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### San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) Meetings Adapt to State and Local Measures during Public Health Crisis

*Effective March 23, SJCOG offices closed until further notice. Staff is working remotely and are available by phone and email*

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CA— On Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered all residents in California to stay in home for the upcoming weeks as the state and the nation confronts the escalating coronavirus outbreak. This past Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, San Joaquin County's Public Health Officer and Director of Emergency Services issued a stay at home order for San Joaquin residents. We are complying with the shelter in place orders from the Governor and San Joaquin County Public Health Services and Emergency Services by taking the following measures:

- Effective Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> the SJCOG offices are closed until further notice. While, physical contact is discouraged, staff is still available by phone and email. If you would like to get in contact with any staff please visit the [agency's website staff page](#)
- Until further notice, all SJCOG Committee meetings for April have been cancelled.
- March Board Meeting (held the fourth Thursday of every month), has been postponed to Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will serve as a joint Board meeting for the months of March and April.
- The San Joaquin One Voice® trip has been postponed until Fall. SJCOG will continue to prepare for the trip. At the March 20 Executive Committee meeting, members recommended the full board adopt the One Voice® projects list for the April Board meeting.
- SJCOG will continue posting and updating bid opportunities. For more information and updates, please visit our website's [bid posting page](#).
- All public outreach events for programs have been cancelled for the month of March and April.

SJCOG Executive Director, Andy Chesley remarks, “The work of the region is still being done, while remotely, progress is being made to tackle our regional issues.” The agency is still actively addressing transportation priorities and is continuously making efforts to advance the region. We wish residents to stay safe and healthy during this time.

### **About the San Joaquin Council of Governments**

The San Joaquin Council of Governments is a joint powers authority comprised of the County of San Joaquin and the cities of Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Tracy, Ripon, Escalon, and Lathrop. The agency serves as the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization, the state-designated regional transportation planning agency, the implementing agency for the habitat conservation program, the local transportation authority (overseeing Measure K, the local half-cent transportation sales tax), and as a technical resource for the San Joaquin region. For more information, visit [www.sjcog.org](http://www.sjcog.org); [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) or call 209-235-0600.

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