



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

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

Via Zoom:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. July 11, 2024, Directors' Meeting

Robert Phipps



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 – Valley Voice DC

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

Ofelia Abundez

Kim Anderson

Rob Ball

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5. SJV REAP Program
Receive update.

Michael Sigala & ☒
Robert Phipps

6. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference 2025
Receive update.

Stacie Guzman

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.

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, September 5, 2024.

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Meeting Minutes

Item 1

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Videoconference

Directors	MPO
Robert Phipps – Chair	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman – Vice Chair	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
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

Robert Phipps assumed the role of Chair, and Stacie Guzman assumed the role of Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 6, 2024, Directors' Meeting

Ted Smalley

There was a motion to approve the June 6, 2024, Directors' Committee minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Ted Smalley

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Brady

Roberto Brady, filling in for Ryan Niblock, provided the update. A PM10 second maintenance plan is under development with plan adoption expected later this year. This plan will have new conformity budgets once approved by EPA. A Serious Non-attainment Plan for the 2012 PM2.5 standard was developed by the District this spring and adopted on June 20th. CARB will consider adoption at their July public hearing, scheduled for July 25th. This plan includes new budgets and for the first time in the Valley, conformity budgets account for paved, unpaved, and construction road dust for PM2.5 (like what we currently do for PM10).

For the 2016 Ozone Plan, addressing the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard, EPA took final action to disapprove contingency measures in October of 2022. Sanction clocks are ongoing, and the highway sanctions deadline is November 2, 2024. The district adopted an *Ozone Contingency Measure SIP Revision* for both 2008 and 2015 Ozone standards on April 25, 2024. The SIP revisions were submitted for EPA review the following day. During the last IAC call, EPA provided an update that they plan to act on the submittal in mid-September and a publication of an interim final determination is expected in early October. According to EPA, sanctions are not likely to be triggered. Final action would occur in 2025 after the Air District adopts additional rules to address contingency measure commitments.

For project-level conformity, the Valley MPOs and Trinity Consultants have been coordinating with IAC partners on enhancing and streamlining the hot spot process among the eight Valley MPOs. Since May, the Valley processed 5 hot spot assessments using the revised process. Any new hot spot requests should go through Trinity until procedures are final. Trinity has drafted a Valley-specific hot spot guidance and data submittal checklist template for project sponsor use. Additional coordination is required between MPOs and project sponsors to ensure transparency, document public review and participation, and receive live IAC concurrences. Before finalizing the guidance, the MPOs and Trinity have scheduled a follow up call with the IAC group on July 25th to discuss some of the successes, as well as challenges and concerns with project delays, due to the new process.

Regarding SB 375, there are no substantial updates. CARB did today release a CEQA notice of preparation in connection with the update to the SB 375 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets. The timing of the valley MPOs next RTP update is such that we expect to adopt before new targets go into effect. However, changes to CARB's SCS evaluations guidelines will affect us.

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates

State of California

G. Khouri

Gus Khouri reported legislative summer recess until August 5th. Mr. Khouri noted the minor cut to the REAP 2.0 program. He noted the cut to the grade separation program in the amount of \$80 million. ATP funding was restored for cycle six. Cycle seven may be impacted. A CTC workshop on ATP is forthcoming. SB 768 (Caballero) has been amended to require CalSTA to study how the VMT metric is being applied; a support position is recommended. AB 2290 and SB 1216 will both try to eliminate class III bicycle submissions in the ATP program; an oppose position is recommended. Letters of support and opposition will be drafted by Mr. Khouri.

Washington D.C.

D. Gellman

David Gellman provided the update on Valley Voice DC. A room in the capitol has been reserved. Local projects and earmarks are being added to the platform. Talk ensued about the ice cream social. Michael Sigala asked for a current list of Valley Voice attendees from the planning agencies. Mr. Gellman further provided an update on appropriations bills. The House bills are near completion. The Senate bills are slightly behind. Regarding the budget, Mr. Gellman noted continuation bills will likely be the outcome, particularly given that this is an election year. Several new DOT grants are now available and were noted in the staff report for this item.

4. Committee Updates

a. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

Robert Phipps reported VLAC is encouraging all planning agencies to submit information about highway projects, grant applications, and documentation to maintain funding levels for various programs.

b. SJV Swap Meet

No report.

c. Housing and Land Use

No report.

d. Travel Modelers Group

Rob Ball noted the next meeting is the August 19th. Roberto Brady noted the Caltrans's Planning grant for the VTRANSFORM in the amount of \$3 million has been approved. Mr. Ball noted the rural induced travel study will be out for circulation next Friday.

5. SJV REAP Program

M. Sigala & R. Phipps

Robert Phipps noted the recent invoice to HCD for \$732k has been approved. The group was reminded that invoices from jurisdictions are due by the end of September. Four of the eight subregions will now be made whole for their share of REAP funds. A study for objective design standards study (forthcoming) is also part of the latest funds from HCD. Michael Sigala noted an update to the Guide to California Housing Laws is also pending. Discussion ensued about funding for cost overruns for existing housing elements in regions that have already been made whole.

6. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference 2025

S. Guzman

Stacie Guzman noted she is considering downtown Merced for the conference. There is no conference center in downtown Merced, so is it a bit challenging. There are three pending dates: April 7-9, April 9-11, or April 28-30.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/G. Magsayo

Grace Magsayo, District 10 Director, noted a call for applications for a charging and fueling infrastructure grant program, deadline to apply is August 28th. A call for applications for a Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development, deadline to apply is July 22nd. A call for applications for the Caltrans Local Highway Safety Improvement program, deadline to apply is September 9th. The Caltrans updated Strategic Plan will be released next week. Several Caltrans planning grant recipients from the Valley were noted.

Diana Gomez, District 6 Director, noted SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) virtual public workshops were held recently. A second round of public CMCP meetings will occur later this year. TCIP cycle four is upcoming. Clean California ended in June 2024. Lee Ann Eager's CTC reappointment is coming up. There are hearings in Sacramento in August. A letter of support from the Policy Council for Eager's reappointment was recommended.

8. California High Speed Rail

T. Tinoco

No report provided.

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

M. Hanebutt

Michael Hanebutt noted a network integration planning grant was funded. A Caltrans planning grant award for connectivity planning for the Lodi station was noted. Mr. Hanebutt thanked the group for all the letters of support. He noted vacancies on the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee and is looking for volunteers to sit on the Committee.

10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

T. Jordan

No report provided.

11. MioCar EV Car Sharing

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted high usage in Stockton, followed by Tracy and Richmond. New contracts are pending in Shafter, Watsonville, Tulare and Kern. He noted a new data dashboard on the Miocar website.

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

No report provided.

OTHER ITEMS**13. Director Items**

Stacie Guzman noted Yosemite is on a reservation only policy for the summer. If you take a YARTS bus, you do not need a reservation. A Calstart planning grant for YARTS was noted. Robert Phipps thanked the outgoing valleywide coordinator Michael Sigala, and acknowledged the incoming coordinator, Georgiena Vivian.

14. Public Presentations for items not on the agenda

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:47 P.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
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
David Gellman	Smith, Covino and Associates
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Dena Graham	VRPA
Simran Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Paul Herman	Fresno COG
Michael Hanebutt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Steven Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Grace Magsayo	Caltrans District 10
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Merced County Association of Governments
Gregoria Ponce	Caltrans District 10
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator
Georgiena Vivian	VRPA

REAP Update
August 1, 2024

- **The REAP program will end on December 31, 2024. All invoices from MPOs to Fresno COG are due by September 30, 2024.**
- A July 2024 advance request for \$732,829 has been approved HCD. This amount will be used for a Residential Objective Design Standards guide for Valley jurisdictions, and for TCAG's multijurisdictional housing element.
- Robert Phipps will provide an update on the HCD communication we had for additional funding for TCAG's multijurisdictional housing element cost overruns.
- **Technical Assistance** to Valley jurisdictions is available utilizing the following consultants:
 - Mintier Harnish
 - Precision Engineering
 - Rincon Consultants (AFFH)
 - VTA (AFFH)
 - Estolano (AFFH)

24 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, Dos Palos, Lemoore and Woodlake.*

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. *Update pending.*
 - RHNA Insights GIS Tool (UF); status – complete, 11 jurisdictions/COGs are utilizing.
 - Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
 - Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
 - Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier/Rincon Consultants); status- complete and available on-line.
 - Small lot planning study is underway with Mintier Harnish, draft completed.
 - REAP Workshop Series; status – ongoing.
 - ***Next workshop is scheduled for August 27, 2024. Topic is ADU Implementation.***
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on July 9th. The August TAC meeting will occur on August 13th.

FREE WEBINAR

Implementing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

This webinar will cover the latest ADUS laws and practical tips to implementing ADUs in your jurisdiction. Learn about a suite of tools created specifically for Valley communities through the SJV REAP ADU Program. Hear from two Valley cities who are currently implementing citywide ADU programs.



PANELISTS

- Bonique Emerson, Precision Engineering
- Jenna Chilingirian, Precision Engineering
- Staff TBD, City of Fresno
- Leah Brown, City of Merced

**TUESDAY, AUGUST
27, 2024 AT 1 PM**

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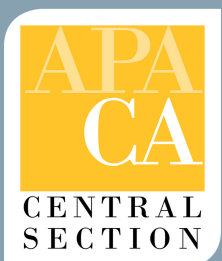
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