



## San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, July 1, 2021**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting ID: 883 4072 7968  
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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Enclosure*

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|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. June 3, 2021 Directors' Meeting | Ahron Hakimi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus                                  | Ahron Hakimi                    |
| 3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality               | Ryan Niblock                    |
| <i>a. Update and Discussion</i>                                     |                                 |
| <i>b. Scheduling Regular Meetings with ARB Leadership and Staff</i> | Tony Boren                      |
| 4. Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley                        | Ted Smalley & Diane Nguyen      |
| <i>Update and Discussion</i>  |                                 |
| 5. "Finish the 99" Coalition  | Ted Smalley                     |
| <i>Update and Discussion</i>  | Patricia Taylor & Stacie Guzman |

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| 6. California Transportation Funding Updates             | Ahron Hakimi   |                                     |
| ▪ Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)      |                |                                     |
| ▪ Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG) |                |                                     |
| ▪ State Transportation Improvement Program               |                |                                     |
| 7. Pending California Legislation                        | Michael Sigala | To be provided                      |
| <b>Update and Discussion</b>                             |                |                                     |
| 8. Regional Policy Council                               | Michael Sigala |                                     |
| <b>Follow up from June 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>       |                |                                     |
| 9. SJV REAP Committee for Housing                        | Michael Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>a. Receive Update</b>                                 | Robert Phipps  |                                     |
| <b>b. Follow up from June 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>    |                |                                     |

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote.*

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 10. Caltrans Directors' Report                        | Diana Gomez/Dennis Agar     |
| 11. California High Speed Rail                        | Garth Fernandez/Toni Tinoco |
| 12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail                | Dan Leavitt                 |
| 13. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan                  |
| 14. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo) | Michael Sigala              |
| 15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | Eduardo Gonzalez            |

**OTHER ITEMS**

16. Director Items
17. Public Presentations for Items Not on 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 Only Closed Session***

**Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, August 5, 2021**

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 3, 2021

ITEM 1

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Directors	MPOs
Terri King - Chair	Kings County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments

*Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. May 6, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Terri King

There was a motion to approve the May 6, 2021 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Patricia Taylor  
 Motion Carried

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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

### 2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

T. King

Madam Chair Terri King noted the June 15<sup>th</sup> opening date. Stacie Guzman, MCAG, noted staff are working in the office and in person committee meetings will resume in June.

### 3. California Revised Budget and CAPTI

Kate Gordon with the California Office of Planning and Research, Egon Terplan with the Governor's Office, Chad Edison with CalSTA, and Darwin Moosavi with CalSTA were in attendance to discuss this item. Ms. Gordon noted that the "recession" hasn't resulted in lower state revenues and highlighted the Governor's "Comeback Plan". Ms. Gordon noted a Regions Up approach and highlighted REAP, Community Economic Resilience Plan for recovery efforts, and other funding for integrated efforts for VMT reduction, climate change and economic recovery. Ms. Gordon noted the June 15<sup>th</sup> budget deadline. Mr. Moosavi noted the transportation investments in the budget; he highlighted the funding for high speed rail, ATP and zero emission intercity bus and rail funding. Ahron Hakimi asked about grade separations for SR 46 using TIRCP funding. Chad Edison noted there is time in guideline development to discuss projects like this. Mr. Moosavi noted additional ATP funding for cycle five projects on the waiting list, and ITIP rail capacity funding. Mr. Terplan asked about SCS implementation needs. He noted the REAP augmentation of \$750M for SCS and housing implementation. Ahron Hakimi asked about the likelihood of \$4.2 B in high speed rail funding, and he asked by there was a preference for ITIP funding versus STIP. Mr. Edison noted federal funds going to the STIP and that the distributions would be on par with traditional shares. Terri King asked about ATP funding, and project selection from existing waitlisted projects from new ATP funding. Mr. Edison noted that the \$500M in the budget for ATP would fund projects that scored 80 or above. Ted Smalley brought up SR 99 and the need to complete the system. Mr. Moosavi responded that we need to continue to engage in that conversation and the state needs to consider this project separately from other rural widening projects, including implications for economic development and VMT growth. Mr. Terplan added that at the state level, they are trying to balance public health, climate goals, and economic development. He noted the Inland Port concept the Valley was working on a good example. He requested information on the impact of improvements to SR 99 as it relates to growth, suburban growth, greenfield development, water consumption, etc.

*<Terri King moved up the I-5 Study report for presentation next>*

### 4. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study

Miguel Jaller, UC Davis ITS, presented a Powerpoint on the project. He noted long term safety, congestion, environmental and other issues. Slow zero emission vehicle (electric, fuel cell, hydrogen) development was noted. Operational and telematics data collection is ongoing. They are looking to do an event in September to demonstrate pilot concepts. Next steps are development of the Pilot Study Concept, continue recruiting fleets, conduct small scale data collection pilot, and the showcase event.

### 5. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported they are updating the 2021 FTIP conformity analysis to demonstrate conformity to the upcoming budgets in the 2018 PM 2.5 SIP. This is not a RTP amendment; simply just the conformity determination. Federal action is expected this summer to allow us to rely on previous conformity analyses. Trinity Consulting is continuing to coordinate with IAC partners for the 2022 RTP;

a letter will go out to the IAC indicating they have begun the process in July. The long-range strategy for EMFAC; they are continuing to work with the Air District, EPA and CARB on testing, and it looks like we be in a better position after the 2022 RTP by using EMFAC 2021 vs EMFAC 2017.

- 6. Seven Year CIP for the San Joaquin Valley** T. Smalley & D. Nguyen  
Ted Smalley reported that he and Diane Nguyen put together a spreadsheet of projects broken down into four categories: goods movement, rail, multimodal, and environmental projects. This is a starting point and further discussion and “filling in” of projects is needed. Ted reviewed the preliminary list and encouraged “shovel ready” projects (beyond PSR and well into design) to be on the list. Discussion ensued.
- 7. “Finish the 99” Coalition** T. Smalley  
This item was moved to the July meeting.
- 8. California Transportation Funding** T. King  
***Program and Project Funding Updates:***

  - ***Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)***  
Ted Smalley suggested that guideline development is underway and that our lobbyist should respond on our behalf.
  - ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***  
There was no update provided.
  - ***State Transportation Improvement Program***  
Ahron Hakimi stated some concerns about the STIP proposal, he wants the RTIP portion of the STIP included. Gus Khouri noted a \$100M shortfall in the STIP due to lower gas revenue during COVID. Discussion ensued about the Governor’s budget and funding allocated to the STIP, SHOPP, ITIP and local bridges. Exact numbers are subject to trailer bills.
- 9. Pending California Legislation** M. Sigala  
Michael Sigala briefly reviewed various California bills pending legislation. AB 1147, SCS Block Grant, was noted by Bill as containing some concerns related to good-faith efforts and sanctions against local jurisdictions, and the SB 150 report requirements. Terri King raised concerns about the timing for the target action plan approvals. AB 106 (regions rise together), is past the assembly and in the senate. SB 640 (joint proposed projects) is in the assembly from the senate. AB 1499 (design build) has added an expiration date to 2034; out of the assembly and in the senate. Gus Khouri added AB 1499 is sponsored by the Self Help Counties coalition; there are 10 statewide projects identified in the bill for design build exemption and the valley was encouraged to be included, by Gus.
- 10. SJV REAP Committee for Housing** R. Phipps/M. Sigala  
Robert Phipps noted the MOU for the additional funding for RHNA are in circulation for signatures. Valleywide work is ongoing. Director and stakeholder interviews are complete. Four firms are moving forward in contracting for technical assistance in the aggregate amount of \$925k. Michael Sigala noted the new marketing materials, updated website, and the next REAP meeting. The draft agenda for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was reviewed.
- 11. Regional Policy Council Meeting** M. Sigala  
Michael Sigala reviewed the draft agenda for the June 25<sup>th</sup> Regional Policy Council meeting.
- 12. FY 2021-22 Meeting Calendar** M. Sigala  
Michael Sigala reviewed the meeting calendar for the next fiscal year. Ahron Hakimi (incoming Chair) suggested we meet in person every other month moving forward. July was slated for in person.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 13. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Michael Navarro, District 6 Director of Planning, noted the Caltrans Sustainable planning grant awards will be announced next week. RAISE applications due July 10<sup>th</sup>. Letters of support from Caltrans are due by June 16<sup>th</sup>. They are still planning the SR 99 summit, perhaps in the fall. Dennis Agar, District 10 Director, noted James Davis has stepped down as Chief Deputy at headquarters. Janice Benton took his place, along with Mike McEaver as acting chief. Fire prevention strategies along freeways is ongoing.

### 14. California High Speed Rail

G. Fernandez

Tony Tinoco reported a lot of pre-planning for the central valley WYE. There are agreements with the City of Chowchilla and community of Fairmead for public improvements.

### 15. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Rene Gutierrez noted the San Joaquins are bringing back a fifth daily trip starting June 28<sup>th</sup>. Face mask mandates will remain in place post June 15<sup>th</sup>. A RAISE grant will be submitted for \$25 M for the North Lathrop Transfer Station; he is requesting a letter of support. The next SJJPA board meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 16. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted that MioCar is almost at pre-covid ridership. Vamos is operational, although ridership is low. VOGO volunteer ridership went up due to covid vaccine trips.

### 17. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

The next Partnership virtual board meeting is on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER ITEMS

### 18. Director Items

Kristine Cai, Fresno COG, noted a grant opportunity to enhance the valleywide truck model. She was seeking approval for a valleywide application. The Directors provided concurrence to apply.

Terri King noted federal PL fund carryover. There were previously no funds to support the AQ contract this fiscal year, but it appears there may be some funding available after all.

### 19. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

No public comment.

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:17 P.M.**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Bill Higgins	California Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Jennifer Soliz	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin JPA
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Sam Becker	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Braden Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Steve Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 10
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Melanie Arriola	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Toni Tinoco	High Speed Rail
Eric Olson	Caltrans District 6
Elisabeth Hahn	StanCOG
Egon Terplan	Governor's Office
Kate Gordon	Governor's Office/OPR
Darwin Moosavi	Governor's Office/CalSTA
Miguel Jaller	UC Davis ITS
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Chad Edison	Caltrans HQ
Brenda Veenendaal	Fresno Council of Governments



**San Joaquin Valley REAP Update  
June 1, 2021**

- The Fresno COG Board approved the following Valleywide Technical Assistance contracts at their June meeting:
  - AECOM \$225,000
  - Mintier Harnish \$250,000
  - Precision Engineering \$200,000
  - QK (Quad Knopf) \$250,000

A potential additional contract with HDR for valleywide GIS/available sites development and assistance is pending.

- Work efforts continue on the Comprehensive Housing Report. Stakeholder and Director surveys are complete. Jurisdictional surveys were sent last week and following up is ongoing.
- The monthly REAP TAC meeting was held on June 8th. Discussion centered on updates and RHNA coordination.
- The REAP Committee (working group) met on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 10:30 am. A update and follow up will be discussed verbally.
- Website changes are 90% complete to the REAP landing page: [www.sjvcogs.org/reap](http://www.sjvcogs.org/reap).
- The official “roll out” of the REAP program will commence in July with an online portal to request technical assistance, announcement of a workshop series, and other information.



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## ***Meeting Dates & Locations Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022***

*All Meetings are on Thursdays at 10 am unless noted*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>JULY 1, 2021</b>	FRESNO COG
<b>AUGUST 5, 2021</b>	Meeting Via Zoom Conference
<b>SEPTEMBER 2, 2021</b>	TCAG (Visalia)
<b>OCTOBER 7, 2021</b>	Meeting Via Zoom Conference
<b>NOVEMBER 4, 2021</b>	MCAG (Merced)
<b>DECEMBER 2, 2021</b>	Meeting Via Zoom Conference
<b>JANUARY 6, 2022</b>	FRESNO COG
<b>FEBRUARY 3, 2022</b>	Meeting Via Zoom Conference
<b>MARCH 3, 2022</b>	KERN COG (Bakersfield)
<b>APRIL 7, 2022</b>	Meeting Via Zoom Conference
<b>MAY 5, 2022</b>	STAN COG (Modesto)
<b>JUNE 2, 2022</b>	Meeting Via Zoom Conference