



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. March 7, 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. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2024-25
Update and Discussion | Michael Sigala | |
| 6. SJV REAP Program
Receive update | Michael Sigala &
Robert Phipps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. 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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| 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 if necessary.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024.

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Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1

Thursday, March 7, 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
Elisabeth Hahn for 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
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 1, 2024, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley

There was a motion to approve the February 1, 2024, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Stacie Guzman

Second Motion: Terri King

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported an upcoming staff meeting to discuss air quality planning schedules for all SIP budgets and transportation planning documents. Conformity training is also pending for new staff. Off cycle RTP amendments should occur now, reach out to Trinity Consultants or Ryan for more information. 2016 Ozone Plan, there is a contingency measure issue that could trigger another highway funding sanction. The Air District is working on contingency measures currently. Tom Jordan noted that if the contingency measures are not approved by November, sanctions would be triggered. This should be an item for the Valley Voice DC trip in September. SCS approvals, there is still no timetable from CARB. Trinity Consultants has submitted a small scope of work to review models, identify data gaps, and methods for off model strategies to make them consistent with CARB expectation. There were no staff comments, so this work effort with Trinity is moving forward.

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reviewed the itinerary and materials for the upcoming Valley Voice Sacramento advocacy visit, March 13-14. Gus noted Senator Caballero, the Caltrans Director, and the Governor's staff have been difficult to secure, Ted Smalley requested we invite the HCD Director. VLAC would work on a project list for pending REAP 2.0 projects. A letter to the Valley delegation was noted as needed. Sabrina Bradbury, CalCOG, noted a subcommittee hearing next week on REAP 2.0 funding.

Washington D.C.

J. Covino

David Gellman provided the update. Mr. Gellman noted the House passed a minibus spending package yesterday. The Senate and President are expected to approve these. The Community Project Funding requests from the Valley are included in the legislation. Mr. Gellman noted the SR 99/120 Connector Project (Harder), and the Fresno Airport Expansion (Costa) projects as included. The IRS finalized regulations on direct payments. The EPA released a NOFA for the Clean Ports program to support infrastructure. The Congestion Relief Program FHWA NOFA was released. Prioritization Process Program for MPOs to develop process for project inclusion in transportation plans was noted, it is for MPOs with populations over 200,000.

4. Committee Updates

a. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

Robert Phipps reported current work efforts are on the active transportation, housing, and transit project list summary.

b. SJV Swap Meet

Last meeting was held on February 14th. Regional and project level conformity was discussed. The next meeting is on March 26th.

c. Housing and Land Use

The first meeting was held last week. A mission and work plan were discussed. REAP 1.0 and 2.0 challenges were reviewed.

d. Travel Modelers Group

Rob Ball reported model assessment work effort underway with Fehr and Peers. An induced demand study is also underway.

5. SJV REAP Program

M. Sigala & R. Phipps

Robert Phipps reported that Fresno COG has finalized the third REAP amendment for \$1.2M in additional funding for three MPOs from surplus Valleywide funding. AFFH technical assistance requests have increased recently. Michael Sigala noted a small lot study underway with Mintier Harnish. The study will ascertain planning and development issues for facilitating small lot subdivisions. The next REAP webinar will focus on success stories for REAP 1.0 from across the valley.

- 6. 2024 Annual Policy Conference** T. Smalley
Ted Smalley noted 200 registrants. An ATP workshop needs two people from the north Valley as presenters. Housing, agriculture, air quality are some of the workshops.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 7. Caltrans Directors' Report** D. Gomez/G. Magsayo
Michael Navarro, District 6, provided the update. Caltrans is currently updating their Strategic Plan. Transportation Equity Index is available online. The SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP), managed lanes comments are due tomorrow. A promotion video highlighting the outreach activity of the CMCP is being developed. A groundbreaking for the Bakersfield Heritage project will occur next week. ATP cycle 7 is due on March 21st.
- 8. California High Speed Rail** T. Tinoco
Draft 2024 Business Plan is out for review. Central Valley station concepts have been out for review and community outreach. Train interior design concepts will be displayed at the CalExpo in Sacramento.
- 9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** M. Hanebutt
Michael Hanebutt noted public review is available for the SJJPA 2024 business plan.
- 10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District** T. Jordan
Tom Jordan noted a PM2.5 plan under development.
- 11. MioCar EV Car Sharing** M. Sigala
Michael Sigala noted new contracts and organization development. Diane Nguyen noted a Sacramento Bee article on the future of EV car sharing, and how public agencies can continue investments in disadvantaged communities.
- 12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**
Directors inquired about next steps.

OTHER ITEMS

- 13. Director Items**
No comments.
- 14. Public Presentations for items not on the agenda**
No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:07 A.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Sabrina Bradbury	CalCOG
Jose Luis Caceres	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Nick St Cook	StanCOG
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Simon & Company
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Michael Hanebutt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Gabriel Gutierrez	Tulare County Association of Governments
Paul Herman	Fresno Council of Governments
Simran Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Merced County Association of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Mark Samuelson	Caltrans District 10
Gabbie Sefranek	Caltrans District 10
Monica Streeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Toni Tinoco	CA HSR
Gilbert Valencia	FHWA CA
Michael Sigala	Sigala Inc, Valleywide Coordinator

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: March 28, 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 budget and appropriations, new designations for electric vehicle (EV) freight corridors by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), an update on the FHWA greenhouse gas performance measure regulation, water infrastructure investments from the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), 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.

Congress Turns to Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations

Congress recently completed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations process following enactment of the *Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024* ([P.L. 118-47](#)). The \$1.2 trillion "minibus" package extended authorities and funding under six spending bills through the end of FY 2024. Those bills and their topline spending levels are as follows:

- Defense: \$824.5 billion
- Financial Services and General Government: \$26.1 billion
- Homeland Security: \$61.8 billion
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies: \$222.2 billion
- State and Foreign Operations: \$58.3 billion
- Legislative Branch: \$6.8 billion

Lawmakers have now shifted gears to FY 2025 appropriations bills. Some House Members from the Central Valley are still accepting Community Project Funding (CPF) requests, including the Office of Congressman Jim Costa who is currently [accepting](#) requests on a rolling basis. We anticipate that additional members of the Congressional delegation will initiate their individual processes to accept requests from stakeholders after the House and Senate Appropriations Committee issue formal guidance for the upcoming cycle. Please reach out to us directly if you are interested in submitting any requests.

DOT Announces New Competitive Grant Opportunities





The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the opening of the first or latest rounds of a series of flagship programs this month authorized or reauthorized by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (P.L. 117-58). We have provided a brief review of those opportunities below:

The [Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity \(MPDG\)](#) supports surface transportation projects of national or regional significance, including highway, bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade crossing or separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, freight, and multimodal projects, under three related grant programs. DOT expects to award \$5.1 billion in total funding between the three programs. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and 2026 application deadline for all three programs is **May 6, 2024**.

- The National Infrastructure Project Assistance, or Megaprojects (Mega), Grant Program supports large and complex projects greater than \$100 million in cost that are difficult to fund by other means and generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits. DOT expects to award up to \$1.7 billion in total program funding.
- The Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects, or Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program supports multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance that improve safety, accessibility, efficiency, and the reliability of movement of freight and people in urban and rural areas. DOT expects to award up to \$2.7 billion in total program funding under that program.
- Finally, the Rural Surface Transportation (Rural) Grant Program supports projects that improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas and increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of goods and freight movement, generate regional economic growth, and enhance quality of life. DOT expects to award up to \$780 million in total program funding.

The [Port Infrastructure Development Program \(PIDP\)](#) is available to support projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of goods movement through ports and intermodal connections to ports. There is \$500 million in total program funding. The FY 2024 application deadline is **May 10, 2024**.

The purpose of the new [Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program \(IFACGP\)](#) is to expand the technical capacity of public entities to facilitate and evaluate public-private partnerships and innovative financing and delivery opportunities for projects eligible to receive credit assistance under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program. BAB expects to award \$57.72 million in total program funding. The FY 2022-2024 application deadline is **May 10, 2024**.





The new [Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection \(SIRC\) Program](#) supports the testing of road usage fees and other user-based alternative revenue mechanisms that serve to strengthen the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). The application deadline for FY 2022 and 2023 funding is **May 27, 2024**, and FHWA intends to establish a separate deadline for FY 2024 funding. Please note that applicants are encouraged to submit letters of intent (LOI) to the agency no later than 30 days prior to the relevant submission deadline.

The [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements \(CRISI\) Program](#) will support projects that improve railroad safety, efficiency, and reliability; mitigate congestion at intercity passenger and freight rail chokepoints to increase the efficiency of travel and goods movement; enhance multimodal connections; and advance new or substantially improved Intercity Passenger Rail Transportation Corridors. FRA expects to award approximately \$2.5 billion in total program funding. The expected FY 2023 and 2024 application deadline is **May 28, 2024**.

Finally, the new [Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#) will support the planning, design, and construction of projects that advance safe and connected active transportation facilities in active transportation networks or active transportation spines. FHWA expects to award \$44.5 million in total program funding, with between \$3 million and \$19.62 million for Planning and Design Grants and up to \$41.55 million for Construction Grants. The FY 2023 application deadline is **June 17, 2024**.

FHWA Designates Freight Electric Vehicle Corridors in Central Valley

Pursuant to a mandate from the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (PL 117-58), FHWA [announced designations](#) for Freight Electric Vehicle (EV) Corridors. The agency selected corridors in California and additional states identified as critical in building out EV charging infrastructure to support freight and goods movement. The designations are a key component of the Administration's [National-Zero Emission Freight Corridor Strategy](#). The corridors include all roads on the National Highway Freight Network as well as the following additional corridors in the Central Valley:

- SR 14 between SR 14/I-5 (Sylmar) and SR 14/US 395 (Inyokern)
- SR 46 between SR 46/US 101 and SR 46/SR 99
- SR 152 between SR 152/US 101 and SR 152/SR 99
- US 395 between the CA/NV border and US 395/I-15 (Hesperia)

District Court Vacates Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas vacated a [regulation](#) promulgated by the Biden-Harris Administration that established a national greenhouse gas performance





measure. In a 49-page [ruling](#), Judge James Wesley Hendrix wrote that the rule violated the scope of 23 U.S.C. § 150, which he argued has a “clear limitation of authorized performance measure to those that track the physical condition and efficiency of the interstate and national-highway systems.” House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Sam Graves and Highways and Transit Subcommittee Chair Rick Crawford responded to the ruling in a [statement](#). We will be sure to keep you updated on any next steps related to the Administration’s response or subsequent judicial action.

Bureau of Reclamation Announces Funding for Central Valley Water Projects

The Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) recently announced new funding from the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (P.L. 117-58) to advance a series of water infrastructure projects in the Central Valley. Last week, the agency [allocated](#) \$3.4 million from the law to support repairs to the B.F. Sisk Dam. The funding will be used to “modify the Phase 1 contract, to adapt to delays caused by high precipitation levels in 2023.” Additionally, earlier this week, USBR [announced](#) \$35 million worth of investments in small surface and groundwater storage projects. The selected projects include \$3.9 million for Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority’s Phase 1 of the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and \$1.3 million for Del Puerto Water District’s Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project.

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](#)

(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 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 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

(Fourth Application Deadline: July 8, 2025)

U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary

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

(First Planning and Demonstration Grants Deadline: April 4, 2024)

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

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

[DOT FHWA FY 2022-2024 Congestion Relief Program](#)

(Deadline: April 22, 2024)

[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)

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(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)

Federal Transit Administration

[DOT FTA FY 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

(Deadline: April 25, 2024)

Federal Railroad Administration

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

(Expected Deadline: May 28, 2024)

Maritime Administration

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

(New Deadline: May 10, 2024)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[DOT FMCSA FY 2024 High Priority Program - Commercial Motor Vehicle](#)

(Deadline: April 19, 2024)

[DOT FMCSA FY 2024 Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation](#)

(Deadline: April 19, 2024)

Build America Bureau

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

(Deadline: May 10, 2024)





Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

[NREL Clean Bus Planning Awards](#)

(Deadline: September 30, 2024)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants](#)

(Deadline: April 1, 2024)

[EPA Clean Ports Program](#)

(Application Deadline: May 28, 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

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has shared a [calendar of upcoming notices](#) for your awareness and planning. Please let us know if you have any interest in applying for these upcoming solicitations as soon as possible.

April

FHWA Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants - Round 2 Non-State

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

PHMSA Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grants

Spring

OST Thriving Communities

FRA Railroad Crossing Elimination

FHWA National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration

Spring/Summer

OST Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation





Summer

OST Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program
OST Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants
OST Reconnecting Communities 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
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)



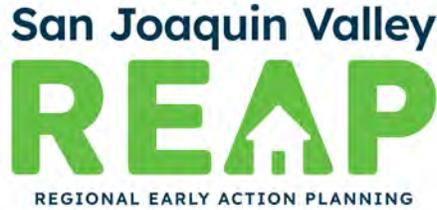
**REAP Update
April 4, 2024**

- **The 2023 Annual Report was submitted to HCD on April 1st. Highlights, issues, and next steps for funding will verbally be discussed at the Directors' Meeting. A copy of the report is attached.**
- **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- final study completed, workshop was held on January 23rd.
 - Small lot planning study is underway with Mintier Harnish.
 - REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - **Next workshop is planned for May 2024.**
- **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. Amended funding MOU between the MPOs and Fresno COG has been finalized.
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on March 13th. The April TAC will occur on April 9th.



Annual Report for 2023

I. Overall Context

The Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (AB 101) allocated a total of \$18,975,323 in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funds to the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies for housing planning and production assistance.

Pursuant to AB 101, to increase regional collaboration where no single MPO or entity exists, a 24-member San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee for Housing has been created to help guide the program's development. Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for the San Joaquin Valley REAP (SJV REAP) process. Sigala Inc. is assisting Fresno COG as program manager.

Major work areas for the SJV REAP process are divided into two major categories:

- **Suballocations to MPOs and Jurisdictions**
Providing resources to MPOs and jurisdictions to improve RHNA methodologies and planning and accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals. \$14,500,323 of the total \$18,975,323 allocation was budgeted to the MPOs for planning efforts and suballocations to jurisdictions.
- **Valleywide REAP Program**
A Valleywide REAP Program on the eight-county level was created to further the objectives of the REAP program. This included an initial comprehensive housing report, and several additional studies for the benefit of the region, regional planning and coordination, outreach, monthly webinars, consultant technical assistance bench creation, program administration and other activities. \$4,475,000 of the total \$18,975,323 was budgeted to the Valleywide REAP Program.

The SJV REAP program (Fresno COG on behalf of the eight counties) has submitted an initial (25%), second, and third funding application to the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department and has received \$14,597,077 to date. A final invoice of \$4,378,246 has been submitted to HCD for final funding. **The total REAP funding allocations for the San Joaquin Valley are as follows:**

Fresno Council of Governments	\$ 3,297,398
Kern Council of Governments	\$ 2,974,769
Kings County Association of Governments	\$ 605,808
Madera County Transportation Commission	\$ 617,010
Merced County Association of Governments	\$ 1,008,343

San Joaquin Council of Governments	\$ 2,530,037
Stanislaus Council of Governments	\$ 1,853,156
Tulare County Association of Governments	\$ 1,613,803
Valleywide REAP Program	<u>\$ 4,475,000</u>
Total	\$ 18,975,323

The population pro-rata funding allocations shown above were agreed upon by the San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee for Housing at their first meeting in January 2020. The Valleywide funding allocation was based on the additional funding identified in AB 101 for regional collaboration.

The funding allocations shown above recognize the unique needs and challenges at the regional and subregional level. It allows for region wide collaboration while providing MPOs with the autonomy to establish subregional REAP policies.

One challenge that continues to hamper jurisdictional work efforts is the lack of planning staff at some of the smaller rural jurisdictions. We are working at the MPO level to identify those deficiencies and are providing meaningful and relevant technical assistance for these communities.

Another challenge involved the formation of the working group, the San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee for Housing. The AB 101 statute required that the working group be created through the city selection committee process at each county. That was problematic at some counties whose city selection committee did not meet regularly and or it was difficult to get the appointments on the agenda.

A total of \$14,597,077 in REAP funding has been received to date. Approximately \$6.1 million was spent or allocated to jurisdictions in calendar years 2021-2022. \$8.7 million was spent, allocated to jurisdictions or encumbered with multijurisdictional housing element contracts in calendar years 2022-2023, including \$5.8 in 2023. Total expenditures and encumbrances to date total \$14.8 million, an amount in excess of REAP funding received to date from HCD.

	Amount Allocated to Date	EXPENDITURES*		Jurisdictional suballocations and MJHE encumbrances		TOTAL EXPENDITURES
		MPO staffing, project management, RHNA planning expenditures		2022	2023	
San Joaquin Valley MPOs/COGs		2021 & 2022	2023	2022	2023	
Fresno Council of Governments	2,268,568	184,382	22,996	893,500	1,111,147	2,212,025
Kern Council of Governments	2,050,570	475,977	9,498	687,106	877,990	2,050,571
Kings County Association of Governments	449,878	193,849	27,900	-	311,858	533,607 **
Madera County Transportation Commission	457,448	98,000	-	155,399	168,100	421,499
Merced County Association of Governments	721,869	413,233	58,456	-	608,654	1,080,343 **
San Joaquin Council of Governments	1,750,067	468,150	171,507	276,499	1,271,234	2,187,390 **
Stanislaus Council of Governments	1,292,703	129,960	-	487,845	487,846	1,105,651
Tulare County Association of Governments	1,130,974	142,122	109,907	414,607	950,000	1,616,636 **
Valleywide REAP Program	4,475,000	1,392,393	2,237,607	NA	NA	3,630,000
TOTALS	14,597,077	3,498,066	2,637,871	2,914,956	5,786,829	14,837,722

*MPO staffing and project management expenditures. Suballocations and MJHE amounts are distributions and encumbrances to date. Please see individual county tables for suballocation and MJHE expenditures to date.

**Current expenditures and encumbrances exceed amount allocated to date. The final disbursement of funding from HCD is needed to offset this deficit.

II. Project Highlights, Accomplishments and Best Practices

For calendar year 2023, the following activities have been accomplished and or initiated on the *regional, or valleywide level*. Individual MPO activities and accomplishments are reviewed in the next section, Status of Activities.

Highlights and Accomplishments, Valleywide REAP Program

- **SJV REAP Committee for Housing.** One meeting were held in February of 2023 for the working group. Funding allocations and program updates were provided to the Committee at these meetings.
- Work concluded on **Housing Element Data Sets** that were produced for all 70 jurisdictions for their respective housing needs analysis for the sixth cycle housing elements. The data sets have been posted to the SJV REAP webpage: <https://sjvcogs.org/sjv-housing-report/part-4-regional-data-sets/> This work effort was part of the **Comprehensive Housing Report for the San Joaquin Valley** that was previously reported on. The report highlighted existing conditions, barriers to housing production, best practices, and policy recommendations to further enhance housing planning and production. The report has been posted to the SJV REAP webpage: <https://sjvcogs.org/sjv-housing-report/>
- A full **technical assistance consulting bench** of seven consulting firms has been established and contracts retained for ongoing technical assistance, and specified TA for affirmatively furthering fair housing. An on-line portal for jurisdictional TA request is available on SJV REAP webpage: <https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-technical-assistance/>. To date, 22 jurisdictions have signed up for technical assistance and work efforts are ongoing. Jurisdictional technical assistance for accessory dwelling units and affirmatively furthering fair housing is most common.
- **A Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning** was completed in July 2022. The comprehensive guide is posted to the SJV REAP webpage: https://sjvcogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-10-14_SJV-Guide-Final_Updated.pdf
- **Accessory Dwelling Unit Program for the San Joaquin Valley** was completed in the fall of 2022. This effort included the development of a comprehensive ADU guide, sample ordinances, housing plans, and collateral materials that any jurisdiction in the San Joaquin Valley can use to implement ADU programs. The ADU program guide and resources are posted to the SJV REAP webpage: <https://sjvcogs.org/reap/adus/>
- A GIS based **San Joaquin Valley Housing Capacity and Scenario Development and RHNA Insights** tool was completed in 2022 and ongoing utilization in 2023 has occurred with several MPOs obtaining licenses for individual use. MPO training for jurisdictional use is occurring now. The tool is available on Urban Footprint.

- **Inclusionary Housing Study for the San Joaquin Valley** was completed in 2023. The study analyzed the real estate economics of inclusionary programs in the San Joaquin Valley, using four Valley jurisdictions as case studies. The study described the pros and cons of inclusionary programs and offers recommendations for San Joaquin Valley jurisdictions. A webinar was held and the study is posted on the SJV REAP webpage: https://sjvcogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/221064_SJV-Inclusionary_Report_2023August7_Final.pdf

- **Water Supply Study for the San Joaquin Valley** was completed in 2023. The study analyzed the water supply systems and SGMA requirements versus housing demand and production needs for the eight-county region. The study provided a GIS analysis of the areas with greatest deficits in water supply and provided well research water policy recommendations. A webinar was held, and the study is being posted to the SJV REAP webpage.



- **Condominium Housing Study for the San Joaquin Valley** was completed in 2023. The study analyzed the lack of condominium construction in the San Joaquin Valley, and provided land use and policy recommendations to facilitate more condo production, leading to more affordability, homeownership, wealth creation and density. A webinar was held and the study is being posted to the SJV REAP webpage.

- The **SJV REAP Workshop Series** commenced in September of 2021. AICP CM credit is available for every REAP workshop. During 2023, the following workshops were presented with exceptional participation by valley jurisdictional staff:

2023 REAP Webinars

- February: *GIS Housing Capacity and Analysis Tools for the San Joaquin Valley*
- March: *AFFH Spring Workshop Series*
- April: *AFFH Spring Workshop Series*
- May: *AFFH Spring Workshop Series*
- August: *Inclusionary Housing, San Joaquin Valley Analysis*
- October: *Condominium Housing Study for the San Joaquin Valley*
- November: *Consequences of Missing Housing Element Deadlines*



Workshop recording and materials are posted on the SJV REAP webpage: <https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-workshops/>

- **Outreach to local jurisdictions** and other partners about REAP planning efforts occurs on a regular basis. Every other month an electronic newsletter is disseminated to thousands of stakeholders in the San Joaquin Valley including community development staff at every jurisdiction. Monthly emails to community development staff also occurs.
- **The San Joaquin Valley REAP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** has been established and is comprised of the MPO staff tasked with working on REAP. The TAC meets monthly and is responsible for collaboratively discussing REAP strategies and best practices among the MPOs.

Best Practices

- Conducting a Request for Qualifications (versus Request for Proposals) allowed for flexibility and efficiencies in contracting with consultants. This allowed us to establish a bench of shortlisted consultants, a bench that we could then issue scopes of work and request bids from as needed and as work efforts are identified. This saves time and resources in the public contracting process.
- Another best practice was the establishment of the San Joaquin Valley REAP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is comprised of staff from each SJV MPO and helps guide and advise the REAP process. This has allowed us to regionally reach consensus and move forward on technical or staff level decisions without having to seek approvals from the larger REAP Committee, which only meet twice a year.
- The Valleywide REAP program was the recipient of the Central California American Planning Association's 2023 Best Practices Award.

III. Status of Activities

The following activities are being reported on the subregional (MPO) level for calendar year 2023.

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

General Description: Funding Policies and Guidelines were approved by the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board in January 2021. Major activities for Fresno COG include suballocations for individual jurisdictional housing planning activities and an allocation towards the development of a multi-jurisdictional housing element (MJHE).

Suballocation Methodology: Fresno COG has opted for a competitive process to allocate REAP funding to its jurisdictions. At least 50 percent of the funds will be set aside for small cities to ensure equity among jurisdictions.

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 RHNA Planning. <i>(Fresno COG staffing/PM included in Valleywide admin.)</i>	\$184,382.48	\$184,382.48	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	Complete	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 RHNA Planning. <i>(Fresno COG staffing/PM included in Valleywide admin.)</i>	\$79,538.52	\$22,996.17	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	Individual jurisdictional activities.	\$893,500	\$65,120	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	Multijurisdictional Housing Element.	\$1,111,147	\$321,102	January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
	Totals	\$2,268,568	\$593,601			

Suballocation Summary: the following list highlights Fresno County jurisdictional suballocations amounts and activities as of December 31, 2023:

Jurisdiction	Total Allocation to Date	Activity
Fowler	\$125,000	General Plan Update and VMT Guidelines
Fresno	\$250,000	Manchester Center Utilities Study and Master Plan for Affordable Housing
Kerman	\$65,000	Utility Infrastructure Master Plan

Mendota	\$10,000	ArcGIS Online Mapping
San Joaquin	\$100,000	Land Use Element Update to General Plan
Selma	\$51,000	GIS Development Portal
Fresno County	\$292,500	General Plan Community Plans Chapter and Community Plans
Subtotal Allocations	\$893,500	
Fresno COG Planning	\$263,921	
MJHE	\$1,111,147	
TOTAL	\$2,268,568	Total MPO staffing and project management, and jurisdictional suballocations and MJHE encumbrances.

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

General Description: Kern COG’s REAP funding and guidelines were approved by its Policy Board in April 2021. Kern COG utilized staffing and consulting for planning and coordination activities, while the majority of their funding was allocated to jurisdictions.

Suballocation Methodology: Kern COG is allocating REAP funding to its jurisdictions based on a per capita basis with a floor of \$10,000.

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$485,474.22	\$475,976.72	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	complete	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$0	\$9,497.50	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2021 and 2022 Jurisdictional Suballocations	\$687,105.75	\$126,486.68	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	In progress	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2023 Jurisdictional Suballocations	\$877,989.96	146,557.59	January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
Totals		\$2,050,569.93	\$758,518.49			

Suballocation Summary: the following list highlights Kern County jurisdictional suballocations amounts and activities as of December 31, 2023:

Jurisdiction	Total Allocation to Date	Activity
Arvin	\$89,774.69	Housing Element Update
Bakersfield	\$364,641.64	Augment LEAP activity – Community Design Element
California City	\$73,165.83	TBD housing planning project
Delano	\$113,557.90	Housing Element Update
Maricopa	\$83,165.83	TBD housing planning project
McFarland	\$84,580.39	Housing Element Update
Ridgecrest	\$95,416.82	TBD housing planning project
Shafter	\$88,807.12	Zoning Ordinance and General Plan reformatting and other enhancements to project delivery.
Taft	\$83,165.83	Augment LEAP activity – Adopt new zoning regulations to streamline project review and permit processing.
Tehachapi	\$83,401.64	Augment LEAP activity – Conduct city-wide traffic analysis designed to streamline CEQA for new housing.

Wasco	\$94,101.02	Housing Element Update and Zoning ordinance improvements to streamline new housing.
Kern County	\$311,317.00	Aerial imagery vacant site project
Subtotal Allocations	\$1,565,095.71	
Kern COG Planning	\$485,474.22	
TOTAL	\$2,050,569.93	Total MPO staffing and project management, and jurisdictional suballocations and MJHE encumbrances.

Kings County Association of Governments

General Description: KCAG’s REAP Subcommittee approved its REAP funding policy in December 2021. KCAG utilized staffing and consulting for planning and coordination activities, while the majority of their funding was allocated to Kings County who is leading the Kings County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element process.

Suballocation Methodology: The KCAG member jurisdictions have agreed to direct the available REAP funds to the development of the Kings County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update.

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 Planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$193,849.45	\$193,849.45	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	Complete	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 Planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$27,900.01	\$27,900.01	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/ Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2023 Multi-jurisdictional housing element.	\$311,858	\$98,291.90	January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
Totals		\$533,607.46	\$320,041.36			

KCAG Staffing	\$221,749	
MJHE	\$311,858	
TOTAL	\$533,607	Total MPO staffing and project management, and MJHE encumbrance.
Total REAP allocation to date	\$449,878	

Note, there is a deficit in funds available at this time for KCAG. KCAG is awaiting final disbursement of funds from HCD to Valley MPOs. The total to date allocated amount from existing REAP funding to KCAG is \$449,878. The final disbursement of \$4,378,246 is needed from HCD to offset this deficit. Funding reallocations from surplus funds in the Valleywide category are also a possibility in 2024.

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

General Description: The MCTC Board of Directors adopted the Madera Region REAP Housing Program guidelines at their April 21, 2021, meeting. MCTC utilized staffing and consulting for planning and coordination activities, pooled AFFH technical assistance, and for jurisdictional suballocations.

Suballocation Methodology: MCTC is suballocating, from the last installment of REAP funding, for eligible projects on a pro-rata basis to local agencies in the Madera Region, including the County of Madera, City of Madera, and the City of Chowchilla.

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 Planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$98,000	\$98,000	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	Complete	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 Planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$35,949.06	\$0	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/ Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2021 and 2022 Pooled AFFH technical assistance.	\$155,398.76	\$155,398.76	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	In progress	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2023 Jurisdictional allocations	\$168,100	\$0	January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
	Totals	\$457,447.82	\$253,399.00			

Suballocation Summary: the following list highlights Madera County jurisdictional suballocations amounts and activities as of December 31, 2023:

Jurisdiction	Total Allocation to Date	Activity
Madera	\$69,532	Housing Element Update
Chowchilla	\$13,153	Housing Element Update
Madera County	\$85,415	Housing Element Update
Subtotal Allocations	\$168,100.00	
MCTC Planning	\$133,949.06	
AFFH Pooled TA	\$155,398.76	
TOTAL	\$457,447.82	Total MPO staffing and project management, and MJHE and AFFH TA encumbrances.

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

General Description: The MCAG Policy Board at their March 2021 meeting has adopted a policy for REAP funding. MCAG utilized staffing and consulting for planning and coordination activities, while the remaining funding was allocated for a multijurisdictional housing element.

Suballocation Methodology: The MCAG Governing Board, at the recommendation of the REAP Technical Work Group comprised of each of the 7 jurisdictions in Merced County, determined the REAP 1 funds identified for suballocations to jurisdictions would produce a greater benefit to all if utilized on shared needs. Therefore, the funds earmarked for suballocation have been pooled by the jurisdictions to be used for regional efforts (i.e., MJHE). Local jurisdictions in Merced County will contribute approximately \$500,000 towards the MJHE.

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 Planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$413,233	\$413,233	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	Complete	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 Planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$58,456	\$58,456	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/ Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2023 Multi-jurisdictional housing element.	\$608,654	\$608,654	January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
	Totals	\$1,080,343	\$1,080,343			

MCAG Staffing	\$471,689	
MJHE	\$608,654	
TOTAL	\$1,080,343	Total MPO staffing and project management, and MJHE expenses.
Total REAP allocation to date	\$721,869	

Note, there is a deficit in funds available at this time for MCAG. MCAG is awaiting final disbursement of funds from HCD to Valley MPOs. The total to date allocated amount from existing REAP funding to MCAG is \$721,868.92. The final disbursement of \$4,378,246 is needed from HCD to offset this deficit. Funding reallocations from surplus funds in the Valleywide category are also a possibility in 2024.

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

General Description: SJ COG’s Policy Board approved its REAP funding policy in February 2021. SJ COG has prioritized its use of REAP funding for the following at the regional level within SJ COG: 1) Development of a Regional Housing Trust Fund, 2) Regional Housing Needs Allocation improved methodology, and 3) regional planning and coordination. The remaining funds are suballocated to jurisdictions. SJ COG utilized staffing and consulting for subregional project management, planning and coordination activities, while the majority of their funding was suballocated to jurisdictions.

Suballocation Methodology: The adopted REAP program guidelines describe a process and methodology for local jurisdictions to receive their suballocations (by population share).

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 Project management, housing trust fund development, planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$468,150	\$468,150	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	Complete/In Progress	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 Project management, housing trust fund development, planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$171,506.57	\$171,506.57	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2021 and 2022 Jurisdictional suballocations.	\$1,547,733	\$276,499.10	September 3, 2020 - December 31, 2022	Complete	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2023 Jurisdictional suballocations.	\$0 <i>(carry over allocation from previous yrs.)</i>	\$881,170.78	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/Ongoing	Unknown at this time
	Totals	\$2,187,389.57	\$1,797,326.45			

Suballocation Summary: the following list highlights San Joaquin County jurisdictional suballocations amounts and activities as of December 31, 2023:

Jurisdiction	Total Allocation to Date	Activity
Stockton	\$621,150	Housing pipeline process improvements, targeted site proformas, pre-approved plans, neighborhood planning, CEQA/Environmental Clearance
Escalon	\$34,723	Housing permitting improvements, planning and design of City's phase 3 sewer line
Lathrop	\$55,980	Update the City's Integrated Water Resources Master Plan
Lodi	\$132,470	Affordable housing ordinance and planning feasibility study; shared equity homeownership feasibility study
Manteca	\$165,369	Housing Element Update
Ripon	\$45,713	Upgrades to City's building permitting and plan check software; Housing Element Update
Tracy	\$187,705	TOD specific plan; Housing Element Update; policy and zoning ordinance amendments
San Joaquin County	\$304,623	Augment existing SB2/LEAP projects, Hire additional plan check staff; Housing Element Update
Subtotal Allocations	\$1,547,733	
SJ COG Planning	\$639,656.57	
TOTAL	\$2,187,389.57	Total MPO staffing and project management, and jurisdictional suballocations.
Total REAP allocation to date	\$1,750,067	

Note, there is a deficit in funds available at this time for SJ COG. SJ COG is awaiting final disbursement of funds from HCD to Valley MPOs. The total to date allocated amount from existing REAP funding to SJ COG is \$1,750,067.14. The final disbursement of \$4,378,246 is needed from HCD to offset this deficit. Funding reallocations from surplus funds in the Valleywide category are also a possibility in 2024.

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

General Description: StanCOG’s Policy Board approved its REAP funding policy in March 2021. StanCOG utilized staffing and consulting for planning and coordination activities, while the remaining funding was suballocated to jurisdictions.

Suballocation Methodology: The REAP suballocation methodology for distributing the funds to StanCOG’s local jurisdictions was by share of the county’s population. An additional adjustment was made for the smallest jurisdictions with a minimum funding floor of \$35,000.

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 Project management, planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$129,960	\$129,960	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	Complete	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 Project management, planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$187,052	\$0	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/ Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	Total Jurisdictional suballocations.	\$975,691	\$516,966	January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
	Totals	\$1,292,703	\$646,926			

Suballocation Summary: the following list highlights Stanislaus County jurisdictional suballocations amounts and activities as of December 31, 2023:

Jurisdiction	Total Allocation to Date	Activity
Ceres	\$83,123.91	Housing Element Update
Hughson	\$22,230.46	Housing Element Update
Modesto	\$381,609.66	Housing related activities for General Plan Update
Oakdale	\$39,471.42	F St. Corridor residential planning and infrastructure analysis
Newman	\$22,230.46	
Patterson	\$39,603.58	TBD housing planning project
Riverbank	\$42,960.80	EJ policies for Housing Element and General Plan Updates
Turlock	\$127,521.32	TBD housing planning project
Waterford	\$22,230.46	Sewer and Water Infrastructure project planning
Stanislaus County	\$194,708.72	Housing Element Update
Subtotal Allocations	\$975,690.77	
StanCOG Planning	\$317,012.21	
TOTAL	\$1,292,702.98	Total MPO staffing and project management, and jurisdictional suballocations.

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

General Description: TCAG’s REAP funding and guidelines have been discussed by its Policy Board on numerous occasions with formal action to adopt in April 2021. TCAG utilized staffing and consulting for planning and coordination activities, while the remaining funding was allocated for a multijurisdictional housing element.

Suballocation Methodology: TCAG will administer suballocations by formula. Each of its member agencies will receive a base of \$100,000 with the remaining funds to be distributed proportionately based on population. Since this suballocation methodology was established in 2021, TCAG and its member agencies have instead opted for a multi-jurisdictional housing element utilizing all the aforementioned suballocations amounts previously earmarked for cities, with the exception of the City of Visalia and County of Tulare who are not participating in the multi-jurisdictional housing element.

Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated to Date	Amount Expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
Identification of Best Practices	2021 and 2022 Project management, planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$142,122	\$142,122	September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2022	Complete	Unknown at this time
Identification of Best Practices	2023 Project management, planning coordination and staffing at the MPO level.	\$109,907.40	\$109,907.40	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Complete/ Ongoing	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2023 Multi-jurisdictional housing element.	\$950,000	\$446,045	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
Suballocating Monies	2023 Jurisdictional allocations	\$414,607	\$207,850	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	In progress	Unknown at this time
	Totals	\$1,616,636.40	\$905,924.40			

Suballocation Summary: the following list highlights Tulare County amounts and activities as of December 31, 2023 for jurisdictional suballocations to the City of Visalia and the County of Tulare who are not participating in the MJHE.

Jurisdiction	Total Allocation to Date	Activity
Visalia	\$205,090.00	Housing Element Update
County of Tulare	\$209,517.00	Housing Element Update

Subtotal Allocations	\$414,607	
TCAG Planning	\$252,029	
MJHE	\$950,000	
TOTAL	\$1,616,363	Total MPO staffing and project management, and MJHE and jurisdictional suballocations.
Total REAP allocation to date	\$1,130,974	

Note, there is a deficit in funds available at this time for TCAG. TCAG is awaiting final disbursement of funds from HCD to Valley MPOs. The total to date allocated amount from existing REAP funding to TCAG is \$1,130,974. The final disbursement of \$4,378,246 is needed from HCD to offset this deficit. Funding reallocations from surplus funds in the Valleywide category are also a possibility in 2024.

Valleywide Planning Efforts

Activity Category: Identification of Best Practices (1), Education and Outreach (2), Technical Assistance (5), and Administration (6).

General Description: Regional coordination, technical assistance, and planning. Please see section entitled “Project Highlights, Accomplishments and Best Practices” for a detailed description of the Valleywide work efforts to date.

Suballocation Methodology: Valleywide Planning Efforts were allocated \$4,475,000 from the San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee for Housing. This was based on the AB 101 statute which designated funding for regional collaboration and planning.

Below are the major Valleywide REAP activities to date:

Activity	Total Allocation/Expenditures to Date	Status
Comprehensive Housing Report	\$500,000	Completed 2022
Housing Element Data Sets	\$50,000	Completes 2022
Household Travel Survey	\$500,000	Completed 2022
Technical Assistance/Consultant Bench	\$500,000	Ongoing
Workshop Series	\$90,000	Ongoing
AFFH Technical Assistance	\$400,000	Ongoing
Valleywide ADU Program	\$100,000	Ongoing TA
SJV Planning Guide to New Housing Laws	\$75,000	Completed 2022
GIS (Urban Footprint) Housing Capacity Analysis for the SJV	\$325,000	Completed 2023
Condo Construction Policy Report	\$75,000	Completed 2023
Inclusionary Housing Options report for the SJV	\$75,000	Completed 2023
Water Capacity/SMGA Report on Housing Production	\$80,000	Completed 2023
SJV Annual Policy Conference (2023 & 2024)	\$60,000	Ongoing
Outreach/Marketing	\$100,000	Ongoing
Project Management/Administration	\$500,000	Ongoing
Additional anticipated work efforts	\$200,000	Pending
Total	\$3,630,000.00	

Amount Allocated: \$4,475,000 (from first and second REAP allotment)

Amount Expended/Encumbered: \$3,630,000

Timing: September 3, 2020 – December 31, 2024

Status: Complete and In Progress

NOTE: Remaining funds in the Valleywide category may be reallocated to MPOs in calendar year 2024 to offset higher than anticipated cost for multijurisdictional housing elements and other housing planning activities at the subregional level. These adjustments will be noted in the 2024 annual report.

Regional Impact on Housing: Significant tools and resources for all 70 valley jurisdictions have been developed or are under development. While the exact quantitative results are not known, there has been considerable positive impacts to housing planning efforts across the region from the Valleywide REAP program.

The Valleywide REAP program was the recipient of the Central California American Planning Association's 2023 Best Practices Award.

Summary of Housing Production Indicators

The following is a summary housing production data for 2023 obtained from the HCD Annual Progress Report dashboard.

	Housing Production Indicator (2023)		
	Building Permits	Certificates of Occupancy	Completed Entitlements
Fresno County	2,026	1,797	2,615
Kern County	103	96	982
Kings County	No data avail.	No data avail.	No data avail.
Madera County	No data avail.	No data avail.	No data avail.
Merced County	No data avail.	No data avail.	No data avail.
San Joaquin County	No data avail.	No data avail.	No data avail.
Stanislaus County	No data avail.	No data avail.	No data avail.
Tulare County	351	761	2,768
San Joaquin Valley Total	2,480	2,654	6,365

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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.

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