



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, December 7, 2018

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium

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Item		
I.	Convene Meeting & Introductory Remarks	Chairman Vito Chiesa
II.	Recognition of Sponsors and Dignitaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A.G. Spanos Companies – David Nelson, Senior Vice President San Joaquin Council of Governments – Andrew T. Chesley, Executive Director San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Commission – Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives 	Chairman Chiesa
III.	Oath of Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Peck, Central California Workforce Collaborative (Appointment) 	Secretary Karen Ross
IV.	Public and Board Comments	Public and Board
V.	Consent Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes Work Group/Priority Reports Letters of Support Manufacturing Month Proclamation 	Ismael Herrera
VI.	Sustainability Subcommittee Update	Ismael Herrera
VII.	Legislative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Washington, Senior Field Representative, Assemblymember Jim Cooper (District 9) 	Chairman Chiesa
VIII.	Topic: California Transportation Funding Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Van Konynenburg, Commissioner, California Transportation Commission 	Chairman Chiesa
IX.	Partnership Priority #7: Health Topic: State Homelessness Funding Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lahela Mattox, Local Government Liaison, Homeless Emergency Aid Program, California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency 	Chairman Chiesa
X.	Lunch	
XI.	Topic: Community Choice Energy in the San Joaquin Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Dozier, Consultant 	Chairman Chiesa

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woody Hastings, Energy Program Manager, Center for Climate Protection • Barry Vesser, Deputy Director, Center for Climate Protection • Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager, Valley Clean Energy 	
XII.	Topic: City of Stockton Strategic Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurt Wilson, City Manager, City of Stockton 	Chairman Chiesa
XIII.	Public and Board Comments	Public and Board
XIV.	Adjournment	Chairman Chiesa

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Joint Powers Authority

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Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, Sept. 21, 2018

10am – 3pm

MEETING MINUTES

I. Convene Meeting, Introductory Remarks

Chairman Vito Chiesa called the third quarter 2018 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) to order at 10:08 a.m. at the UC Merced Fresno Center in Fresno and initiated introductions around the table.

Board members present were James Aleru, Vito Chiesa, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Carole Goldsmith, Ellen Junn, Dan Leavitt, Luisa Medina, Suzi Picaso, Patricia Poire, Mary Renner, Max Rodriguez, Karen Ross, Luis Santana and Jim Yovino.

Board Deputies present were Albert Rivas and Jim Suennen.

II. Recognition of Sponsors and Dignitaries

Chairman Chiesa recognized and thanked Cen Cal Business Finance Group (represented by Board Member Frank Gallego) for its generous sponsorship of the meeting.

III. Public and Board Comments

Chairman Chiesa invited comments from the Board and public. Secretary Ross announced that the drinking water resolution was not successful despite its importance and its bipartisan support. She encouraged the Board to continue to help raise the voice of the importance of this issue. Secretary Ross also announced an idea to put the Partnership in the state statute as a solution to not depending on each administration to evaluate an executive order during transitions.

Board Member Amarpreet Dhaliwal also addressed the group during open comments. He shared that the Regional Policy Council acknowledges the challenges that the region shares, and the need to work together to overcome them.

Jim Suennen, California Health and Human Services Agency, observed that Secretary Ross has a vital role in communicating the importance of sustaining the Partnership work to the next administration.

Lynne Ashbeck, Valley Children's Hospital, commented that September is Suicide Prevention Month and strongly encouraged the Partnership to have a mental health discussion as no county can address the issue of suicide alone.

Superintendent Yovino, Fresno County Office of Education, announced that FCOE recently passed a resolution on Mental Health Awareness Week. FCOE has entered into a partnership with Fresno County Behavioral Health, and over the next five years, the office of education will take over mental health services for children 0 to 22. FCOE will be hiring 200 clinicians to be assigned to every school in Fresno County.

IV. Consent Calendar

Frank Gallegos moved to approve the consent calendar as published. Luis Santana seconded, and the motion was approved.

V. Legislative Update

Legislative updates were provided by Matt Rogers, representing U.S. Senator Kamala Harris. Mr. Rogers shared that other district directors from across the state are impressed by the Partnership's collaboration. He further announced that Senator Harris is concerned with the recent tariffs affecting the agricultural industry in California and has released a letter to Director Mulvaney and Secretary Perdue asking that California farmers get their fair share of relief funding and to stop the trade war. Mr. Rogers also shared Senator Harris's work on the Rent Relief Act of 2018, her opposition of the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, and her request for no further funding to detain children in immigration detention facilities.

The Board also heard from Denise Altounian, District Representative for Congressman Jim Costa. Ms. Altounian discussed the passage of the Farm Bill that includes detrimental cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); the effects of tariffs on the local agriculture industry; the passage of America's Water Infrastructure Act in the House, which would support local irrigation districts and water for Merced County; and further emphasized the effects of recent trade tariffs.

Eileen Martinho then provided the Board with legislative updates from Congressman David Valadao. Ms. Martinho echoed the concerns of recent trade tariffs, and announced Congressman Valadao's recently sponsored bill, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017, which was recently passed in the House. The bill makes it easier for Vietnam veterans to receive care for diseases linked to Agent Orange. Ms. Martinho further discussed a bill co-sponsored by Congressman David Valadao, which addresses drones dropping contraband into prison yards, and the Congressman's Military Academy Night.

Shannon Major, representative for California State Senator Tom Berryhill, provided legislative updates to the Board. Ms. Major announced legislation to provide college fee and tuition waivers for foster youth, and a public information forum with Westlands Water District. She also announced her interest in further examining Secretary Ross's idea of making the Partnership into statute.

The final legislative update was provided by Ana Melendez, representing California State Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula. Ms. Melendez shared that Assemblyman Arambula's recent work, including pushing for state investment in disadvantaged communities, his focus on healthcare (including his efforts to bring a medical school to the region), and his work for funding for water infrastructure.

VI. Partnership Priority #3: Higher Education

Chairman Chiesa introduced Dr. Joseph Castro, Fresno State, who presented highlights on plans and recent accomplishments of the university, including being ranked in the top 25 in the nation by Washington Monthly for the third consecutive year. He also announced that a record 6,000 students graduated in May. He said he welcomes the increased enrollment but the growth strains the infrastructure, and is hopeful for a potential higher education bond to alleviate this. As an example, he reported the need to update the central heating and cooling system at a cost of \$130 million. He further reported progress in the four-year and six-year graduation rates, and reported the university's plans for a new student union within four years. Dr. Castro's full presentation can be found [here](#).

VII. Topic: Lifting the Fresno Region

Ashley Swearingin, Central Valley Community Foundation, made a presentation on championing the Central Valley the changing the direction of our region. She announced that Fresno is one of the fastest growing regions in the country, with more than 20% growth in population since 2000. She further reported the challenges of the region, related not only to poverty, but also to pollution. Ms. Swearingin also announced that the foundation has reformatted the programming, board and staff at CVCF during the last 18 months. The foundation is beginning to think comprehensively and on a larger scale, and will be pursuing \$1 billion of new investments by 2030 from public sector, state/national philanthropy, local philanthropy and private, for-profit sources, maintaining the CVCF priorities (jobs/economic development, education/human capital, healthy neighborhoods and quality environment). Ms. Swearingin also spoke about her advisory role with JP Morgan Chase initiative, Advancing Cities. Click [here](#) to see the PowerPoint presentation.

VIII. Lunch

IX. Topic: Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program

Jim Suennen introduced Katie Selenski, CalSavers. Ms. Selenski presented an overview of the new program, which offers retirement savings options for working Californians. Senate Bill 1234, passed in 2016, requires employers to either offer their own retirement savings plan or provide access to CalSavers at no cost. The program will pilot beginning January 2019 and will fully launch in July 2019. During the first three years, CalSavers will become mandated for employers of businesses with five or more employees, beginning with large firms with 100+ employees, then firms with 50 to 99 employees, and finally mandating companies with five to 49 employees. Ms. Selenski reported that CalSavers is a simple, portable, low-fee option for workers to save and grow retirement accounts, and is expected to result in a 50 percent increase to young low-income workers' retirement incomes.

Click [here](#) to download the CalSavers presentation.

X. Topic: 2020 U.S. Census

Jesus Martinez, Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative, delivered a presentation on his organization's work related to the 2020 U.S. Census. Mr. Martinez described his organization's involvement in a pilot study that analyzed the undercount of household units in neighborhoods in Fresno, San Jose and San Francisco. The study found that six percent of housing units were not included in the census master address file, which is a very high instance. Mr. Martinez also shared CVIIC's strategy for census activities in the Central Valley, including supporting the creation of complete count committees and becoming involved in census advocacy groups on the state and federal level, as well as finding strategies for overcoming challenges related to the census, including the challenge presented by the lack of digital literacy, coupled with the 2020 U.S. Census being primarily online, and the challenge presented by the addition of a citizenship question on the census. He also described the fiscal impact of an individual not being properly counted in the U.S. Census, stating that each individual not counted results in a \$20,000 loss for the state. Click [here](#) to see the PowerPoint presentation from Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative.

Ellen Braff-Guajardo and Nora Dunlap, Sierra Health Foundation, presented on the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund, which improves health and equity and builds nonprofit capacity across the Valley through 17 funding partners. Ms. Dunlap offered an overview of the SJVHC's Census Cluster Project, which is working to ensure a complete count of hard-to-count communities through addressing gaps in resources and education related to the census. The project is also conducting research into the impact of a citizenship question on the census, advocating against the additional question and advocating to "get out the count". Click [here](#) to download the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund presentation.

XI. Partnership Priority #5: Regional Industry Clusters

Topic: 10th Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Gabriel Youtsey, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, provided a presentation on the Americas Competitiveness Exchange, which brings together 50 senior-level executives from the Americas to create strategic partnerships within a region. The program is organized under the Organization for American States, which is known as the "UN of the Western Hemisphere," and the Inter American Competitiveness Network called RIAC, led by Argentina. In the U.S., the Federal government organizers are the International Trade Administration, the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Department of State. In California, UCANR, Valley Vision and Fresno State OCED are leading the Central Valley portion. The week-long tour will showcase Northern and Central California Oct. 21-26, 2018, making stops in San Francisco and Silicon Valley, Santa Cruz, Monterey Bay Area, Salinas Valley, Fresno and the Sacramento region. Locally, the tour will showcase Bitwise Industries, Fresno State WET Center, the Pi Shop product incubator and Arte Americas. Click [here](#) to view UCANR's ACE 10 presentation.

XII. Partnership Priority #3: Higher Education

Topic: Recruit the 99

Debbie Young, Fresno State Career Development Center, delivered a presentation on Recruit the 99, the department's collaborative with other universities in California to more efficiently attract recruiters to job fairs. Ms. Young reported that in addition to Fresno State, other universities involved in Recruit the 99 are: UC Merced, University of the Pacific, CSU Bakersfield and CSU Sacramento. Feedback from recruiters has been very positive, with increased volume of employers attending job fairs, and Fresno State's spring 2018 job fair featuring 205 employers. The large fair has replaced specialty job fairs and now includes recruiters from education, government, healthcare, science, engineering, accounting, food production and more. Ms. Young reported that between 80 and 85 percent of Fresno State alumni remain in the Central Valley, which contributes greatly to the local workforce. She also encouraged the Board to refer industries and employers who may be interested in recruiting at Fresno State to contact her. As a result, Board Member and President of CSU Stanislaus announced that her university would join in the Recruit the 99 collaborative. Her complete presentation can be found [here](#).

XIII. Public and Board Comments

Chairman Chiesa opened the floor for Public Comment. Sarge Green, Fresno State's California Water Institute, announced a seed grant out of the USDA which will allow California State University, Stanislaus, CSU Bakersfield, UC Merced and Fresno State to work together to address issues associated with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Green also announced that he Tommy Esqueda will now be the main contact for the California Water Institute.

Mike Dozier, representing the Center for Climate Protection, promoted Community Choice Aggregation, which allows local public agencies to pool together to generate and/or purchase their own energy. This allows funds to remain local. Mr. Dozier requested to give a full presentation to the Board at the December 2018 Partnership Board Meeting in Stockton, CA.

Ismael Herrera, Jr., announced the next Partnership Board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7, 2018 at the Stockton Civic Auditorium North Hall in Stockton.

XVII. Adjournment

Chairman Chiesa thanked all Board members and meeting hosts for their time and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.



California Partnership for the
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Work Group Reports

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Work Group	Economic Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation
Lead Organization Contact	Jennifer Faughn
Quarter	3rd Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	July 1 – September 30, 2018

California Central Valley EDC (CCVEDC) is the regional economic development marketing group for the 8-county region; focusing on national outreach to new business and brokers that need sites, information and solutions. During the 3rd Quarter of 2018, CCVEDC provided a region-wide proposal to 15 companies looking for a location, making **36 Proposals through September**. There were 14 Warehouse Distribution inquiries, 8 Manufacturing, 4 Food Processing, 2 Renewable Energy, 2 Back Office and 7 Development or Broker Assistance.

BROKER MISSIONS- CCVEDC met with **34 brokers in 10 meetings** on a mission to **New York, NY** where we go to meet with groups of brokers at major brokerage houses. From those meetings, the Central Valley has **5 new potential projects**. Each mission is to discuss the value of doing business in Central California, with site selectors, brokers and tenant representatives.

SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE REALTORS- Central Valley was represented in **three (3)** Northern California SIOR and Southern California SIOR activities. These events keep the Central Valley in touch with top decision makers in the real estate industry. At the Northern California Golf Tournament, CCVEDC met with 51 brokers in their hospitality tent.

ENEWS and COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS - CCVEDC has a monthly newsletter that is emailed out to all the industry and broker contacts that have been accumulated. Quarterly these emails are good news and economic stories about the valley. On the other months, individual counties have an opportunity to be highlighted. **Three (3)** newsletters, listed below, were distributed: Regional Industry and Real Estate News, Merced County and Fresno County Spotlight. The open rate on **California brokers and companies was 30%** and the **National broker list was 22%** which exceeds industry standards by almost 10%.

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP- The CCVEDC provides regional leadership through: its work to educate Sacramento legislators on issues affecting the valley; representation with for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley; and participation in regional, statewide and national boards. CCVEDC's Chair of External Affairs, Lee Ann Eager, sits on three state-wide committees representing the Central Valley and leads the Valley's Foreign Trade Initiative:

- California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
- State of California Workforce Development Board
- Global Cities Initiative
- International Trade and Investment Advisory to the State of California

WEBSITE- CCVEDC’s new website is online and is an important outreach tool and is targeted toward site selection professionals and potential companies. It provides valuable and comprehensive demographic information and news the Central Valley Region. In addition to having a searchable real estate database, the website provides businesses with information necessary for site selection. “One Region ... One Contact” continues to be the most noteworthy component of the regional economic development plan. When a prospective site selector calls 888-998-2345 for information, they gain access to the Central Valley’s eight economic development corporations for sites, information and solutions.

Activity	Name/Place	Contacts	RESULTS /Comments
BOARD MEETING July 13, 2018	CCVEDC Board Meeting Fresno EDC		COMPLETE
ENEWS July 31, 2018	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT- Fresno	2500	ENEWS Results: Total Sent 2,811 CA Brokers sent 1036 with 32% read, 8% clicks, CA Food Processors sent 499, 27% read, 9% clicks, Natnl Brokers sent 1276, 20% read, 1% clicks
BROKER EVENT August 3, 2018	SIOR Nor CA An Evening at Chapman Estate, Pismo	50	COMPLETE Reps: Kern, Madera
BOARD MEETING August 10, 2018	CCVEDC Board Meeting Kern EDC		COMPLETE 2700 M Street Suite 200 Bakersfield, CA
ENEWS August 14, 2018	Regional Industry and Real Estate News-	2500	ENEWS Results: California lists 29% read and 10% clicks; National List 22% read and 1% click-thru
BROKER EVENT September 13, 2018	SIOR So CA –Dinner & Networking Center Club Costa Mesa	40	COMPLETE Reps: Kern, Madera
BOARD MEETING Sept. 14, 2018	CCVEDC Board Meeting		COMPLETE
ENEWS September 18, 2018	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT- Merced	2500	COMPLETE ENEWS Results: Sent 2620 with 25.2% Opens and 7% Clicks overall. California lists 28% read and 10% clicks; National List 22% read and 1% click-thru
MISSION September 18-20, 2018	BROKER MISSION New York	200	COMPLETE Reps: Madera, Merced, Fresno Results: 10 meetings scheduled with 34 brokers. Leads 5
BROKER EVENT September 20, 2018	SIOR Nor Cal-Networking Event Pier 1 San Francisco	50	COMPLETE Reps: San Joaquin
CPSJV Sept 21, 2018	Partnership Meeting- Fresno County		COMPLETE

Work Group	Housing
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	California Coalition for Rural Housing
Lead Organization Contact	Alicia Sebastian
Quarter	3rd Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	July 1 – September 30, 2018

REPORT

The San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative (Collaborative) is a regional 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that formed out of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Housing Workgroup in 2009. The Collaborative works to address housing issues that affect households and communities in the eight-county region of the San Joaquin Valley. Over the past 7 years, the Collaborative has served as a much needed forum to discuss regional housing challenges and strategies and is an invaluable tool for the region to organize as one voice when communicating with state and federal policymakers and regulatory agencies.

The Collaborative is governed by a board of directors and operates as a joint partnership between the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State and California Coalition for Rural Housing.

2018 Board Members

- Leilani Barnett, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- Peter Carey, Retired, Self-Help Enterprises, Board Member with Housing Assistance Council
- Ray Chavez, Retired, Tulare County Office of Education, *Secretary*
- Heidi Crabtree, City of Clovis, *Treasurer*
- Michael Duarte, Fresno Housing Authority, *Chair*
- Susan Long, Self-Help Enterprises
- Carol Ornelas, Visionary Homebuilders of California, *Vice Chair*
- Sandra Jackson-Bobo, Housing Authority of Kings County
- Michael Sigala, Sigala Inc.
- Tony Miranda, Habitat for Humanity- Golden Empire
- Teresa Kinney, Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority

May 25, 2018 the Collaborative met together for a Board Retreat on Strategic Planning in Visalia, CA. The 2018 2nd quarterly board meeting took place on Wednesday, June 27th. Discussions focused on the 2018 Activities –Affordable Housing Summit, and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program workshop – and board recruitment.

On June 13th the Collaborative held Housing Policy in the San Joaquin Valley workshop in Tulare, CA. The workshop brought forth over 40 participants in attendance. The workshop offered funding resources, federal and regional prospective.

The Collaborative had their Planning Committee call on September 18th to vote and discuss the details on the upcoming Affordable Housing Summit. Nominees for the Dennis Wallace Leadership award were discussed and the committee narrowed down their choice to two candidates. The final decision would be made by the Board of directors at the Q3 meeting. The committee also discussed the timeline and finalized session topics for the summit.

Quarter 3 board meeting took place on September 20th. Discussions focused on the 2018 Activities – Affordable Housing Summit, Code Enforcement Symposium and as a result of new board recruitment welcomed new board member Sandra Jackson-Bobo. The board also made the selection to award the Dennis Wallace Leadership Award to past planning committee member Alice Rocha, former Executive Director of Northern California Community Loan Foundation. The board also made the decision to host the 4th Annual Code Enforcement Symposium in Central Valley.

7th Annual Affordable Housing Summit

- Early Bird rate \$145 (Ending August 7th)
- Regular rate \$165
- Presenter rate \$80

The 7th Annual San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit, the Future Valley took place on October 2nd. Over 200 participants came together in Stockton to discuss affordable housing solutions for Valley communities. The summit served over 45 different organizations and numerous individuals helping to grow the capacity and impact of housing advocates across the Valley.

The Collaborative will host the 4th Annual Code Enforcement Symposium on December 6th in Madera, CA. The symposium will discuss current issues in code enforcement, successful strategies, resources to support this work, and next steps for local agencies to implement in their communities.

Quarter 4 Board meeting will take place on December 14th and will discuss the recap and evaluation for the 2018 calendar year as well as next steps 2019 calendar year.

Work Group	Sustainable Communities
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (RPC)
Lead Organization Contact	Michael Sigala
Quarter	3rd Quarter 2018
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The **San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (RPC)** was established to discuss and build regional consensus on issues of importance to the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) eight-county region. RPC includes the San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, Merced County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Fresno Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Tulare County Association of Governments and Kern Council of Governments. RPC consists of two elected officials from the boards of each regional planning agency and the executive director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District). The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council is a partnership that exemplifies the regional transportation planning agencies’ commitment to working collaboratively to address regional issues, challenges and opportunities. The following highlights some of the major accomplishments and activities of the RPC during the reporting period.

Valley Voice is the RPC’s advocacy program that communicates the region’s priorities to state and federal legislators. Each year, a coalition of elected officials and COG staff from throughout the region travel to Sacramento and Washington DC to advocate on behalf of the valley with a unified voice. During the reporting period, a Valley Voice delegation of 33 representatives travelled to Washington DC on September 12-13, for two days of advocacy meetings. Meetings were held with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Valley congressional representatives, Senator Harris, the Office of Senator Feinstein, Department of Transportation, and staff from infrastructure, agricultural and commerce committees. Additional meetings were held with members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Subcommittee on Water and Power including Senator Mike Lee, Senator Bill Cassidy, Senator James Risch and Senator Shelley Moore Capito. Valley Voice Sacramento is scheduled for April 3, 2019.

Regional Priority Project Funding under SB 1 continues to be an important undertaking by the RPC. Funding for the completion of the State Route 99, as approved in the 99 Business Plan, is of utmost importance for the efficient movement of people and goods. SR 99 is the backbone of the Valley’s economy, is over-concentrated with truck traffic, and is rated one of the most unsafe and deadliest freeways in the nation. Much of these circumstances are worsened by the bottleneck areas, where two lane traffic in each direction causes congestion and unsafe driving conditions.

The regional planning agencies of the San Joaquin Valley are working with federal and state agencies to fund major improvements along SR 99, and other major east-west regional corridors. With the passage of SB 1, the prospect of funding these improvements is better, but still challenging, as other more populated regions of the state demand funds as well. Major advocacy continues for funding under the State Inter-Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and Solutions for Congested Corridors programs. During the reporting period, \$84 million of funding for SR 99 capacity improvements in Madera County (Avenues 12 to 17) was approved by the California Transportation Commission.

Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) work activities are ongoing, and as a result, MPO staff are continually engaged in these planning activities. Staff has finalized work on the 2018 RTP/SCS, and have received Board adoption. 2018 RTP/SCS, 2019 FTIP, and associated Conformity Documents have been submitted for State and Federal review. SCS is part of each county's RTP and integrates transportation, land-use, and housing policies for achieving greenhouse gas emissions reductions as required by Senate Bill 375. Extensive resources were expended for modeling, community outreach, and technical analysis related to computing the greenhouse gas reductions produced by the newly completed SCS. The finalized SCS, including calculations associated with greenhouse gas reduction, are currently under review by the California Air Resources Board. All Valley MPOs appear to be on track to meet SB 375 targets with their 2018 RTP/SCS.

Goods Movement, two recent major goods movement studies; 1) I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study – specifically analyzing the major north-south corridors of the Valley and making recommendations for improving mobility and safety, including a demonstration project. And, 2) SJV Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan – specifically analyzing critical first-and-last-mile connectors, truck parking and routing, priority rural corridors, and freight modeling have been completed. Both studies provide data rich assessments of goods movement flows within and out of the San Joaquin Valley, and help position the valley for goods movement funding opportunities. Major deliverables and other information for both studies can be found on the sjvcog's website: http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/

Rural Transit Alternatives Study is a partnership between San Joaquin Valley MPOs, the UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS), and Caltrans to examine if shared access services (ride-sourcing and ride-sharing arrangements such as uber/lyft, or car sharing), and other options, can provide alternatives for meeting transportation needs in rural areas of the Valley. The final report, *Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Services in Rural Disadvantaged Communities in the California's San Joaquin Valley: Existing Conditions and Conceptual Program Development* is available online: https://ncst.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NCST_Rodier_SJV-Transit-Alternatives_Final-Report_SEPT-2017.pdf

A conceptual program was designed for areas that would most benefit from shared mobility services: 1) carsharing and ridesourcing in the Dinuba, Cutler, and Orosi communities of Tulare County, and the Lamont-Arvin and Wasco communities of Kern County. And, 2) a technology platform that enables improved efficiency for multiple independently operated demand responsive transportation services in jurisdictions in northeast Stanislaus and southeast San Joaquin counties. The full implementation for this work, beyond planning, has been awarded to the Valley with a \$2.25 million grant from ARB under their Car Sharing and Mobility Options Pilot Project program. During the reporting period, implementation efforts have begun for the ARB funded program.

Work Group	Sustainable Communities - Rail
OCEC Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Commission
Lead Organization Contact	Daniel Leavitt
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During the 3rd Quarter of 2018, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) focused its efforts on promoting the new ‘Sacramento Morning Express Service’ train and working on the environmental document and associated projects for the “Valley Rail” program to expand San Joaquins to Sacramento. The Morning Express Service delivers San Joaquin Valley passengers to Sacramento by 8am. Morning Express Service helps diversify Amtrak San Joaquins ridership profile by increasing business travelers’ utilization of the service. The Sacramento Morning Express Service launched on May 7, 2018. SJPA appreciates the Partnership’s assistance in promoting the Morning Express service. Partnership Members are encouraged to continue using and letting others know about this new way to get to Sacramento in the morning. For more information please see:

<https://www.amtrak.com/san-joaquin/sacramento-morning-express>

SJPA’s Sacramento Morning Express Service is the first step towards delivering increased rail service to the Sacramento Region. Currently, the San Joaquins have two daily round-trips to Sacramento which is not a sufficient level of service. On April 26, 2018 the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) announced a series of grant awards under TIRCP, and selected the Valley Rail Project as a major awardee providing **\$500.5 million** to fund a series of new stations, track improvements, and equipment to increase connectivity and frequency of service to the Sacramento region. The Valley Rail Project is a joint proposal by the SJPA and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) to dramatically improve passenger rail service to the Sacramento region with both Amtrak San Joaquins and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) service. SJPA and SJRR greatly appreciate the Partnership’s support for the Valley Rail application.

The Valley Rail environmental process is underway and a draft document for public review is expected to be available for the ACE/San Joaquins Extension to Sacramento by the end of 2018 and the Final EIR will be certified in the spring of 2019. Construction is anticipated to start in late 2019.

Work Group	Workforce Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	Central California Workforce Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Adam Peck
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The Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), provides a framework for local areas to collaborate, communicate, and work in unison on particular projects and activities as they have historically. One of the collaborative projects that the CCWC has developed is a regional Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Council. This collaboration allows the local areas to streamline regional training efforts. Participating in this council are representatives from each of the local workforce development boards in the region. The intent of this council is to standardize and streamline workforce efforts, trainers, and participants within the region. The council has eased the process of coordinating, facilitating, and securing venues for trainings related to workforce development. They have also established a regional documentation sharing system to support best practices through this effort as well. The council has a centralized system of processing items such as cost reimbursement and ETPL provider monitoring. These efforts in streamlining produce a direct and tangible savings and reduce the stress of constricted funding on the local areas.

PROGRESS ON REGIONAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Workforce Development Boards of the San Joaquin Valley have implemented the key aspects of the regional plan as follows:

- Coordination and alignment around ETPL monitoring and standards. The eight workforce development boards in the Central Valley are sharing a common tool to ensure consistent monitoring of all ETPL providers in the region. The development of a regional ETPL Council has also allowed for an elimination of duplication in monitoring, allowing for better service to ETPL providers and a cost savings for workforce boards.
- Formal agreement with regional economic development entity. The CCWC has entered into a contract with the Central California Valley Economic Development Corporation in order to piggyback on the employer outreach being executed by that entity. This allows for a stronger alignment in outreach and strengthens the combined services offered to businesses, which will benefit industry and jobseekers.
- Development of a website to assist the region’s businesses. The region is in the early stages of development on a website that will be used to promote services offered through workforce boards, making a single point of entry for industry to engage with the system and allowing for a real-time assessment of services provided, as well as services that need to be added. This website will work in concert with the online marketing resources being developed as part of the contract with CCVEDC.
- Development of labor market graphics to inform the public. The region is updating labor market information graphics that are to be distributed to education and industry partners across the region in order to develop a shared understanding of labor market data, and position the eight Central Valley Workforce Development Boards as the center of labor market information in the region.

- The next generation of workforce development executives are being trained. Utilization of Regional Implementation funds to send a minimum of one representative from each of the region's Workforce Boards to the CWA Executive Bootcamp allows for a strengthening of the region's bench, as well as a deeper common understanding of the system at multiple levels, across the region.



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Letters of Support

No letters of support submitted during this period.



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October 2018

Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month

On behalf of the state of California, I am pleased to recognize October 2018 as the Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month to showcase manufacturers and increase awareness of manufacturing careers.

Manufacturing sector jobs are critical to the economy and provide living wages with long-term career opportunities. By aligning and leveraging the efforts of manufacturers, educational systems, Workforce Investment Boards, Economic Development Corporations, Chambers of Commerce, and other public, private, and nonprofit organizations, the short-term shortages of skilled labor can be filled, and long-term solutions can be developed to build Advanced Manufacturing Strong Workforce for California.

The manufacturing sector is crucial to the California economy and I thank them for their contributions.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



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2019 Partnership Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2019

DATE	COUNTY
March 15	Madera
June 21	Kings
September 20	Kern
December 13	Stanislaus

*Meeting schedule is tentative

Meeting Scheduling

- Meetings are typically scheduled on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of the month with the exception of December.
- Meetings are typically scheduled from 10am to 3pm