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San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

Friday, March 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Enclosure</u>
A. CALL TO ORDER	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. ROLL CALL	Georgiena Vivian	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Roll Call

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Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)					
Member – Chair	Daron	McDaniel	Supervisor, District 3	County of Merced	
Member	Pat	Nagy	Mayor	City of Gustine	
San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)					
Member	Robert	Rickman	Supervisor, District 5	County of San Joaquin	
Member	Gary	Singh	Mayor, At-Large	City of Manteca	
Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)					
Member – Vice Chair	Vito	Chiesa	Supervisor, District 2	County of Stanislaus	
Member	Rosa	Escutia-Braaton	Councilmember, District 1	City of Modesto	
Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)					
Member	Dennis	Townsend	Supervisor, District 5	County of Tulare	
Member	Rudy	Mendoza	Mayor	City of Woodlake	
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)					
Member	Samir	Sheikh	Executive Director	SJVAPCD	
San Joaquin Powers Authority (SJPA)					
Member	Michael	Hanebutt	Senior Planner	SJPA	

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D. DISCUSSION ITEMS		
1. Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update	Jen Covino	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. State Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update	Gus Khouri	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Valley Voice Sacramento, March 12, 2025 - Recap	Gus Khouri	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Current Issues – Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) Program, California High-Speed Rail (HSR), Cap-and-Trade Program	Robert Phipps & Gus Khouri	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS		
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1. 2025 Policy Conference Update	Stacie Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Blueprint Awards Update	Georgiena Vivian	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. OTHER ITEMS		
1. Executive Directors' Committee Report	Robert Phipps	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Policy Council Member Comments	Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 Items above.	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. ADJOURN	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>

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AGENDA ITEM C.

February 21, 2025 Policy Council Meeting Minutes

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order.

Chair

B. ROLL CALL

Roll was called. Attendance is noted on the table below. A quorum was present.

Georgiena Vivian



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Alt. Member	Linda	Launer	Councilmember	City of Dinuba	Y
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)					
Member	Tom	Jordan	Dir. of Policy & Govt. Affairs	SJVAPCD	Y
San Joaquin Powers Authority (SJJPA)					
Member	Dan	Leavitt	Manager of Regional Initiatives	SJJPA	Y

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C. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair



Election of Chair—Member Poythress motioned to reelect Chair McDaniel for another term, and Member Nagy seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair—Member Poythress motioned to reelect Vice Chair Chiesa for another term, and Member Nagy seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2025, Meeting

Chair



Member Poythress moved to approve the minutes, which Member Nagy seconded. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously.

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Enclosure

1. Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

Jen Covino



Jen Covino, Covino, Smith, and Simon provided an update on federal budget policy and legislative developments, including the following:

- ✓ The Senate approved a budget resolution for 2025 and the House's upcoming bill to advance President Trump's campaign promises.
- ✓ Potential cuts to federal tax exemptions for state and local bonds.
- ✓ Executive orders impact federal workforce reductions and infrastructure funding, including a pause on some Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding.
- ✓ New discretionary criteria for infrastructure investments under Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy and noted a compliance review of the California High-Speed Rail project.
- ✓ Background on new appointments to the Intergovernmental Affairs team, including Alex Meyer as director and Christine Glasser as deputy director for Local Government Outreach.

2. California Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

Gus Khouri and
Georgianna Vivian



Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, provided an update on California politics, mentioning the Governor's budget and the focus on Cap and Trade program funding.

3. ACTION: Approve the 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council State Legislative Platform

Gus Khouri



Gus Khouri presented the final 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council State Legislative Platform, highlighting key points on air quality, transportation funding, transit operations, and passenger rail enhancements. The platform emphasizes the need for flexibility in air quality mandates, extending Cap and Trade funding, finding sustainable transportation funding sources, and supporting high-speed rail competition in the region.

The discussion focused on the economic challenges small businesses face in the Valley, with many closings due to a lack of policy support. Member Poythress and other members discussed the need for the Policy Council to identify and address specific policies that negatively impact businesses, such as air quality, transportation, and housing. They also highlighted the importance of supporting existing businesses and adapting to new administrations. The conversation ended with a call for the Policy Council to take a more active role in advocating for policies that support the economic vitality of the Valley.

Following discussion, Member Poythress moved to approve the Legislative Platform, which Member Rodriguez seconded. The item passed unanimously.

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4. Valley Voice Sacramento Pre-Trip Planning

**Gus Khouri and
Georgiena Vivian**

a. *Potential Meetings with Legislators/Agencies*

Gus Khouri



Policy Council members discussed arrangements for upcoming legislative meetings in Sacramento. Gus noted that the itinerary is still being finalized and will send an update once additional confirmations are received.

b. *Valley Voice Sacramento Speaker Assignments – Friday, March 7, 2025, 10:00 AM*

Gus Khouri



Gus Khouri requested speaking assignments and members of the Policy Council agreed to specific speakers for various topics including Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) targets and SB 743 issues, gas tax and funding, goods movement, transit, and passenger rail. Gus will provide talking points to the speakers by Friday, March 7th for members to review, and encouraged all members to participate in discussions and add their perspectives.

c. *Reception – March 11, 2025, and Lunch – March 12, 2025*

*Gus Khouri &
Georgiena Vivian*



Gus Khouri and Georgiena Vivian, SJVCOG Coordinator, noted plans for the reception on Tuesday, March 11th at Ella Dining Room and Bar in the evening to meet legislators they may not see during Wednesday's sessions/meetings with legislators and other agencies.

d. *Other Logistics*



See item 4.1.a., b., and c. above.

5. Policy Council Purpose and Goals for 2025

Robert Phipps

a. *Bylaws and Memorandum of Understanding*

*Stacie Guzman &
Monica Streeter*



Director Robert Phipps, Fresno COG and Chair of the Directors' Committee, initiated a discussion about revisiting the Policy Council Bylaws, which had been updated to include the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA).

Director Stacie Guzman, MCAG and the vice chair of the Directors' Committee, presented a preliminary review of proposed changes to the Bylaws. These changes included administrative edits such as updating the title to reflect the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and expanding the membership to include the Air District and the SJJPA.

Director Guzman also proposed changes to the term of the chair and vice chair from an annual election to a two-year term and suggested adding representation from the Air District and the SJJPA to the Executive Committee. The discussion also discussed the possibility of additional Policy Council and Executive Committee meetings.

The discussion focused on clarifying the composition of the Executive Committee and potential adjustments to the Bylaws. Director Phipps outlined the current structure, highlighting that five (5) members are appointed for 2-year terms, and the chair serves on the Executive Committee. Current Bylaws require geographic representation from various regions.

Members of the Policy Council agreed to discuss the Bylaws further at a meeting scheduled for March 21st and potentially make changes for the next meeting in June. Monica Streeter, Legal Counsel, suggested providing options for the Policy Council to review before making any changes.

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b. *Meeting Schedule*

Georgiena Vivian



1. Policy Council

Georgiena Vivian discussed scheduling future Policy Council meetings and the potential for additional Executive Committee meetings. She proposed two alternatives: either having additional Policy Council meetings or retaining the current schedule and add Executive Committee meetings.

It was agreed that Executive Committee meetings would be more effective for quicker decision-making and engagement. Policy Council members suggested scheduling an Executive Committee meeting in late March or early April and adding additional Policy Council meetings this year. Georgiena will forward a revised calendar.

2. Executive Committee

See Item 5.b.1.

c. *Policy Council State and Federal Priorities*

Robert Phipps



Members of the Policy Council discussed the Executive Committee structure and process for developing state and federal legislative priorities. Given the dynamic nature of legislation, they agreed to keep the process flexible rather than formalize it in the Bylaws.

Policy Council members directed the Directors to work with advocates to develop a schedule for platform development that incorporates input from the full Policy Council and Executive Committee while allowing for quick responses as needed.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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1. Letter to Federal Rail Agency Administrator to Advance Completion of the High-Speed Rail Project from Merced to Bakersfield in the San Joaquin Valley

**Robert Phipps and
SJPA/SJRRRC**



Director Phipps presented the letter to the Policy Council, noting that the project listing will likely be removed. The letter will be finalized and sent to Secretary Duffy as soon as possible.

2. 2025 Policy Conference Update

Stacie Guzman



Director Guzman announced the upcoming Policy Conference in Merced from April 9th to the 11th and noted the following:

- ✓ Those attending should secure rooms at the El Capitan Hotel.
- ✓ The first day will feature a reception, speakers focusing on future demographic projections, a draft of the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) for State Route 99, and discussions on passenger rail and hydrogen transit in the San Joaquin Valley.
- ✓ Attendees can join tours of the UC Merced campus and enjoy food and music at the former Castle Air Force Base.
- ✓ The conference aims to promote car-free transit solutions.
- ✓ The final day will include speakers and the Blueprint Awards at the historic Merced Theater, with keynote speaker Philip Rosedale, founder of Second Life, encouraging audience questions.

3. Blueprint Awards Information

Georgiena Vivian



Georgiena Vivian noted that the Blueprint Award nomination packet was distributed to over 4,000 individuals throughout the Valley and that the nomination applications are due on February 26th.

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G. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors' Committee Report

Robert Phipps

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No report.

2. Policy Council Member Comments

Members

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No comments.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair

Chair McDaniel asked if there was any comment from the public.

No public comment.

I. ADJOURN

Chair

Chair McDaniel then adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.

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