



Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 3, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Host and Location:
Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Teleconference Number: 1-515-739-1015
Participant Code: 432-600-639

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. April 5, 2018 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren



DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
Update and Discussion

R. Niblock

3. Valley Voice DC 2018
Initial Discussion of Logistics and Legislative Platform

M. Sigala

4. California Transportation Funding – SB 1

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SICOG & MCAG)
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)
- ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)

5. Regional Project Prioritization
Update and Discussion

A. Chesley/
T. Smalley

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| 6. Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2018-19
<i>Receive and Consider Approving</i> | M. Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. 2018 Annual Policy Conference (May 9-11)
<i>Receive Update</i> | C. Malekos | |
| 8. CalEnviroScreen and ATP Funding
<i>Discuss</i> | T. Boren | |
| 9. AHSC Round Three Technical Assistance
<i>Enterprise Community Partners will provide an update on Round 3 submittals and next steps for the San Joaquin Valley</i> | Kristine Williams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Sustainable Communities Workshop(s)
<i>Institute for Local Government will provide an update on upcoming workshops in the San Joaquin Valley</i> | Christal Love Lazard | |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS



The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Written summaries of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.

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| 11. Caltrans Directors' Report | S. Ehlert/D. Agar |
| 12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | D. Leavitt |
| 13. California High Speed Rail | D. Gomez |
| 14. Goods Movement Planning | M. Sigala |
| 15. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis | M. Sigala |
| 16. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | I. Herrera |

OTHER ITEMS

17. Director Items
18. 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 if Necessary.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, June 7, 2018 (Madera).

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 5, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 Fresno Council of Governments
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Directors	MPOs
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Patrick Pittenger	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 1, 2018 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the March 1, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Ms. Terri King

No Nays

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ryan Niblock provided an update on the March 22nd ARB meeting in Riverside, and on 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard. In regard to the ARB meeting, Mr. Niblock reported that 3rd round targets are the same targets in previous staff reports. Staff highlighted that uniform guidelines/uniform data submissions will be required in the future, and they are looking for additional model work to eliminate variables that are beyond control. Public comments on SB 375 included around 20-25 people urging ARB to establish a 25% target for SANDAG. Following Board discussion, there was motion to amend staff's recommendation to increase SANDAG to 21%; motion failed 9-3. Motion on the staff recommendation as originally presented was approved.

Further, Mr. Niblock reported that in the light of the recent court ruling against EPA's revocation of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard, SJV MPOs have been asked by FHWA to provide a list of transportation plans, related amendments, and projects that require a conformity determination in the next 3-6 months to assess the potential risk of a conformity lapse. This information has been provided to FHWA and discussions are ongoing. EPA plans to provide a response to the court ruling by April 16th. Mr. Niblock mentioned that while it is possible that MPOs will be allowed to deal with the 1997 Ozone standard conformity after RTP/TIP adoption, it is also possible that MPOs may need to account for this standard in RTP/TIP conformity analysis. Staff is working with EPA, FHWA, and Caltrans to assess the risks, obtain more information, and get clear direction on how to proceed.

Although it is not yet clear how EPA is going to respond to the court decision, SJV MPOs are encouraged to be proactive and ready to amend the conformity analyses as soon as more information, and direction from EPA, is provided. Mr. Niblock requested for MPOs to model additional analysis for 2023 year (1997 ozone attainment year) and complete the TDTs for 2018 RTP/2019 FTIP.

3. Valley Legislative Sacramento

S. Dabbs

Post Trip Discussion

Directors provided their take on the conference. Discussion regarding future direction of VLAC followed. A decision to cease the activities of VLAC was made.

4. California Transportation Funding—SB 1

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SJCOG & MCOG)**
Livingston widening on 99 is in the STIP.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors (Fresno COG)**
No report was provided.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No report was provided.

5. Regional Project Prioritization

A. Chesley/ T. Smalley

Continued Discussion of Project Evaluation Matrix

Mr. Andrew Chesley circulated a "Project Fact Sheet" form and requested comments. Discussion regarding Valley projects ensued. This item was decided to remain on the agenda, and by the end of summer (August) a prioritized project list of about 10 valleywide project would evolve.

6. Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2018-19

M. Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala circulated the OWP from the previous year, and will be coordinating with Directors for input on OWP FY 2018-19. Mr. Sigala will provide OWP FY 2018-19 at Directors' May meeting.

7. 2018 Annual Policy Conference (May 9-11)

C. Malekos

Receive Update

Ms. Cindy Malekos briefly reviewed a flyer containing conference registration and hotel reservation information. Ms. Sarah West, West Directions, discussed the schedule of speakers and sessions. For more information, visit <http://sjvcogs.org/events/>.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Ms. Gail Miller, D6, provided clarification that SHOPP does not do widening projects.

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

First morning express train May 7, 2018.

10. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

Ms. Diana Gomez (this item was moved to the beginning of meeting) reported through a Powerpoint presentation that there are currently 119 miles under design and construction from Madera to Bakersfield. There is construction on all current existing construction sites in Madera County, Fresno County, Kings County, and Kern County. Overall, there are 21 construction sites in the Central Valley. HSR is investing \$500m in local roadway improvements to the City of Fresno infrastructure. Fresno to Bakersfield Locally Generated Alternative Alignment Draft Document was released in November; response to comments will be finalized in summer 2018. Draft Document for Central Valley Wye, a Y-shaped junction from Madera County to Merced County, will be released in May 2018. Currently, right-of-way acquired in the entire Central Valley is 61% (in terms of parcels). Specifically, right-of-way acquired in Construction Package 1 is 82%, Construction Package 2-3 is 55%, and Construction Package 4 is 71%. In terms of employment, 1700 laborers have been dispatched to construction sites. Ms. Gomez further highlighted and discussed new items in the Business Plan. Discussion regarding comments and concerns followed.

11. Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

Workshop in Bakersfield April 27th.

12. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis

M. Sigala

Awaiting final contract between ARB and SJVAPCD to begin the project.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

I. Herrera

Call for nominations for Blueprint award was released.

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:15 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018 (*Madera*)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

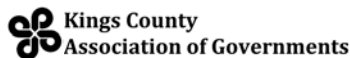
In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Stacie Dabbs (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Matt Fell (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Trai Her-Cole	Fresno COG
Scott Carson (ph)	FHWA
Cindy Malekos (ph)	StanCOG
Bill Higgins (ph)	CALCOG
Rob Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Diana Gomez	High Speed Rail Authority
Toni Tinoco	High Speed Rail Authority
Sarah West (ph)	West Directions
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans 6
Kristine Cai	Fresno COG
Robert Phipps	Tulare County Association of Governments

San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies



Overall Work Program

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES POLICY COUNCIL

MEMBERS AND STAFF, MAY 2018

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman

[Alternate:]

STAFF: Tony Boren, Executive Director – Fresno COG

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

Mayor Cheryl Wegman, City of Wasco

Councilmember Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield

[Alternate: Mayor Jennifer Wood, California City]

STAFF: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director – Kern COG

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County

Mayor Ray Madrigal, City of Lemoore

[Alternate: Supervisor Joe Neves, Kings County]

STAFF: Terri King, Executive Director – KCAG

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

Supervisor Robert Poythress, County of Madera,

Supervisor Brett Frazier, County of Madera

[Alternate: Mayor Andrew Medellin, City of Madera]

STAFF: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director – MCTC

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, County of Merced

Mayor Mike Villalta, City of Los Banos

[Alternate: Mayor Mike Murphy, City of Merced]

STAFF: Patrick Pittenger, Executive Director – MCAG

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

Supervisor Chuck Winn, County of San Joaquin – **VICE CHAIR**

Councilmember Elbert Holman, Jr., City of Stockton

[Alternate:]

STAFF: Andy Chesley, Executive Director – SJ COG

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, County of Stanislaus

Councilmember Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto

[Alternate – Councilmember Jenny Kenoyer, City of Modesto]

STAFF: Rosa Park, Executive Director – StanCOG

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake - **CHAIR**

Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, County of Tulare

[Alternate – Councilmember Linda Launer, City of Dinuba]

STAFF: Ted Smalley, Executive Director – TCAG

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director

INTRODUCTION

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) covers over 27,000 square miles and encompasses the eight-county region of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Since 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (Valley RPAs) have coordinated planning activities where interregional issues are involved, including air quality conformity, goods movement, funding for regional transportation projects, legislative advocacy, and recently, Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Planning efforts of Valleywide importance are conducted among the eight RPAs through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee (Directors' Committee) and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Policy Council (Regional Policy Council), a governing board including elected officials from each Valley RPA and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The FY 2018-2019 Valleywide Overall Work Program is a summary document and details major coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies are actively engaged in. The Valleywide OWP does not replace the need or requirements of each RPA to conduct their own OWP, rather it is a planning and budgeting tool for shared Valleywide activities.

{Note – the terms Regional Planning Agency (RPA), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG) are used interchangeably in this document.}

CURRENT VALLEYWIDE MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES

Objective: To develop and foster regional coordination and prioritization for SR 99, I-5, and other regionally significant corridor improvements.

Lead: Kern COG and MCAG

The Valley RPAs work in close consultation with Caltrans, and other stakeholders, to prioritize funding for SR 99, and other major highways and interstates. The 99 Business Plan helped the Valley achieve dedicated funding for SR 99 through Proposition 1B, the only transportation earmark in the bond placed before the voters. Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have completed the necessary Corridor System Management Plans required by the State, updated the 99 Business Plan and Master Plan, and worked with the Valley RPAs on project selection and funding alternatives. The Directors, working in close

consultation with Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff, routinely meet and discuss Proposition 1B bond savings, SB1, INFRA, and other funding strategies and opportunities to enhance and improve SR 99, I-5, and other critical corridors.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Advocate to complete the system for SR 99, to a least six lanes of travel throughout the SJV.
- Prioritize significant regional projects in accordance with criteria developed by the Directors' Committee for coordinated, and consensus driven, advocacy for funding.
- Lead discussions with the Regional Policy Council, and others, about the importance of SB1 funding for major Valley projects.
- Seek federal and state funding for major highway and interstate projects and coordinate pre-construction activities, when feasible, to ensure project readiness. The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, are major SB1 funding sources to be targeted.
- Explore SHOPP funding for auxiliary lane, and other concepts, as projects are eligible. Develop a Master Strategy for the SHOPP. Kern COG to coordinate with Caltrans D6, and MCAg to coordinate with D10 on opportunities for additional programming.

2. JOINT FUNDING STRATEGIES – STIP, IIP AND OTHER FUNDING

Objective: To develop and foster greater coordination across various funding programs to enhance and increase transportation funding to the Valley.

Lead: TCAG and San Joaquin COG

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program to assist the State and local entities to plan and implement transportation improvements, and to utilize resources in a cost-effective manner. STIP funded improvements include state highways, local roads, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, intermodal facilities, etc. Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds are programmed by Caltrans on a statewide priority basis, for use primarily on the State highway system (outside urbanized areas) and projects that generate economic development.

In 2015, the Valley RPAs formed the “Valley Swap Meet” working group, to reach consensus on a coordinated Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Develop an optimized strategy for STIP/IIP funding for the next 20 years with the goal of all eight counties getting priority projects, and therefore supporting the full 20-year plan
- Continue coordinated planning efforts through the “Valley Swap Meet”, including opportunities to partner on federal funding programs such as Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) so no funds lapse in the valley.
- Share information about any developments in federal funding opportunities that may come out of the new Administration.

3. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INTERREGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT

Objective: To prioritize, coordinate and implement goods movement planning and capital projects to improve the Valley’s economic competitiveness.

Lead: Fresno COG, TCAG and Kern COG

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) has always been California’s geographic and agricultural production center generating more than \$35 billion every year in nuts, lettuce, tomatoes, wine, and other grains and agricultural products. It also plays a major role in the national and international distribution of processed foods and energy products, and has a burgeoning logistics and distribution industry. The region has relatively inexpensive land and low cost labor, good access to the national rail and interstate highway networks, connections to major deep-water ports in Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach, and proximity to major consumer markets in Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Recognizing the importance of goods movement to the region, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans commissioned the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan completed in 2013. In FY 2014-15, the Valley RPAs were awarded two additional goods movement related planning grants from Caltrans to continue to identify strategies and recommendations for improving freight movement in the Valley, the San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan and the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan. Both studies were completed in 2017.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Continue to coordinate project prioritization for INFRA, TIGER, FASTLANE, SB1 and other goods movement federal and state funding.
- Continue to participate in the California Freight Advisory Committee.
- Participate and provide input to the California’s Freight Mobility Plan 2019 update.
- Continue to work with regional partners conducting logistics, economic development and other analysis related to goods movement.

- Advocate and support efforts to maintain short line rail corridors
- Continue to explore alternative fuels and strategies for meeting the California’s Sustainable Freight mandates.
- Develop a strategy for “telling the story” of the importance of goods movements and related transportation investments in the Valley. Implement a Valleywide goods movement task force if necessary.

4. AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Objective: To continue successful coordination of Valleywide air quality planning minimizing potential impacts to project delivery.

Lead: San Joaquin COG and StanCOG

Transportation conformity is required by the federal Clean Air Act and ensures that federal funding is given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. The Clean Air Act strengthened conformity requirements for transportation projects, necessitating a more enhanced level of technical analysis of plans, programs, and projects than in the past. Conformity determinations must be conducted at least every four years, or as amendments are made to plans or projects. The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC). The IAC has been established to provide a coordinated approach to Valley air quality, conformity and transportation modeling issues. Each of the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and the Air Pollution Control District are represented. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and Caltrans have members on the committee.

Coordination among the Valley RPA, the Air District and other air quality and transportation agencies is proving to be a very effective process. The Valley RPA Directors have budgeted to continue joint funding for a valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, responsible to the Directors, to ensure that air quality conformity and related modeling within the Valley is accomplished on a consistent and timely basis.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements
- Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, FTIP, and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), as required by federal laws and regulations

- Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board as requested
- Continue to utilize the Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) for routine communication and coordination
- Assistance with the development of second round SB 375 targets, including ongoing coordination with California Air Resources Board staff related to SB 32 and its effect on SB 375 targets.

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Objective: To develop and coordinate SB 375 compliant Sustainable Communities Strategies for the Valley

Lead: Fresno COG and San Joaquin COG

California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires each MPO to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A SCS outlines the plan for reducing per capita greenhouse gas emission by integrating the transportation network, and related strategies, with an overall land use pattern that accounts for projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and forecasted transportation needs among all modes of travel.

Under the Sustainable Communities Act, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) sets regional targets for GHG emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use. The ARB has updated the targets for the Valley MPOs as shown below:

The new targets will be applied to the 2022 RTP/SCS for the Valley MPOs. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies will be working independently, and collectively, to meet these targets and have invested considerable resources towards technical staff, modeling, and scenario development.

The Valley's Regional Planning Agencies are currently working with ARB to establish new protocols for the updated SCS review guidelines.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Continue to complete the final steps of the 2018 RTP/SCS development process
- Work with ARB staff on the 2018 RTP/SCS reviews
- Continue to be involved and provide input for the SCS review guidelines update
- Assist ARB staff with fulfilling SB 150 requirement on SB 375 progress reporting
- Implement transportation and land use strategies developed in the 2018 RTP/SCS

6. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTERNAL AGENICES AND ENTITIES

Objective: To develop and foster greater communication and coordination within Valley Regional Planning Agencies and with other related agencies and stakeholders.

Lead: TCAG and StanCOG

To maintain ongoing communication and cooperation with other external agencies, the Valley RPAs have included a relationship development component to foster routine “two way” communication with our related state and federal transportation agencies.

Federal entities include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State entities include the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Transportation Commission (CTC), Caltrans Districts 6 and 10, Caltrans Headquarters, California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG), California Self Help Counties Coalition, Strategic Growth Council (SGC), High Speed Rail Authority, and the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Regional entities include the San Joaquin Valley JPA for Passenger Rail, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Other stakeholders include the California Trucking Association, agricultural associations, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, colleges and universities, environmental groups, and the public.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Directors to coordinate and attend one-third of CTC meetings, and meet throughout the year with our CTC Commissioner representative.
- Directors to meet with at least two CTC Board Members they don't currently know.
- Directors to meet annually with CalSTA Director.
- CTC staff to be invited to Directors' Committee meeting once a year.
- RPA staff to be encouraged to take more leadership positions on Valleywide matters.
- Valley Directors to develop and maintain relationships with the new Caltrans Director and Deputy for Planning.
- All Valley Directors should attend and speak at each CALCOG meeting.
- Valley Directors' Committee meetings should be moved, periodically, to a time of the month where Valley Directors can review and discuss the CALCOG agenda prior to a CALCOG meeting, to develop joint strategies on issues.

- Request MTC or SCAG staff come to a Valley Directors' Committee meeting.
- Valley Directors to meet annually with management of ARB, and ARB Board members.
- Additional, and targeted outreach, shall be made to the Strategic Growth Council, SJV Air Pollution Control District, High Speed Rail, and the "Big Four" metropolitan planning organizations.

7. VALLEY VOICE ADVOCACY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Objective: To engage in a unified process that allows the eight county region to discuss and comment on legislative affairs, and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.

Lead: Valleywide Coordinator, Fresno COG

The Valleywide Coordinator, working in close consultation with the Directors and MPO staff, will develop policy positions for pending legislation, and track other legislation and regulatory matters. When legislative positions appear to have a consensus within the Valley, the Regional Policy Council will be encouraged to make a unified statement to inform the state and federal governments of the importance of the issue to the Valley.

Working in close consultation with the Directors, the Coordinator will plan and coordinate the annual Valley Voice advocacy visits to Sacramento and Washington D.C. There may be a need to restructure these trips into a program outline that more effectively utilizes MPO Director and staff time, and more effectively deliverables credible "asks" to governmental partners in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Plan and execute "Valley Voice" Washington D.C. visit for September or October 2018.
- Interview, and meet with, selected lobbyist, CALCOG, legislators, and others, to identify any measures to improve upon our Valley Voice visits.
- Track legislation, communication with legislative offices, letter campaigns and other activities to develop a unified, Valleywide position.
- Develop the Valleywide Legislative Platform (state and federal).
- Facilitate discussions around controversial topics such as water and high speed rail among Regional Policy Council members.
- Plan "Valley Voice" Sacramento visit for early 2019.

8. VALLEYWIDE MODEL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process which is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Lead: Fresno COG

Fresno COG was the lead agency in the San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Plan, which updated all eight San Joaquin Valley transportation demand models. These improvements were required to respond to the requirements Assembly Bill 32, the Global Solutions Warming Act of 2006, and Senate Bill 375, which requires the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in Regional Transportation Plans (RTP).

Traffic model runs are made as necessary to support transportation planning, conformity analysis and greenhouse gas emissions analysis. The COG staff also runs the latest EMFAC emissions model for air quality in support of transportation conformity. This activity supports both highway planning activities and the air quality conformity process. Some MPO staff used the Envision Tomorrow visioning tool to help test various land use scenarios for SB 375 target setting and Sustainable Communities Strategies.

A related action is participation in activities related to coordination of valleywide modeling analysis and participation in the San Joaquin Valley model users group. These activities are critically important to an understanding of the role of the transportation sector in resolving serious air quality problems in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin.

Activities for FY 2018-19:

- Continue long-term model improvements
- Participate and monitor EMFAC 2017 development
- Continue to research off-model GHG reduction quantification methodology for strategies that can't be modeled by traffic models
- Continue development of advanced four step models, tour base models or activity based models in select counties
- Improve coordination and participation of the Valley model users group
- Coordinate with SJV Goods Movement planning efforts to develop a framework for a regional freight movement modeling tool

9. OTHER VALLEYWIDE ACTIVITIES

- **Ecosystems of Shared Mobility Services in the San Joaquin Valley** was funded by ARB in 2017 and will be implemented starting in FY 2018. This grant is for technology improvements, and BEV ridesourcing, and car sharing in rural areas of four Valley counties. This grant activity is a continuation of the SCS Implementation Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley, a Caltrans planning grant administered by MCAG, and conducted by the UC Davis Institute for Transportation Studies.
- **Technical Assistance Round Three, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.** The Valley MPOs, in collaboration with Enterprise Community Partners, provided technical assistance to the round three AHSC applicants. Ongoing technical assistance will be provided in FY 2018-19 to applicant finalists, as well as continued workshop outreach for the AHSC program of future funding rounds.
- **San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference.** The valleywide conference is held in the spring, at a different location each year, and is coordinated by the host agency. The conference was held in May, 2018 in Modesto and hosted by StanCOG. Beginning in FY 2018-19, the conference will be planned by the Valleywide Coordinator, and event coordinator subconsultant, who will work with the host agency for conference implementation. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley currently is also a contributor to the conference planning.

Past Conferences	Modesto (StanCOG), Fall 2010
	Bass Lake (MCTC), Fall 2011
	Lemoore (KCAG), Fall 2012
	Stockton (SJ COG), Fall 2013
	Visalia (TCAG), Fall 2014
	Tenaya (MCAG), Fall 2015
	Fresno (Fresno COG), Spring 2017
	Modesto (StanCOG), Spring 2018
Future Conferences	MCTC, 2019
	KCAG, 2020
	San Joaquin COG, 2021
	TCAG, 2022
	MCAG, 2023
	Fresno COG, 2024
	StanCOG, 2015
	Kern COG –may be available to host at some time.

- **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail.** The work efforts for passenger rail are strongly supported by the Valley RPAs who support funding applications, policy, organizational development, and other activities of the SJ JPA, and ACE Rail.
- **Regional Policy Council Meetings and Directors' Committee Meetings.** The Valleywide Coordinator shall continue to schedule, develop agenda packets, conduct valleywide outreach, and perform web site maintenance for www.sjvcogs.org. In FY 2017-18, an Executive Committee and Water Policy Committee were created for the Regional Policy Council.

Directors' Chair

Stanislaus Council of Governments, 2018-19

Rotation Schedule

Madera County Transportation Commission, 2019-20

Kings County Association of Governments, 2020-21

Kern Council of Government, 2021-22

San Joaquin Council of Governments, 2022-23

Tulare County Association of Governments, 2023-24

Fresno Council of Governments, 2024-25

Merced County Association of Governments, 2025-26

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET

The budget for the Valleywide activities, identified in the OWP, are shown below. Budget amounts shown represent the total direct Valley RPA cost for this activity. Budgets cost are apportioned by population share for all items, except for Valley Voice advocacy visits, which are apportioned equally.

SJ COG is the fiscal agent for Air Quality Planning. Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for Valley Voice, and the Valleywide Coordinator contract.

Valleywide Activities			Air Quality Planning ⁽²⁾	Valley Voice ⁽³⁾	Valleywide Coordinator ⁽⁴⁾	Total FY 2018-19
MPO Share By Population ⁽¹⁾						
Fresno	995,975	23.5%	\$46,996	\$2,500	\$30,547	\$80,043
Kern	895,112	21.1%	\$42,237	\$2,500	\$27,454	\$72,191
Kings	149,537	3.5%	\$7,056	\$2,500	\$4,586	\$14,142
Madera	156,492	3.7%	\$7,384	\$2,500	\$4,800	\$14,684
Merced	274,665	6.5%	\$12,960	\$2,500	\$8,424	\$23,885
San Joaquin	746,868	17.6%	\$35,242	\$2,500	\$22,907	\$60,649
Stanislaus	548,057	12.9%	\$25,861	\$2,500	\$16,809	\$45,170
Tulare	471,842	11.1%	\$22,264	\$2,500	\$14,472	\$39,236
Total FY 2018-19	4,238,548	100.0%	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$130,000	\$350,000

(1) DOF, January 1, 2017 estimates

(2) SJ COG Staff (\$50,000) & consultant Sierra Research (\$150,000)

(3) No PL Funds, cost for Valley Voice is apportioned pro-rata (not by population)

(4) Sigala Inc, includes West Directions subcontract for the Annual Policy Conference

ITEM 9



Round 3 T.A. Overview

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

San Joaquin Valley MPO Director's Meeting

May 3, 2018



ENTERPRISE'S MISSION

To create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities.

Capital.

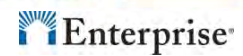
Enterprise is a recognized leader in socially driven capital investment, having delivered more than \$23.4 billion to low-income communities across the U.S.

Solutions.

We work with local partners to test and scale new solutions to some of the most pressing housing and economic problems facing low-income communities.

Policy.

Enterprise is a crucial voice for America's low-income communities with a strong presence in Washington, D.C., and city halls across the country.



AHSC OVERVIEW + PROGRAM GOALS

A State “Cap and Trade” Program to fund joint **housing + sustainable transportation** projects that result in:

- the reduction of **greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT)** and
- **increased accessibility and connections** between housing, employment centers and key destinations through low-carbon transportation options such as walking, biking and transit.

Direct investment towards the most disadvantaged communities in the state
Maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the state



OUR AHSC PRACTICE

Tools

- Lessons Learned / Best Practices/Templates
- Capital Pro Match: Project pipeline tracker
- Overview Packets + Action Sheets
- Online document collaboration communities + systems
- Process Planner for public sector applicants
- AHSC 101

Technical Assistance

- Capacity Assessments
- Introductory + In-depth/technical trainings
- Comprehensive application assistance & Coordination (liaison, organization, project management, content creation, troubleshooting)
- Align TA and grants (NOFAs, Section 4, MPO, FTA, etc.)
- Staging future applications (prep pipelines and deepen staff capacity)

Policy

- Policy and Procedure guidance and strategy, In coordination with partners
- AHSC program policy revisions/ recommendations
- Shape jurisdictional and agency wide AHSC –related resolutions
- Knit relationships statewide + across silos
- Spread AHSC awareness and cultivate program through state

Enterprise advised 15 out of 25 awarded projects in R2
 + worked on 33 out of 53 submitted applications in R3



ROUND 3 TA TEAM



San Joaquin Valley – submitted projects

- Stockton – 1 (ICP)
- Fresno – 1 (ICP)



- Patterson – 1 (RIPA)
- Goshen – 1 (RIPA)
- Huron – 1 (RIPA)
- Lamont – 1 (RIPA)



Round 2: 12 projects submitted in the San Joaquin Valley.

Round 3: 9 projects submitted in the San Joaquin Valley



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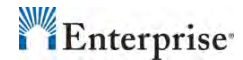
Role to date:

- Mapping Assistance
- MPO substantiation (required)
- RTP/SCS consistency



Opportunities/Need for Future:

- Transportation strategizing
- Facilitate conversation with public agency and local transit provider staff
- Identify eligible, meaningful and competitive STI projects



AHSC TIMELINE + NOFA AMOUNT

Anticipated AHSC R4 Program Timeline	
Draft Guidelines	Spring 2018
Final Guidelines	Summer 2018
2018 NOFA + Application Release	Fall 2018
Application Due Date	Early 2019

Anticipated AHSC R4 Amount

- Highly dependent on quarterly Cap and Trade auctions
- Recent auctions have been performing extremely well
- Difficult to predict, but hopeful that R4 will be as large or possibly larger than R3 (\$255M)





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AHSC Technical Assistance Practice



About AHSC

Since 2014, 20 percent of all of California's cap-and-trade auction proceeds have been available for competitive award through the state's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program for projects that demonstrably reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) and achieve land use policy goals by integrating quality transportation infrastructure with green affordable housing.

Our TA Work

Being competitive for AHSC funds requires multi-faceted teams and innovative projects. Because of the challenges that this complex and inter-disciplinary program presents, Enterprise established an AHSC Technical Assistance (TA) program in 2014 to ensure that public and private partners have the support they need to craft innovative, environmentally impactful and community-serving AHSC applications. Our work brings unlikely partners together into high-functioning teams whose combined housing and transportation infrastructure projects make healthy, well-connected and sustainable neighborhoods.

Our Team

We have grown our team, tools and client base to become the leading TA provider to California's large and small cities, transit agencies (such as BART, AC Transit, and VTA) and housing developers. Our AHSC team has staff based in Northern and Southern California as well as the San Joaquin Valley, ensuring we can provide the customized services that address local needs. We lead this work year-round, to develop trusting relationships between co-applicants and ensure that each capital project is designed to maximize AHSC objectives and scoring.

Who We Work With

Our team of AHSC experts provided guidance, hands-on assistance and advice to 15 out of 25 teams that were awarded AHSC funding in the Round 2 application cycle, and 33 out of 53 submitted applications in the recently closed Round 3.

We leverage Enterprise's many political relationships to forge unique transit and public agency partnerships and employ our deep AHSC guideline expertise to work seamlessly with housing developers to design applications that maximize competitiveness while achieving environmental and policy objectives.





Grand View Village, Visionary Home Builders of CA, Inc., Stockton, CA.



7th & Witmer Apartments, Deep Green Housing and Community Development, Los Angeles, CA.

Our Model

Our services are custom designed to support the exact needs of our clients. We support our partners throughout the year in three stages with services that include:

Pre-NOFA

- Clarify and interpret guidelines for client
- Verify eligibility and readiness
- Build internal AHSC application capacity
- Analyze competitiveness and craft AHSC application strategy
- Engage and educate public agency partners and develop transportation, bike, pedestrian and urban greening scope
- Collect data and start seeking matches via creation of maps, budget assessments and preliminary scoring
- Convene matched housing developers and public agency partners to refine scopes and begin preparing for full application

Application Preparation & Submittal

- Brief applicants on significant guideline changes
- Host trainings and workshops around application requirements
- Finalize application preparation schedule
- Identify point people, assign and track team responsibilities
- Create and utilize tools, checklists and regular calls to keep team members on track with required application items
- Act as Strategic Growth Council liaison and track informational updates
- Be consistently available for all technical questions
- Ensure team's quality submittal via comprehensive budget, narrative and application attachment review and support
- Be on call for last minute trouble shooting and submittal support

Post-Submittal Evaluations and Pipeline Prep

- Collect and share lessons learned from AHSC round
- Evaluation of submitted applications
- Assessment of future AHSC project opportunities

Round 3 Enterprise TA Overview



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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – May 3, 2018

11. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Sharri Ehlert (District 6 Director) and Dennis T. Agar (District 10 Director), or their representatives, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, or his representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

13. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, or her representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

14. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

- A California Freight Mobility Plan 2019 focus group discussion was held in Bakersfield on April 27. A verbal report will be provided at the May 3 Directors' meeting.
- All Major deliverables from previous Goods Movement work efforts in the San Joaquin Valley are posted on the sjvcog's website: http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/

15. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis ITS

M. Sigala

- The ARB grant for shared mobility options will commence in 2018, and will implement pilot projects identified in the previously funded Caltrans planning grant for rural transit options. The ARB grant contract is under review with the SJVAPCD at this time. We are still working with ARB and the Air District on contracting to initiate the project. Site assessments for solar installations at seven Self Help Communities occurred on April 4 and 6. Other works efforts in preparation for the ARB grant are underway.
- The final draft report of the *Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Services in Rural Disadvantaged Communities in the California's San Joaquin Valley: Existing Conditions and Conceptual Program Development* has been completed: <http://sjvcogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Final-Report-Transit-Alternatives.pdf>

16. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

I. Herrera

Ismael Herrera, Lead Executive, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

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703	7:53 ^{AM}	8:21 ^{AM}	8:58 ^{AM}	2:22 ^{AM}	9:36 ^{AM}	10:09 ^{AM}	10:23 ^{AM}	11:15 ^{AM}	

SOUTHBOUND ←

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