



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Or via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 895 0738 7867, Passcode: 481357

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. January 11, 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

Rob Ball

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| 5. SJV REAP Program
Receive update | Michael Sigala &
Robert Phipps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. 2024 Annual Policy Conference
Receive update | Ted Smalley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Listed individuals will provide a brief verbal update at the meeting.

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| 7. Caltrans Directors' Report | Diana Gomez/Grace Magsayo |
| 8. California High Speed Rail | Toni Tinoco |
| 9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | Dan Leavitt |
| 10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan |
| 11. Miocar Car Sharing | Michael Sigala |
| 12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | |

OTHER ITEMS

- 13. Director Items
- 14. 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 if necessary.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2024.

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Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Videoconference

Directors	MPO
Ted Smalley – Chair (absent)	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
Becky Napier for Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 14, 2023, Directors’ Meeting

Robert Phipps

There was a motion to approve the December 14, 2023, Directors’ Committee minutes.

First Motion: Diane Nguyen

Second Motion: Terri King

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock noted EPA published on December 20th the federal register notices to avoid the highway sanctions. The notices will remove the sanctions, approve the contingency measures, and allow for FTP, RTP and other amendments as normal. There is some continuing work by EPA to completely remove any issues. Regarding Performance Measure 3 related to CMAQ funding, Caltrans has provided notices that FHWA is asking the state to commit to a new greenhouse gas performance net reduction target by February 1, 2024. There was a vote by state RTPAs on what the target should be. There was a lot of confusion about who made the decision on behalf of the RTPAs, and a follow up meeting is pending. There is no feedback from the state at this time on the decision on what a target may be. Terri King asked about status on approved SCSs. She indicated the KCAG SCS is still under review and can't be completed with the data provided, according to CARB.

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported a California budget summary for the FY 2024-25 provided to the group. He noted the \$68B shortfall is now reported at \$38B. With the usage of the rainy-day fund, additional cuts and additional borrowing, the budget was proposed as balanced. The Active Transportation Program is proposed for a \$200M reduction. REAP 2.0 is facing a \$300M reduction. Michael Maguire (north coast), Senate President Pro-Tem is taking over as Senate President. Discussion about the LAO's forecast versus the Governor's budget assumptions ensued. Tom Jordan reported the Farmers Program was cut in the budget.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

Jen Covino noted a funding award to SJCOG and SJVAPCD for EV charging infrastructure. Mrs. Covino noted a January 19th comment period deadline for the EPA highway sanction rescission. In terms of the federal greenhouse gas target discussed earlier, FHWA adopted this final rule on January 8th. There are no penalties for not reaching targets, however that may change in the future, and corrective actions by MPOs would need to be identified if targets are not met. Congress has announced a top line spending bill for FY 2024. January 19th is the deadline to adopt the transportation and housing spending bill. Earmarks are slated to be included again, but with the Freedom Caucus' opposition, things could change.

4. Committee Updates

a. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

Robert Phipps reported discussing the platform with the group and the different budget initiatives such as the proposed 25% reduction in STIP funding. ACA 1, and the highway issue in San Bernadino were also discussed with the group.

b. SJV Swap Meet

Gabriel Gutierrez reported a meeting on January 9th. Performance based project selection was discussed for STP and CMAQ funding criteria, and other updates. The materials for Valley Voice are due next week from each of the MPOs in terms of housing, ATP, transit.

c. Housing and Land Use

Kim Anderson reported the group has not met yet. They will be discussing REAP 2.0 budget impacts.

d. Travel Modelers Group

Rob Ball reported a meeting this past Monday. Update of CUBE software invoices are going out to each MPO. The Valley Transform grant application will be going out and signatures from each COG director will be needed.

5. **January 26, 2024, Regional Policy Council Meeting** M. Sigala
Michael Sigala showed on the screen a list of possible topics for the upcoming meeting. Mr. Sigala reviewed the topics. There were no comments.
6. **SJV REAP Program** M. Sigala & R. Phipps
Robert Phipps noted the need to utilize existing funds to supplant current funding needs. A revised application is being submitted to HCD to allocate valleywide funds for the existing need. The next REAP workshop is on January 23rd. Stacie Guzman noted MCAG has immediate cash flow needs for REAP 1.0. Mrs. Guzman noted the need to engage perhaps our government relations staff or elected officials to assist in the outreach to HCD. Ben Kimball noted smaller cities are struggling the most in meeting HCD deadlines. The \$300M cut to the REAP 2.0 program was discussed.
7. **2024 Annual Policy Conference** T. Smalley
Ben Kimball noted registration is now open and encouraged COG staff and others to attend.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. **Caltrans Directors' Report** D. Gomez/D. Agar
Eric Mather is the acting District Director for District 10. Mr. Mather noted Caltrans' System Investment Strategy workshops in the coming weeks. SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP), baseline modeling is occurring. Truck usage is at 9-25 percent in the corridor depending on location. Michael Navarro, District 6, noted the importance of the System Investment Strategy for future project selections. Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant applications are due January 18th. Clean California groundbreakings are occurring; yesterday in Wasco; tomorrow in Farmersville. In terms of the SR 99 CMCP, Mr. Navarro spoke about the monthly meetings and updates to MPO Directors. He noted the monthly briefings that are currently occurring, and these are for the MPO Directors and others. He noted challenges in everyone's calendars and reiterated Caltrans' intent to engage MPOs in the planning process. Stacie Guzman noted the importance of the plan and the need to make time to attend the current monthly briefings. She also asked for meeting materials in advance. Adding monthly meeting minutes to the Directors' agenda packet were noted as being helpful too. Patricia Taylor asked that any major milestones or decision points from the planning process be articulated at the Directors' meetings. Mr. Navarro will ask the CMCP consultants for a description and timeline of anticipated milestones and will report that information back to this group.
9. **California High Speed Rail** T. Tinoco
Toni Tinoco noted Fresno, Madera and Kings upcoming grade separation projects. In Merced and Bakersfield, design teams will complete draft configuration footprints shortly. January 18th is the next HSR Board meeting; construction package #4 (Wasco) is near completion. Station design efforts are ongoing with online and in person meetings occurring. The draft business plan, every two years, will be released in February.
10. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** M. Hanebutt
Michael Hanebutt noted three pending Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant applications under development at this time. The 25th Anniversary for ACE is happening next week, and Mr. Hanebutt invited the group to attend.
11. **TradePort California** S. Jhutti
Robert Phipps asked that this item be removed from future agendas.
12. **San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** T. Jordan
No report provided.

13. MioCar EV Car Sharing

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted two grant awards this week; one in Watsonville (STEP) and the other is a capacity building grant from CARB. Terri King asked about new Miocar locations, perhaps in Avenal.

14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Robert Phipps noted the need to submit three names from each county for board membership nominations. Terri King noted she put the item on her board agenda.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items

Elisabeth Hahn noted that StanCOG is hosting the CTC meeting this month.

16. Public Presentations for items not on the agenda

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:27 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Sabrina Bradbury	CalCOG
Jose Luis Caceres	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Jen Covino	Simon and Company
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Gabriel Gutierrez	Tulare County Association of Governments
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
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Eric Mather	Caltrans D10
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Merced County Association of Governments
Mark Samuelson	Caltrans District 10
Michael Sigala	Sigala Inc, Valleywide Coordinator
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Toni Tinoco	CA High Speed Rail

ITEM 3.b



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To: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee
From: Jen Covino
David Gellman
Date: January 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 enactment of a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Continuing Resolution (CR), awards for multimodal and electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, office hours on Direct Pay hosted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and new and upcoming federal funding opportunities. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide further information.

Congress Enacts Continuing Resolution

Last week, Congress passed the *Further Additional Continuing Appropriations and Other Extension Act, 2024* (H.R. 2872). The short-term Continuing Resolution extends appropriations at current levels maintaining the same “two-step” expiration structure as the most recent CR. It extends appropriations for agencies and programs funded by the following four spending bills through March 1, 2024:

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

Appropriations for the remaining eight spending bills are then extended at current levels through March 8, 2024:

- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies;
- Defense;
- Financial Services and General Government;
- Homeland Security;
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies;
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies;
- Legislative Branch; and





- State and Foreign Operations.

Appropriators continue working to establish top-line subcommittee allocations for the twelve annual spending bills in accordance with the top-line spending agreement reached by House Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer earlier this month. We will be sure to keep you up to date on the FY 2024 appropriations process.

Administration Announces Awards for Multimodal and EV Charging Infrastructure

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [selected](#) projects to receive \$4.9 billion worth of total awards through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and 2024 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program and National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Program. The Department awarded INFRA funding to 28 multimodal freight and highway [projects](#) of national or regional significance in 23 states and the District of Columbia. The agency also awarded Mega funding for 11 [projects](#) with costs greater than \$100 million in 12 states to generate economic, mobility, and safety benefits. A press release noted that both programs were heavily oversubscribed. DOT received 117 applications requesting \$24.7 billion worth of assistance under the Mega program and 190 applications requesting \$24.8 billion in INFRA funding. DOT anticipates issuing a solicitation for the next round of the joint Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) sometime in mid-2024. Please let us know if we can help coordinate any debriefings with DOT.

The Biden-Harris Administration also [announced](#) a series of awards through two new programs to advance the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in partnership with the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office), [made](#) the first awards under the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program. Caltrans will receive \$63.7 million in funding, the largest allocation of the 24 awards, to repair and replace approximately 1,302 broken and non-operational EV chargers across the state. The Joint Office also [announced](#) that the Housing Authority County of San Joaquin will receive a \$1.2 million award through its new Ride and Drive Electric Program to support workforce development in the electrification and green economy sectors.

Internal Revenue Service Hosts Direct Pay Office Hours

The Internal Revenue (IRS) is hosting office hours sessions to support project sponsors in navigating the Direct Pay pre-filing registration process. The sessions will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). We have provided registration information below.

January 30, 2024

[Registration](#)





February 2, 2024

[Registration](#)

February 6, 2024

[Registration](#)

February 9, 2024

[Registration](#)

Current Funding Opportunities

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

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

(Application Opens: February 1, 2024)

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

(State Deadline: February 29, 2024)

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

(State Deadline: February 29, 2024)

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

(State Deadline: February 29, 2024)

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

(Deadline: April 30, 2024)

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

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

(FY 2024 Funding Deadline: February 22, 2024)

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

(Second Deadline: March 29, 2024)

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

(FY 2024 Funding Deadline: April 2, 2024)

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

(Second Application Deadline: July 9, 2024)

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

(Second Deadline: September 3, 2024)

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





(Third Deadline: September 30, 2024)

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

(FY 2025 Funding Deadline: October 30, 2024)

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

(Third Application Deadline: January 14, 2025)

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

(Fourth Application Deadline: July 8, 2025)

Bureau of Land Management

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

(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

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

(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

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

(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

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

(Deadline: February 5, 2024)

U.S. Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary

[DOT FY 2024 RAISE Grant Program](#)

(Deadline: February 28, 2024)

Federal Highway Administration

[DOT FHWA FY 2023 and 2024 Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\) Program](#)

(Deadline: February 2, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)

(FY 2023 and 2024 Deadline: February 19, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2023 and 2024 Deadline: March 19, 2024)

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

(FY 2024 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 16, 2024)

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

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

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Large Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2025 Deadline: August 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)





(FY 2025 Deadline: October 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2025 Deadline: November 1, 2024)

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

(FY 2025 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 15, 2025)

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

(FY 2025 Full Application Deadline: May 27, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Large Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: August 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: October 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: November 1, 2025)

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

(FY 2026 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 14, 2026)

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

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

Maritime Administration

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

(Deadline: April 30, 2024)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[EPA 2023 Clean School Bus Rebates](#)

(Deadline: January 31, 2024)

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

(Rolling Deadline)

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

January

FHWA Congestion Relief Program

NHTSA State Electronic Data Collection

February

FTA Bus and Bus Facilities

FTA Low or No Emission Grants

OST Safe Streets and Roads for All

FHWA Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grants

MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program



March

FRA Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
FTA Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development Planning
FTA Passenger Ferry Boat Program
FTA Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program
FTA Ferry Service for Rural Communities
OST Asset Concessions and Innovative Finance Assistance

Spring

OST Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation
FRA Railroad Crossing Elimination
FHWA National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration

REAP Update
February 1, 2024

- **Robert Phipps will provide a verbal update on funding balances and allocation planning for the remainder of the REAP 1.0 program, which concludes in December 2024.**

- **Technical Assistance** to Valley jurisdictions is available utilizing the following consultants:

- Mintier Harnish
- Precision Engineering
- Rincon Consultants (AFFH)
- VTA (AFFH)
- Estolano (AFFH)

20 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, and Gustine.*

Jurisdictions can request technical assistance via a web site portal:

<https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-technical-assistance/>

- **Additional Valleywide work efforts include:**

- Comprehensive Housing Report; status – complete and available on-line.
- Housing Element Data Sets; status – complete and available on-line.
- ADU Template Program; status – complete, on-line, ongoing TA.
- Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning; status – complete and available on-line.
- RHNA Insights GIS Tool (UF); status – complete, 11 jurisdictions/COGs are utilizing.
- Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
- Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
- Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier/Rincon Consultants); status- final study completed, workshop was held on January 23rd.
- **NEW.** Small lot planning study is in contract negotiations with Mintier Harnish.
- REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - ***Next workshop is in March 2024. We hope to highlight three REAP 1.0 case studies/projects from jurisdictions.***

- **Revised third REAP funding application** has been submitted to HCD to allow for a re-allocation of approximately \$1.3M of Valleywide funds to MPOs.

- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on January 9th. The February TAC meeting will occur on February 13th.

2024

San Joaquin Valley

Spring Policy Conference

ALL PATHS LEAD TO

YES!



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Hosted by Tulare County Association of Governments

Keynote Speaker:
Richard "KiKi" Torrez Jr.



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
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***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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