MCAG), 2026
Stanislaus County (StanCOG), 2027
Kings County (KCAG), 2028
Fresno County (Fresno COG), 2029
San Joaquin County (SJ COG), 2030
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Manteca (SJ COG), Spring 2023

Visalia (TCAG), Spring 2024

- **Policy Council Meetings and Directors’ Committee Meetings.** The Valleywide Coordinator shall continue to schedule monthly Directors’ Committee meetings and meetings for the Policy Council. In FY 2017-18, an Executive Committee and Water Policy Committee were created for the Policy Council. The Regional Policy Council usually meets two to three times per year, primarily via conference meetings. Up to four additional provisional and emergency meetings are also held each year. The Chair of the Policy Council is elected for a one-year term in the first meeting of the fiscal year (usually in January). Activities for the coordinated efforts of the Valley are maintained at www.sjvcogs.org.

Directors’ Chair

Fresno Council of Governments, 2024-25

Rotation Schedule

Merced County Association of Governments, 2025-26

Stanislaus Council of Governments, 2026-27

Madera County Transportation Commission, 2027-28

Kings County Association of Governments, 2028-29

Kern Council of Government, 2029-30

San Joaquin Council of Governments, 2030-31

Tulare County Association of Governments, 2031-32

Policy Council Chairs

Daron McDaniel, Merced County Supervisor, 2024

Robert Poythress, Madera County Supervisor, 2023

Robert Poythress, Madera County Supervisor, 2022

Robert Poythress, Madera County Supervisor, 2021

Charles “Chuck” Winn, San Joaquin County Supervisor, 2020

Rudy Mendoza, Mayor, City of Woodlake, 2019

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Amarpreet “Ruby” Dhaliwal, Mayor, City of San Joaquin, 2016

Robert Poythress, Mayor, City of Madera, 2015

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Allen Ishida, Tulare County Supervisor, 2013

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Bill Spriggs, Mayor, City of Merced, 2011

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Michael Rubio, Kern County Supervisor, 2009

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Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget

The budget for the shared Valleywide activities noted in this document is detailed below. Budget amounts by agency represent the total direct cost for this activity. Budget amounts by activity are apportioned by population share for all items, except for Valley Voice/legislative advocacy, which is apportioned equally.

SJ COG is the fiscal agent for Air Quality Planning which is conducted by Trinity Consultants with project management support by SJ COG staff.

Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for the Valleywide Coordinator contract.

StanCOG is the fiscal agent for the state and federal government affairs contracts.

The total budget of \$491,000 for shared valleywide activities for fiscal year 2024-2025 is detailed below.

Valleywide Activities			Air Quality Planning ⁽²⁾	Legislative Advocacy/Valley Voice ⁽³⁾	Valleywide Coordinator ⁽⁴⁾	Total FY 2023-24
MPO Share By Population ⁽¹⁾						
Fresno	1,011,499	23.4%	\$46,822	\$17,000	\$29,264	\$93,086
Kern	907,476	21.0%	\$42,007	\$17,000	\$26,254	\$85,261
Kings	151,018	3.5%	\$6,991	\$17,000	\$4,369	\$28,360
Madera	151,118	3.7%	\$7,321	\$17,000	\$4,575	\$28,896
Merced	285,357	6.6%	\$13,208	\$17,000	\$8,255	\$38,463
San Joaquin	786,145	18.2%	\$36,390	\$17,000	\$22,744	\$76,134
Stanislaus	545,939	12.6%	\$21,211	\$17,000	\$15,795	\$58,066
Tulare	75,064	11.0%	\$21,991	\$17,000	\$13,744	\$52,735
SJIPA				\$15,000		
SJVAPCD				\$15,000		
Total FY 2023-24	4,320,626	100.0%	\$200,000	\$166,000	\$125,000	\$491,000

Numbers are 2023-24, updates are needed

(1) CA DOF, E-1, January 1, 2023 estimates

(2) SJ COG Staff (\$50,000). Air Quality Consultant, Trinity (\$150,000).

(3) No PL Funds, cost for Valley Voice is apportioned equally (not by population).

Cost for Valley Voice includes federal and state government affairs consultants at \$150,000.

(4) Sigala Inc, includes subcontracts for administering the Annual Policy Conference, website maintenance (sjvcogs.org) and IT support, and other subcontracts and subscription services.



**REAP Update
May 2, 2024**

- **The REAP program will end on December 31, 2024. All invoices from MPOs to Fresno COG are due by August 31, 2024.**
- **Technical Assistance** to Valley jurisdictions is available utilizing the following consultants:
 - Mintier Harnish
 - Precision Engineering
 - Rincon Consultants (AFFH)
 - VTA (AFFH)
 - Estolano (AFFH)

22 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, Porterville, Merced, Gustine, and Dos Palos.*

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- complete and available on-line.
 - Small lot planning study is underway with Mintier Harnish.
 - REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - ***Next workshop is May 28, 2024 – Housing Element Lessons Learned.***
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on April 9th. The May TAC meeting will occur on May 14th.

SIXTH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT

LESSONS LEARNED AND COMPLIANCE IMPLICATIONS

The submittal deadline for the sixth-cycle Housing Element update has passed. How did San Joaquin Valley jurisdictions perform? What were some best practices? What are the ongoing consequences for not being in compliance? These are some of the topics to be covered in this free webinar. Hear from one Valley city that met the certification deadline, as well as HCD staff and housing element consultants.

Panelists:

- Robert Phipps, Fresno Council of Governments (moderator)
- Steve Esselman, City of Shafter
- Ryan Lester, Mintier Harnish
- Sohab Mehmood, California Housing and Community Development
- Veronica Tam, Veronica Tam and Associates
- Brenna Weatherby, Rincon Consultants



Tuesday, May 28, 2024
1 pm to 2 pm (Zoom)

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