

San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

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Meeting Agenda Thursday, December 1, 2011 Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Item 1

Fresno Council of Governments
Ash Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, California 93721

Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Executive Minutes Members Attending:

Vince Harris, StanCOG, Chair
Patricia Taylor, MCTC, Vice-Chair
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Terri King, KCAG

Rob Ball, Kern COG (for R. Brummet)
Andrew Chesley, SJCOG
Ted Smalley, TCAG
Jesse Brown, MCAG

Others:
See Appendix A for List of Others Attending

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vince Harris, Chair. Everyone introduced themselves.

1. October 11, 2011 Director's Meeting and October 19, 2011 Director's Meeting with Congressman Denham (enclosure)

V. Harris

A motion was made by Mr. Jesse Brown to approve the Directors' Meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Andrew Chesley. Motion carried.

Mr. Ted Smalley made a correction to the Minutes from the Director's meeting with Congressman Denham. The minutes need to reflect a discussion of CMAQ instead of STIP funds. Motion to approve minutes carried.

Mr. Harris initiated roll call.

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**2. Draft October 13, 2011
Regional Policy Council Minutes (enclosure)**

M. Sigala

Mr. Jesse Brown requested Mr. Michael Sigala put the minutes in the agenda so that Directors have the opportunity to read the minutes and make any necessary changes. Minutes from the Regional Policy Council will be approved at the next meeting, December 9, 2011.

3. High Speed Rail

J. Abercrombie/B. Forhan

Mr. Jeff Abercrombie reported the HSRA received some 800 responses for the Merced to Fresno Draft EIR, and is now beginning to process them. The HSRA is working on a preferred route that is set for presentation to their Board at their meeting December 8, 2011 in Merced and finalized at their Board meeting at the end of February. The Fresno/Bakersfield segment plan is still on schedule for a rerelease of draft in April. The HSRA will meet with groups and shareholders over the next few weeks to pin down proposed west Hanford alignment to include in their December proposal to their Board.

Ms. Bryn Forhan presented an update on their business plan. The HSRA released the business plan on Tuesday and has received much media attention. The business plan is unlike prior plans; this most recent plan is unrefined and has taken a new approach. The Central Valley continues to be a critical part of the HSR project with construction beginning next year and finishing in 2017 with a price tag of \$6 billion.

Mr. Vince Harris expressed concern at the notable increase in price provided by the HSRA. Ms. Forhan responded that the HSRA now knows more about what is needed in terms of trenching, viaducts, aerial and raised tracks have all impacted the price increase. The HSRA has become more granular about supply costs of steel, concrete, etc. and moreover they have been extremely conservative up to now about the overall cost of the project.

Mr. Andy Chesley commented that up to this point, the San Joaquin Valley has been generally supportive of HSR but this newly released business plan has created a new environment in terms of stated objectives. Mr. Chesley stated he intends to take this new business plan to his Board for their position and he anticipates more in-depth questions. Mr. Chesley asked for future assistance from the HSRA in the early part of next year to put together a joint-policy position.

4. FTIP / AQ Status

T. Taylor

Ms. Tanisha Taylor provided a handout and began the discussion with the chart on page 3 highlighting important dates and current timeline for FTIP/AQ. PM 2.5 SIP is the first milestone to look at. After January 2012, budgets will become effective and conformity analysis must meet those budgets. After mid-February ARB must use the new PM 2.5 SIP budgets and 8-hour ozone budgets. The transition period for the use of EMFAC 2011 is January 2013 and Ms. Taylor explained it is anticipated that we can still use EMFAC 2007. She went on to say she used the word *anticipated* because there is no official letter from FHWA although there have been discussions between FHWA, ARB and EPA.

Currently there is a concern that if we must use EMFAC 2011 all eight counties might not be able to demonstrate conformity to the new budgets set in February 2012. In using EMFAC 2007 that concern goes away, so EMFAC 2007 becomes important in this process for projects that cannot wait for the 2013 FTIP update.

We do assume some risk in terms of the TIP amendment if something were to change with the CTC recommendation. In the 2013 FSTIP update, Caltrans indicated in October they would be maintaining the

schedule consistent with the 2011 FTIP update which means we would start the FTIP update in February 2012 and fall under EMFAC 2007 with adoption in July 2012.

From July to December Caltrans will go through the FSTIP public participation process including responses and comments. Anticipated approval of the FSTIP is December 2012.

Mr. Vince Harris reiterated there is some risk involved. Mr. Jermaine Hannon did interject that anticipated dates for transition are just that; there is no dates set as of yet as talks are still ongoing with ARB and EPA contingent on a new model. Mr. Ted Smalley requested that all the provided materials be sent out electronically.

Mr. Andy Chesley asked that because EMFAC 2011 can be a game changer, what is being done to work with ARB to address challenges of EMFAC 2011. Ms. Taylor replied we are currently meeting with ARB regarding using EMFAC 2011 and ensuring the data in EMFAC 2011 is the transportation data provided.

5. SB 375 Subcommittee

T. Taylor

Ms. Tanisha Taylor provided a handout on the eight MPO actions that occurred over the months of September/October in terms of the multi-MPO SB-375 regional staff report. All eight MPOs did take a positive action to the two recommendations – assessment of Valleywide target and strategy development beneficial to the agencies. Some agencies had more discussions than others. Kern did add an additional motion, which is summarized in the handout. Kings County did have some discussion about the schedule and how that will play out in a multi-county target. StanCOG had general process questions for the subcommittee. Ms. Taylor then opened the discussion to the individual members to report on their respective board discussions.

In terms of next steps, the Subcommittee has developed a coordination contact list, which is by no means exhaustive, but it does provide easy division of responsibilities. The Air District did offer to set up a meeting with ARB staff to start the relationship-building process.

Mr. Robert Ball reported that the Kern COG Board felt it was in their best interest to keep moving forward with Kern's individual target with the option of Valleywide coordination also on the table. Kern COG has contacted ARB to have a spot on the agenda discussing their local efforts separate from the Valleywide presentation. Mr. Vince Harris asked if the reason for this is because the Kern COG Board feels it can achieve the target independently. Mr. Ball responded that Kern COG feels it is unique and would not be accurately represented in a Valleywide presentation.

Mr. Andy Chesley asked Mr. Ball what Valleywide coordination would mean for Kern COG. Mr. Ball replied the concern was in what a Valleywide presentation might do to limit local autonomy. Mr. Ball used wind farms as an example of Kern's uniqueness where typical modeling (i.e. urban development focus) would not apply.

Ms. Tanisha Taylor did say that in terms of modeling the scenarios, that process is an individual effort so there will be differences and a "one-size fits all" attitude is not applicable. Mr. Harris and Ms. Patricia Taylor resonated Ms. Taylor's comments. Mr. Harris expressed a concern that if Kern wants to set independent conversation that would detract from a Valleywide united front.

Ms. Terri King felt a multi-regional target needs to be less restrictive and Kings still plans to do a single-county SCS. Further, Ms. King feels discussions on a multi-county target need to begin soon. Kings County has issue with scheduling where other counties further their schedules and meet their target but

Kings County cannot meet their target.

6. California Partnership (enclosure)

S. Dabbs

Ms. Stacie Dabbs provided a handout on the SJV Rural Development Center structure and services offered where the California Partnership acts as a mezzanine-consulting firm. The Center is for all the rural communities and cities with population under 50,000. If there are any questions, please contact Ismael Herrera (559) 278-0519 or isherrera@csufresno.edu. Ms. Dabbs thanked the Directors for coordinating next month's meeting with the California Partnership meeting, December 9th in Turlock. Mr. Michael Sigala is to work with Ms. Dabbs and Supervisor Ishida who will make a short presentation at the California Partnership meeting.

Ms. Dabbs also announced there are two new job openings with the California Partnership – Government Affairs/Work Group Coordinator and Communications Directors.

Following the meeting, Ms. Dabbs sent the following information via e-mail:

On behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, I would like to invite you to participate in an upcoming meeting of the Sustainable Communities Work Group - **Thursday, November 17th from 10am-12pm** at the Stanislaus Council of Governments, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto.

In attempt to obtain input from throughout the San Joaquin Valley on the work group's identified priorities, we have held meetings in three valley locations in 2011 - Fresno (June), Bakersfield (September) and Modesto (November). Your participation in this regional conversation would be of great value as the work group seeks to engage input from a broad range of perspectives and industries.

Item 11 was moved up upon Commissioner Assemi's arrival.

11. Discussion with California Transportation Commissioner Darius Assemi Regarding State Route 99

Mr. Darius Assemi stated he has had conversations with Mr. Tony Boren about putting together a package to obtain more money as we are getting to the end of our bond money. SR 99 is one of two state-routes in the United States that have been targeted as high-dollar arteries of transportation. Mr. Assemi urged the Directors to get a packet to our legislators so as they develop a bill for SR 99. Mr. Assemi went on to encourage the Directors to formally submit a packet to the Transportation Committee. The packet should include why SR 99 needs the money, where the deficiencies are and what the benefits are.

Mr. Ted Smalley added that SR 99 was targeted as a high-priority corridor in SAFETEALU. Mr. Smalley explained that the SJV has a program in place so the next step, he added, would be to ask for funding for this program. Mr. Jesse Brown added the SJV has had experience in prioritizing SR 99 projects and TIGER III projects so he suggested using the TIGER III criteria and add the Air Quality component. Mr. Brown would be willing to put money together and hire a professional to assemble the package. Mr. Andy Chesley seconded Mr. Brown's idea to hire a professional and offered funds to further this.

Ms. Terri King was concerned about only identifying SR 99 as a priority. SR 99 does not run through Kings County and there may be east-west corridors that need repair and investment. Mr. Vince Harris followed up with the question as to how does the committee incorporate important east-west corridors

throughout the SJV, not just in Kings County, without diluting the focus on SR99. Mr. Tony Boren insisted that focus needs to remain on SR 99 as it is the SJV "bread and butter."

Mr. Assemi closed with offering Laurel's (of CTC) help to fill out grant applications more thoroughly. In the past he said we have missed out on monies because of the way we responded to questions on grant applications and Laurel is happy to help work out any issues in getting our fair share of dollars.

7. Valley Modeling Improvements

M. Bitner

Mr. Michael Bitner explained that he plans to begin providing details on the model at the December 8th meeting including documentation and script. He continues to work on getting a meeting put together either by phone or in-person. Mr. Vince Harris thanked the team for fruitful talks on where we are in Stanislaus.

Ms. Terri King interjected that she had hoped the Cal COG Modeling 101 for Directors (at the Cal COG Director's Meeting) had been more helpful. Mr. Bill Higgins responded the course focused on Caltrans Modeling 101 and offered suggestions on that topic.

Mr. Andy Chesley, directing his comments to Mr. Harris and Mr. Jesse Brown, said they had had a good meeting (via conference call) with their modelers last week and would do well to have another meeting with the modelers, specifically addressing what the Directors expect to achieve and relevant protocols.

8. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

C. Malekos

Ms. Cindy Malekos addressed the Directors on Valley Voice trip to Sacramento usually held in February. She sought input, feedback and comments from Directors on focus questions for the 2012 trip and specifically what the main *ask* should be. Mr. Vince Harris felt the Valley Voice trip should be continued and that they should request seating with the Governor for next year. Mr. Andy Chesley felt the Sacramento trip is very important but wants a room more conducive to discussion for next year. Mr. Chesley wants to push Ms. Dianne Barth on specific *asks*. Mr. Ted Smalley interjected an important *ask* for 2012 is support of ITIP requests.

Ms. Elizabeth Wright put forth questions as to what language the Directors want to use in addressing legislators; whether the Directors have a particular bill they want passed; and finally, whether the Directors want to discuss hiring a DC lobbyist to create more consistency. Mr. Harris expressed interest in further discussing a federal lobbyist. Mr. Andy Chesley stated his position that his COG already has a lobbyist and he is not ready to invest in a lobbyist for the Directors' Committee.

Ms. Malekos concluded the discussion saying that she would move forward with plans for a February trip and begin preparing dates, etc.

9. SJV Goods Movement

M. Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala reported the first six tasks of the project are ongoing through February. The Directors' Committee should receive a deliverable this week on economics, demographics and circulation. The second quarterly report will be submitted to Caltrans this week with the next conference call scheduled for November 17th at 10:00am.

10. Valleywide Blueprint

B. Steck/R. Terry

Ms. Barbara Steck announced the Valleywide Blueprint packages have been sent out to everyone for distribution. Ms. Steck asked the Directors to put out a wide distribution of the Valleywide Blueprint materials. The Strategic Growth Council will be releasing round two of grants. Fresno COG is managing Proposition 84 for the MPOs within our three-part program. Ms. Steck has reached out to their project managers for help for that scope of work with a deadline of February 15, 2012.

Mr. Rob Terry reported the Valleywide Blueprint received three proposals on October 7th for their Blueprint Integration Project. The selection committee chose URS to act as the consulting firm. URS will work under a 14-month contract for just over \$460,000 to provide circuit planners working in 46 smaller communities throughout SJV where the Blueprint principles need leadership. URS had a great proposal with great circuit planners. Mr. Terry and Ms. Steck listed all the circuit planners on this project in response to Mr. Michael Sigala's question as to whether the project would be using local planners. Mr. Rob Ball commented that his office received high praise on the final Blueprint. Ms. Terri King commented there is currently data available to these circuit planners that should be utilized so as not to duplicate work. Ms. Steck agreed to work with Cambridge and KCOG to make sure this duplication of work does not occur.

12. 2011 Statewide Needs Assessment

V. Harris

Mr. Vince Harris opened the discussion with a brief background explaining that SANDAG took the lead on this project to build a Statewide Needs Assessment with the help of all the MPOs. The final product was very nice report and presented at CTC's last meeting. The report created some buzz particularly the policy implications and some charged wording in the document, particularly Chapter 7, policy no. 4 that implies creating a focus of the six largest metropolitan areas in that funds could be diverted to those areas. Reporting on last week's CTC meeting, Mr. Harris said the State COG Director expressed concerns raised about smaller regions. It is anticipated there will be rewrite of the Needs Assessment at the next CTC meeting.

Mr. Andy Chesley spoke to this issue stating the need for a letter with each Director's name on it. Mr. Bill Higgins reported that Cal COG intentionally did not take action at their last meeting because some members were involved in authoring the Needs Assessment. Mr. Higgins does not anticipate Cal COG writing any kind of letter but he encouraged the Directors to do so. Mr. Michael Sigala, speaking on his conversation with Bob Leiter at SANDAG, suggested the Directors' Committee add a map of the Central Valley with projects – similar to the Goods Movement project. Mr. Harris interjected that the Needs Assessment team never asked for any kind of map from the Central Valley and further, only the largest metropolitan areas have maps in the Needs Assessment report.

Ms. Lindsey Monge stated that Fresno COG did provide a Valleywide project list and project map to the Needs Assessment committee. Ms. Monge then followed-up with Mr. Leiter and did not receive any feedback or further instruction.

Mr. Harris concluded discussions with the understanding that a letter would be written for the Directors to sign. Mr. Jesse Brown suggested assembling a package with a signed letter including policy recommendations, Valleywide project list and map. Mr. Chesley made the motion earlier in the discussion and Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Sigala requested member support in assembling a map and the necessary documents for a Valleywide Needs Assessment packet. Mr. Brown suggested including the list from the regional transportation plans of every project in the next 20 years. Mr. Tony Boren volunteered Barbara Steck, Ms. King volunteered Bruce Abanathie and Mr. Harris volunteered Carlos Yamzon to assist in a coordinated response.

13. SB325 Short Haul Rail – “Moving Forward”

T. Boren

Mr. Tony Boren stated this significant piece of legislation has been signed by the Governor and we are authorized to move forward (at least five members of the Board). Mr. Boren pressed that at some time in the near future the Directors need to sit-down and formalize a JPA. He felt unsure about whether today's meeting was the time to discuss a draft JPA but he did press that discussions on this need to start imminently. Mr. Jesse Brown agreed with Mr. Boren that discussions on the JPA need to begin but should be addressed at a separate meeting. Mr. Vince Harris assigned Mr. Michael Sigala to work with Mr. Boren on setting up a meeting for this issue. Mr. Boren asked who was the author of SB325 as that figure should be included in these talks. Mr. Ted Smalley felt that an informal document needs to be laid out to include all the steps and direction of our work from the start. Mr. Smalley stated he is willing to work with Rob – or a designee – on putting together such a document. Mr. Smalley wanted to set a goal of a January meeting on this issue with JPA finished in summer 2012.

Ms. Terri King added that an alarming rail study has recently come out specifically regarding the cross-Valley rail. Three counties joined together to update these rail lines but they have instituted a railcar fee. She urged the Goods Movement to incorporate this information as well. Mr. Ted Smalley echoed Ms. King's concerns that some of their local rail companies have already made the switch to trucks.

14. Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill

P. Taylor

Ms. Patricia Taylor reported that they met with Congressman Denham to speak on the population threshold and improved communication between his office and the Directors. Congressman Denham asked for any kind of technical language on streamlining CEQA/NEPA and for us to develop in writing for the Congressman to have when discussing these topics including examples. Mr. Jesse Brown added that with all the work of Tanisha's team and with Air Quality there ought to be things on the list to change. Mrs. Sharri Ehlert offered to provide her team's list to the Directors' Committee via Mr. Sigala. Mr. Sigala to work further with Mr. Ted Smalley on this.

15. Directors' Workshop

V. Harris

Mr. Michael Sigala sent out an e-mail about the possibility of augmenting next month's optional Directors' meeting however Patricia Taylor was unavailable. Additionally, it was unclear who will take the Director's position (formerly Ron Brummett) in Kern County. Mr. Rob Ball is the interim Director however he does not assume this role until December 17th. Mr. Sigala will work with Mr. Harris on securing a new date for January. The next Directors' meeting will be held December 1st in Stockton.

16. Other Items

a. Mr. Derek Winning followed-up on last meeting's discussion on the Madera Interchange Project. CTC staff cancelled the last meeting between CTC and Madera leaving this issue currently at a standstill. The Directors' Committee letter of support did not seem to help or affect the CTC relations. Commissioner Assemi recommended that Madera reach out to CTC staff one more time. Mr. Winning responded that Madera is struggling to get money from CTC partly because CTC is hesitant to use bond money on right-of-way activities. Mr. Winning related Caltrans is worried that savings might not materialize as other county projects come up and those price tags increase. Mr. Andy Chesley said it would be worthwhile to invite CTC staff to the table on this discussion. Mr. Bill Higgins asked if Mr. Chesley's suggestions were for the next Cal COG meeting as well. Mr. Chesley responded it would be a nice request. The issue of risk has made the CTC staff almost impossible to deal with because, as Mr. Chesley explained, they have taken a "no-risk" attitude and push the risk to the local level.

b. Mr. Michael Sigala shared that he is working on a conference call with Senator Boxer on MPO issue. Ms. Patricia Taylor responded 50,000-200,000 is the population size for MPOs with case-by-case exceptions. Mr. Chesley asked Mr. Sigala to maintain pending conference call with Senator Boxer to clarify "case-by-case" exception criteria. Mr. Sigala has set up a lunch meeting with Supervisor Ishida and Mr. Harris for next week to discuss the upcoming year. A website subcommittee has been formed to meet monthly and ensure that all relevant websites have current information. Mr. Sigala provided a SR99 Bond Savings List; if there is any feedback please contact him with updates or corrections.

17. **Public Comment**

Mr. Al Watts related as an outsider that the committee uses its own language and suggested that an index of acronyms be made available to the public. Ms. King offered to provide her acronym list to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Appendix A: List of Others Attending

Darius Assemi, CTC
Derek Winning, MCTC
Neil Bretz, CalTrans
Sharri Bender Ehlert, Caltrans
Jeff Abercrombie, HSRA
Bryn Forhan, HSRA
Michael Sigala, Sigala Inc.
Rebecca Caporale, Sigala Inc.
Elizabeth Wright, TCAG
Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Rob Terry, Fresno COG
Lindsey Monge, Fresno COG
Rosa Park, Stan COG
Carlos Yamzon, Stan COG
Cindy Malekos, Stan COG
Tom Jordan, SJVAPCD
Elizabeth Johanson, Coalition for
Clean Air
Jermaine Hannon, ARB (phone)
Bill Higgins, Cal COG (phone)
Stacie Dabbs, CA Partnership (phone)
Al Watts, Tulare
Rick Farinelli, Madera County

Memo

To: SJV COG Director's
From: Rob Terry
CC:
Date: 11/22/2011
Re: Prop 84 Round 2 Grant Funding

Item 12

Round 1 Background:

In December 2010 the Fresno COG, on behalf of the eight RPAs of the San Joaquin Valley, was notified of success on its Prop 84 Round 1 grant application from the Strategic Growth Council for \$1,000,000. As agreed upon by the Director's, this grant is providing for SCS outreach activities (as Task 1; 19% of the total funding); will provide circuit planner assistance for the 46 smaller cities of the San Joaquin Valley regarding integration of the Blueprint Planning principles into their general plans and local ordinances (as Task 2; 53% of the total funding), and provide for Greenprint Planning activities (as Task 3; 28% of the total funding).

SCS Outreach is slated to begin in early 2012, following SB375 Task Force actions and the One Voice trip. A committee comprised of all eight of the Valley RPAs has recently selected URS Corporation for consultant service to perform Blueprint integration work, and the Greenprint steering committee activities continue to move forward as scheduled in the work program. The Strategic Growth Council continues to be impressed with the unified planning methods being utilized by the Valley in this project.

Round 2 Options:

In November, 2011, the Strategic Growth Council announced the release of the Round 2 Solicitation of Prop 84 Grant Funding. The general consensus of the those involved project managers throughout the Valley COGs is that the preferred manner in which to approach Round 2 is in a similar fashion as Round 1; collectively as a region. The indication is that the Strategic Growth Council was very supportive of our joint efforts in Round 1, and furthermore desires to see such efforts continue in Round 2. Staff recommends the Director's give their approval and support moving forward in a concerted effort, allowing staff to prepare a Round 2 grant application (proposals are due to the Strategic Growth Council by February 15, 2012). The first step in the process is to identify, in brief, the desired program overview and objectives. Available funding ranges from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 per grant. Among the many activity options that could be included in a joint Round 2 application are:

- SCS Completion assistance
- Greenprint Planning and implementation
- Circuit Planner/Blueprint implementation
- Modeling re-validation; identified data need gaps
- 2018 RTP preparation

With the Director's approval, Valley staff members will jointly formulate a proposal including items such as those above which will best serve the Valley as a whole. The Director's should expect to see a draft of said proposal, including the program overview, objectives, products and tasks at the February 2, 2012 Director's meeting, prior to its submittal to the SGC.



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C. Malekos

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