



## Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, December 13, 2019  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location:

Samaritan Village  
Almond and Walnut Ballrooms  
7700 Fox Road  
Hughson, CA 95326

Meeting Contact:

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AGENDA   December 13th, 2019		
Item		
I.	Convene Meeting & Introductory Remarks	Chairman Vito Chiesa
II.	Recognition of Dignitaries and Sponsors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samaritan Village – Daniel Aguilar, President &amp; CEO</li> <li>• City of Hughson - Raul Mendez, Hughson City Manager, Mayor Jeremy Young, Hughson City Council</li> </ul>	Chairman Chiesa
III.	Oath of Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott Silveira, Supervisor, Merced County</li> </ul>	Secretary Karen Ross
IV.	Public and Board Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ismael Herrera, California Forward</li> </ul>	Public and Board
V.	Consent Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes</li> <li>• Work Group/Priority Reports</li> <li>• Letters of Support</li> <li>• Community Correspondence</li> </ul>	Eduardo González
VI.	Legislative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briana Gonzalez, District Representative, U.S. Representative Josh Harder, CA-10</li> <li>• Jennifer Hidalgo, Field Representative, California State Senator Anna Caballero, District 12</li> </ul>	Chairman Chiesa

VII.	Partnership Priority #6 – Broadband Topic: Broadband and 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Flight Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Keith Bergthold, CEO Regenerate California Innovation, Inc.</li> <li>● Joseph Oldham, New Vision Aviation</li> <li>● Sophia Muñoz, Broadband Services Advisor, CalOES</li> <li>● Shelly McMahon, Telecommunications Systems Manager, CalOES</li> <li>● Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO, California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)</li> <li>● Miguel Lopez, San Joaquin Valley Broadband Preferred Scenario</li> </ul>	Chairman Chiesa
VIII.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lunch</li> </ul>	
IX.	Partnership Priority #7 – Health Topic: Homelessness, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Timothy Lawless, Chief , Housing and Homeless Bureau at the California Department of Social Services</li> <li>● Melinda Grant, Undersecretary at the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency</li> </ul> Focus on Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer, Stanislaus County</li> <li>● Terry Withrow, Stanislaus County Supervisor District 3</li> <li>● Ruben Imperial, Focus on Prevention Project Manager</li> </ul>	Chairman Chiesa
X.	Partnership Priority #2 – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding Topic: ValleyGo/Valley Flex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Caroline Rodier, Associate Director, Urban Land Use and Transportation Center, UC Davis</li> <li>● Hayley Vieyra, Director of Mobility, MOVE</li> </ul>	Chairman Chiesa
XI.	Public and Board Comments	Public and Board
XII.	Adjournment	Chairman Chiesa



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**Thank you!**



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California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

## Minutes

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2019 Q3      Board of Directors Meeting- June 20th, 2019 (Bakersfield, CA)



## Board of Directors Meeting

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Friday, September 20, 2019

10am – 3pm

### MEETING MINUTES

#### I. Convene Meeting, Introductory Remarks

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Chairman Vito Chiesa called the third quarter 2019 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) to order at 10:15 a.m. at the Student Housing Multipurpose Room at California State University, Bakersfield in Bakersfield and initiated introductions around the table.

Board members present were James Aleru, Vito Chiesa, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Dan Leavitt, Luisa Medina, Patty Poire, Mary Renner, Charles Riojas, Karen Ross, and Jim Yovino

Board Deputies present were Melinda Grant, Jim Suennen

Advisory Board members present were Glenda Humiston, and Lynnette Zelezny.

#### II. Recognition of Dignitaries and Sponsors

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Chairman Chiesa recognized and thanked CSUB Lynnette Zelezny. President Zelezny and Jessica Wojtysiak, Dean of Bakersfield College gave highlights of what is going on at their respective institutions. The Kern County Farm Bureau gave an overview of what is happening in Kern County Agriculture. RJ Valentino ,Grimm Family Education Foundation, gave a presentation of the progress the charter schools they support over the last 2 years, especially the “edible school yard” promoting healthy eating through hands on gardening (1 acre garden), preparation and, of course, tasting. Also recognized Supervisor Gleason and invited board members and guests to introduce themselves.

#### III. Public and Board Comments

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Chairman Chiesa invited comments from the Board and the public.

Louisa Medina gave an update on the Housing Collaborative Summit 09/19/19.

A question was posed to CSUB President Lynnette Zelezny regarding enrollment and she indicated that they are over enrolled. There was a brief discussion regarding supporting a new CSU campus in the valley.

Ismael Herrera, California Forward, announced a series of meetings to focus on region priorities.

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#### **IV. Consent Calendar**

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Chairman Chiesa moved to approve the consent calendar as published once a quorum was reached. The motion was seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **V. Sustainability Subcommittee Update**

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Sustainability Subcommittee updates were provided by Eduardo González and Ismael Herrera. Assembly Bill 1274 (Arrambula/Salas) to codify the Partnership in State Statute permanently so that it would not be dependent upon executive order, is still in the Senate under review.

#### **VI. Legislative Update**

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Matt Rogers for U.S. Senator Kamala Harris – First priority is gun safety bill asking for universal background checks. She is pushing for a debate and vote in congress. She spearheaded opposition to President Trump’s notice to immigrants under lifesaving treatment and invited case work requests.

Mia Cifuentes for Assemblymember Vince Fong - Continues to support bills that affect our region in addition to supporting non-profits.

Michelle Garcia for State Assemblymember Rudy Salas – Supporting bills that address Veteran’s issues and health.

Gilbert Felix for U.S. Representative T.J. Cox – Encouraging case work and advocacy. Introduced legislation recognizing Sikh Americans, supporting designation of June as Portuguese Heritage month, impact aid and infrastructure.

Ricardo Del Hoyo for California State Senator Melissa Hurtado – Not present

Larry Salinas for the Office of the President, California State University, Fresno – Indicated that letter of support was requested, but bill was blended into AB 48 which was passed 78-1 in support.

Also Bringing the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act to the attention of the Board. Fresno State alone has \$300 million in deferred maintenance, \$4 billion CSU wide. Bill has bi-partisan support. Requested letter of support from Partnership board.

#### **VII. Partnership Priority #5 – Regional Industry Clusters**

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Topic: UC Cooperative Extension and the Ag Economy – Glenda Humiston

Introduced University of California as a land grant university system with research centers, programs, and institutes throughout California. A new pest is discovered in California every 5 weeks! Research projects include sustainable ecosystems, water quality and efficiency, sustainable food systems, identify endemic and invasive pests and diseases, outreach to youth through 4-H and working with manufacturing alliance.

Secretary Ross recommended letter of support for UC ANR, motion seconded.

## **VIII. Partnership Priority #5 – Regional Industry Clusters**

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Topic: California Harvesters – Rupal Patel

Farm labor trust is collaborating with service agencies to benefit agricultural workers with a vision of ultimately populating the board with agricultural workers. Workers are empowered and feel valued by working for California Harvesters.

## **IX. Lunch**

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## **X. Partnership Priority #7 – Health**

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Topic: Valley Fever Update

Dr Duc Vugia of California Department of Public Health and Kimberly Hernandez of the Kern County Public Health Department provided information about what Valley Fever is, signs and symptoms, and how it is spreading in the area.

## **XI. Topic: Kern County Groundwater Subbasin – Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update**

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Patricia Poire – (SGMA) and others gave an overview and update on the groundwater sustainability plan.

Severely restricting groundwater pumping will result in an estimated of 185,200 acres of land not being farmed which will in turn result in the loss of approximately 12,400 jobs and \$631 million income.

## **XII. Public and Board Comments**

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Lee Ann Eager and Ismael Herrera gave updates and reminders on upcoming events.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

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Chairman Chiesa and Eduardo González thanked all Board members and meeting hosts for their time and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



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## Work Group Reports

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Work Group	Air Quality
Partnership Staff Liaison	Eduardo González
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Lead Organization Contact	Jaime Holt
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2019
Reporting Period	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019

In April the Valley Air District Governing Board approved several enhancements to the Public Benefit Grants Program aimed at broadening program eligibility and expanding the list of vehicles available to Valley public agencies. The Public Benefit Grants Program, launched in 2011, was developed to address the needs and challenges faced by Valley public agencies in their efforts to secure funding for clean-air projects. These projects encourage the use of state-of-the-art clean-air technology on the local level and achieve sustainable, long-term air quality benefits in the Valley. The enhancements approved by the Governing Board included broadening the program eligibility to include Community Action Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley established pursuant to the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964. These agencies are governed by boards that include local elected officials and like public agencies, these community action agencies often maintain fleets of dozens of vehicles and have budgetary constraints that make investing in clean-air technology difficult. Additionally, the Governing Board approved an expansion of the list of vehicles eligible for the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase component to include hybrid police pursuit vehicles.

The Governing Board also heard a comprehensive report on the 2018-2019 Check Before You Burn season. This marked the fifth season since the 2014 amendment to the wood-burning rule, which significantly increased the number of no-burn days for high polluting wood-burning devices, and allowed for a substantial increase in burn days for clean wood-burning devices. Although the Valley experienced notably clean air quality in the months of December, January, and February, the month of November 2018 was severely impacted by excessive smoke from fires in Northern California.

Despite the period of strong atmospheric stability and wildfire impacts in November 2018, the Valley's air quality continued to trend in a positive direction and record new winter season clean air records. Even when including the excessively high PM2.5 concentrations from the wildfire period, the Valley recorded the lowest number of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI days across all counties, the second greatest number of Good AQI days across all counties, and the third lowest average PM2.5 average across all counties. Outside of the wildfire period, the Valley recorded the lowest number of days exceeding the 24-hour average PM2.5 standard of 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, and measured the cleanest month of February in Valley air quality recorded history.

In November 2018, the Camp Fire in Northern California significantly impacted air quality across California, and most heavily influenced the San Joaquin Valley in the northern counties of San Joaquin and Stanislaus. During this period, the Valley experienced some of the worst air quality in its recorded history due to the overwhelming amount of emissions from the Camp Fire. In response, the District conducted extensive public outreach to keep Valley residents informed of the air quality impacts and what they could do to protect their health. This winter season also included the successful implementation of the Burn Cleaner program with over \$2.2 million in funding for over 1,300 vouchers issued for residents to upgrade to clean wood burning devices during 2018-19. This past winter saw another successful Check Before You Burn outreach campaign, with Valley residents expressing significant interest in air quality and the District responding to nearly 500 public calls regarding wood burning activity, device registration, incentives and daily wood burning status, and 494 complaints for suspected wood burning activity. The success of this past winter season would not have been possible without the commitment from Valley residents to reduce their wood burning emissions, coupled with the District's multi-faceted program that utilizes wood burning curtailments, incentives, public education/outreach, and strong enforcement to reduce wood smoke.

In November 2018, the Valley Air District Governing Board approved \$1,000,000 in funding for the implementation of a new pilot incentive program to support on-field alternatives to the open burning of agricultural waste materials. Until 2014, the open burning of agricultural waste in the Valley had been reduced by 80%. The exceptional drought conditions that the Valley recently experienced and the demise of the biomass power industry has resulted in an increase in the open burning of wood waste since that time and now threatens the Valley's progress. This new program offers incentive funding for emerging alternative practices as a mechanism to reduce the open burning of woody materials from orchard

removals. Incentive options range from \$300 to \$600 per acre of agricultural material removed, up to a maximum of \$60,000 per recipient per year. To date, the District received applications requesting \$1.3 million in funding representing 2,687 acres of orchard removal. With the Board's action this April, the program was expanded to include material from vineyard removals and an additional \$1,000,000 was added to respond to the level of interest for the program. With an increased level of participation, the District can better understand the potential benefits of utilizing these alternative practices throughout the Valley. Following this April, the Valley Air District Governing Board also approved \$1,000,000 in additional incentive funding for the District's new Low-Dust Nut Harvester Pilot Incentive Program. This program provides incentives to deploy and evaluate low dust nut harvesting equipment in the San Joaquin Valley. The low-dust nut harvester pilot incentive program builds upon more than a decade of significant investment made in the San Joaquin Valley to develop low-dust nut harvesting technologies and to understand the potential benefits on particulate matter (PM) emissions from the use of these new technologies. This program was launched by the District in December 2018 and was immediately well-received by the agricultural community; quickly exhausting the initial \$1,000,000 allocation. The additional \$1,000,000 approved by the Governing Board brings the total District allocation in this program to \$2,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

In May, the Valley Air District Governing Board accepted \$6,961,054 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to fund a variety of clean-air projects in the San Joaquin Valley. All three District proposals were ranked and selected for funding under the highly competitive Federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. Our yard truck replacement proposal was selected for funding in the amount of \$2,364,974, our agricultural tractor replacement proposal was selected for \$2,350,000, and our switcher locomotive proposal was selected for \$2,246,080, for a total award of \$6,961,054. The yard truck replacement grant will help fund the replacement of approximately 17 older, high-polluting yard trucks that move cargo and agricultural commodities within distribution and warehousing facilities in the San Joaquin Valley with new, zero-emission battery electric yard trucks. The ag tractor replacement grant will help fund the replacement of approximately 103 older, high-polluting tractors with significantly cleaner Tier 4 tractors, and the switcher locomotive grant will help fund the replacement of 3 older, high-polluting switcher locomotives with significantly cleaner Tier 4 switcher locomotives operating in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Valley Air District Governing Board also accepted \$1,395,744 from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Carl Moyer Program State Reserve Project Funding Solicitation to fund eligible emission reduction projects throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The Carl Moyer Program provides grant funding for voluntary incentive programs aimed at accelerating the deployment of clean air technologies. The District will utilize this funding for a variety of project categories, including the replacement of Moyer-eligible off-road equipment and engines in the San Joaquin Valley through the District's existing Heavy-Duty Engine Incentive Program.

In May, the Valley Air District Governing Board approved \$5 million for the continued implementation of the District's Tune In Tune Up vehicle repair program. The program operates through weekend events held throughout the Valley which are designed to provide emissions tests of vehicles to determine the likelihood of that vehicle failing a smog test. Owners of vehicles that fail this emissions tests are provided vouchers that are redeemed at participating STAR certified smog shops for up to \$850 in emissions related repairs, necessary smog checks, and diagnostics. Once repaired, confirmatory smog tests are completed which can then be used by vehicle owners to complete registration process if needed. The Tune In Tune Up program continues to see strong participation in disadvantaged communities throughout the Valley with over 3,300 vehicles repaired last year.

In May, the Valley Air District Governing Board took action to enter into an agreement to participate in the new statewide Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program. This latest action builds on the Valley Air District's continuing efforts to facilitate the increased use of prescribed fire by land management agencies to remove excess fuels in the forested areas of the Valley to reduce the number and severity of wildfires and the associated air quality impacts. Consistent with the Governor's directives and new legislative mandates, the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) developed the new Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program. Under the program, CARB will be working with local air districts to facilitate the increase in prescribed burns called for to meet statewide goals, enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and provide public outreach regarding the benefits of prescribed burns. With the surrounding Sierra Nevada's still experiencing the consequences of California's tree mortality epidemic, the wildfire threat is still very relevant as the region has experienced a number of the largest wildfires in state history in recent years.

Participation in this program will aid in the District's ability to facilitate, monitor and report to the public the progress made in reducing the public health impacts associated with the enormous emissions from wildfires.

Finally, in May, the Valley Air District Governing Board approved amendments to the District's residential wood burning emissions reduction strategy, including lowering the wood burning curtailment thresholds for Hot Spot counties within Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters), adopting a number of more stringent Valley wide measures within Rule 4901, increasing *Burn Cleaner* incentives amounts in Hot Spot counties, and increasing outreach and enforcement activities to support the amended strategy.

The Governing Board action was designed to satisfy commitments from the District's *2018 PM2.5 Plan*, and was an early action from this attainment plan to further reduce PM2.5 emissions ahead of the upcoming 2019-2020 winter season. Further reductions in residential wood smoke emissions is a high priority under the District's Health Risk Reduction Strategy, given the significant localized health impacts associated with residential wood smoke. Health benefits from reducing emissions from residential wood burning are related to the high level of population exposure to urban, residential wood-burning emissions in relation to other stationary sources.

Specifically, amendments to District Rule 4901 lowers the curtailment threshold from 20 to 12  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for older, higher-polluting wood burning heaters, open hearth fireplaces, and non-registered wood burning heaters in the Hot Spot counties of Madera, Fresno, and Kern. Within these same Hot Spot counties, the cleaner, registered wood burning heaters will be allowed to burn when air quality is forecast to be between 12 and 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . In these counties, no wood burning will be allowed when air quality is forecast to be above 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . In the remaining Valley counties, the previous curtailment thresholds will remain in place.

The more stringent curtailment thresholds established in the Hot Spot counties will be coupled with increased *Burn Cleaner* incentives amounts to cover nearly the entire cost of replacing high polluting wood burning units with natural gas units. Current incentives amounts will continue to be offered in other areas of the Valley. To complement the regulatory and incentives changes, the District will also implement an education and outreach campaign to increase public awareness of the program, along with focusing its rule enforcement efforts in Hot Spot counties and in areas of concern. The District will also continue to investigate and employ the latest air quality modeling tools and techniques to support the air quality forecasting component of the program, which will especially be key in Hot Spot counties with wood burning curtailment thresholds set at lower levels.

Work Group	Air Quality
Partnership Staff Liaison	Eduardo González
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Lead Organization Contact	Jaime Holt
Quarter	3rd Quarter 2019
Reporting Period	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019

In August, the Valley Air District Governing Board accepted \$10,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to fund two clean-air projects in the San Joaquin Valley. These two proposals were ranked and selected for funding under the highly competitive Targeted Air Shed Grant Program. Our yard truck replacement proposal and agricultural tractor replacement proposal were each awarded \$5,000,000 for a total award of \$10,000,000. The yard truck replacement grant will help fund the replacement of approximately 26 older, high-polluting yard trucks that move cargo and agricultural commodities within distribution and warehousing facilities in the San Joaquin Valley with new, zero-emission battery electric yard trucks. The ag tractor replacement grant will help fund the replacement of approximately 131 older, high-polluting tractors with significantly cleaner Tier 4 tractors operating throughout the Valley.

The Valley Air District Governing Board approved \$15 million in incentive funding for alternative fuel infrastructure projects in the San Joaquin Valley. This funding will help support fleet transition to cleaner technology as a network for fueling and charging infrastructure is necessary for broad deployment of alternative fuel vehicles. Eligible projects will include battery electric charging stations and new or expansion of existing natural gas or hydrogen fueling stations for heavy-duty vehicles. Applications will be accepted and approved through a competitive solicitation period with projects selected based on the following criteria: cost-effectiveness, implementation timelines, benefits to disadvantaged or low-income communities, benefits to AB617 selected communities, fuel technology, and the use of solar or wind generated power. Incentives provided for selected projects will be based on a percentage of the total eligible project costs with a maximum award of \$1 million.

The Valley Air District Governing Board received an update on the District’s implementation of AB 617 for the San Joaquin Valley. This update provided an overview of the process the District has taken over this past year in recommending communities to CARB for selection for the initial year of AB 617 program, CARB’s selection of the communities of South Central Fresno and Shafter for AB 617, and the District’s work in implementing various components of the program for the San Joaquin Valley. Through this process, the District formed community steering committees to serve in an advisory role to assist in the design of community air monitoring networks, identification of pollution sources of concern, the review of technical analysis to understand the varying emissions levels among stationary, area, and mobile sources in the area, and form emissions reduction strategies to improve public health in these communities. In the development of the Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERP), the District has worked closely with the Community Steering Committees, the California Air Resources Board, the general public, and various other statewide and local agency partners to form clean air strategies for both South Central Fresno and Shafter. The proposed CERPs for South Central Fresno and Shafter will be considered by the Valley Air District Governing Board at its September 19 meeting. The District’s recommendations to CARB on prioritization of disadvantaged communities to receive clean air resources under the second year of AB 617 implementation will also be discussed at the September Governing Board meeting. Further information about AB 617 implementation in the Valley, including the draft CERP for each AB 617 community, is available at: [community.valleyair.org](http://community.valleyair.org).

Assembly Bill (AB) 617, signed into law in July 2017, initiated a state-wide effort to monitor and reduce air pollution, and improve public health, in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants through new community-focused and community-driven actions. The rural community of Shafter was prioritized by the District and subsequently selected by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as one of two first-year communities in the San Joaquin Valley to receive support for the implementation of an enhanced local air monitoring network and a Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP), to be developed through a public process guided by the input of a Community Steering Committee consisting of community members and local governmental representatives.

The community-driven CERP, adopted by the Governing Board in September, anticipates investing \$38.2 million in emission reduction incentives for cleaner cars and trucks, low dust nut harvesting equipment, enhanced residential

incentive programs, and a variety of other clean air projects in the Shafter area. These efforts are projected to achieve approximately 265 tons of PM<sub>2.5</sub> reductions and 1,718 tons of NO<sub>x</sub> reductions as well as significant reductions in air toxics emissions in the community, particularly with respect to diesel particulate matter from mobile sources, the main contributor to the community air toxics health risk. Additional regulatory and outreach strategies will provide for further reductions and increased awareness of the community's air quality challenges and the resources available to help the public reduce emissions and avoid exposure to air pollution. Further information about AB 617 implementation in the Valley, including the final CERP for Shafter, is available at [community.valleyair.org](http://community.valleyair.org).

The urban community of South Central Fresno was prioritized by the District and subsequently selected by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as one of two first-year communities in the San Joaquin Valley to receive clean air resources newly available under AB 617, based on a technical analysis of several pollution and poverty-related criteria. In the preparation of this Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP), the District worked closely with CARB, the Community Steering Committee, and the public, including other local agencies, community-based organizations, community members, environmental organizations, regulated industry representatives, and other key stakeholders to develop strategies and an implementation plan to reduce harmful air pollutants in the community of South Central Fresno. The plan developed through this collaborative process employs proven and innovative strategies, and significant resources, to improve community health by reducing exposure to air pollutants in South Central Fresno.

The South Central Fresno CERP, adopted by the Governing Board in September, anticipates investing \$44.3 million in emission reduction incentives for cleaner cars and trucks, residential incentive programs, and a variety of other clean air projects in the South Central Fresno area. Additional measures have been developed to reduce exposure to air pollution for sensitive receptors, including substantial funding for the installation of advanced filtration systems at community schools. These efforts are projected to achieve approximately 278 tons of PM<sub>2.5</sub> reductions and 1,662 tons of NO<sub>x</sub> reductions as well as significant reductions in air toxics emissions in the community, particularly with respect to diesel particulate matter from mobile sources, the main contributor to community air toxics health risk. Additional regulatory and outreach strategies will provide for further reductions and increased awareness of the community's air quality challenges and the resources available to help the public reduce emissions and avoid exposure to air pollution. Further information about AB 617 implementation in the Valley, including the final CERP for South Central Fresno, is available at [community.valleyair.org](http://community.valleyair.org).

Under state law, CARB, in consultation with air districts, is required to select communities for action under the second year of AB 617 implementation by Jan 1, 2020. CARB asked air districts to submit their recommendations for communities to be selected by October 1, 2019. In September, District staff presented to the Governing Board an analysis and prioritization methodology for identified disadvantaged Valley communities and presented recommended communities to be nominated to receive additional clean air resources and public engagement under AB 617. With significant, effective resources already at work under the first-year selection for communities in the District's Central and Southern Regions, the District focused this second round of community prioritization on disadvantaged communities within the Northern Region.

Based on the results of the District's analysis, the District recommended that Southwest Stockton be selected by CARB for second-year resources for the development of community air monitoring and emissions reduction programs. This nomination was based on extensive air quality analysis, numerous health indicators from the state's CalEnviroScreen model, and various other socioeconomic indicators. Should more funding become available that would allow CARB's selection of more communities without diluting the necessary resources for implementation of AB 617 programs in the existing communities, the District recommended strong consideration for Arvin/Lamont as a second Valley community for consideration. After discussion and public comment, the Board directed the District to proceed with recommending Southwest Stockton and, to the extent that additional state resources are available, Arvin/Lamont to CARB for the state's second-year implementation of AB 617.

Work Group	Housing
Partnership Staff Liaison	Eduardo González
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Frida Cardoza
Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019
Reporting Period	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019

## 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 10 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.

### 2019 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/Temporary Treasurer*
- Heidi Crabtree, City of Clovis
- 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.
- Teresa Kinney, Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority

The SJVHC combined their 2019 Quarter 1 board meeting with an in person board and staff member retreat. The Q1 Meeting/Board Retreat took place on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Three Rivers, CA at St. Anthony's Retreat. A total of eight board members and four staff members were present. Outcomes from the retreat were the main topic of the June workshop and the theme to the 8<sup>th</sup> annual affordable housing summit. Additional outcomes from the retreat include continuing strategic planning to grow the impact of the organization and to build out the board of directors.

The collaborative will host a June workshop in Central Valley as well as a December workshop in North Valley. The workshop was hosted on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Fresno, at Parc Grove Commons (one of Fresno Housing Authority's sites). The workshop topic suggested was Opportunity and Investment in the San Joaquin Valley. Over 55 attendees were present from different professional cohorts. Attendees were able to access presentations and information from the workshop on the SJVHC website.

This year the San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Summit in South Valley. A flyer/registration page is available to our housing listserv for September 19, 2019 at Wyndham in Visalia, CA.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Summit

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

Scholarships are available upon request.

CURRENT FUNDING: \$64,069.28 (Checking & Savings)

PENDING FUNDING: \$38,850.26 (Sponsorships & Registration fees)

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### 2019 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/Temporary Treasurer*
- Heidi Crabtree, City of Clovis
- 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.
- Teresa Kinney, Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority

The SJVHC had their first Strategic Plan meeting. The Strategic Plan Meeting took place on August 14, 2019 in Fresno, CA at the San Joaquin River Parkway Conservancy. A total of six board members and four staff members were present. Outcomes from the meeting was the mission statement for the organization and an analysis of the organizations strengths, weaknesses and the organizations priorities. Additional outcomes from the meeting include continuing strategic planning to grow the impact of the organization and to build out the board of directors.

The San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Summit in South Valley. A flyer/registration page was available to our housing listserv for September 19, 2019 at Wyndham in Visalia, CA. Around 220 attendees were in attendance ranging from housing developers, advocacy, city professionals, legal and financial institutions. The housing summit brought forth around 25 sponsors from different professions totaling \$36,500 to the SJVHC organization in efforts to continue hosting summits and workshops for valley housing professionals. Attendees were able to access presentations and information from the workshop on the SJVHC website.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Summit

- Early Bird rate \$145 (Ending August 7<sup>th</sup>) **Total= 72**
- Regular rate \$165 **Total =61**
- Presenter rate \$80 **Total = 15**
- Sponsorship **Total = 49**
- Scholarship **Total = 12**
- Staff **Total = 7**

The collaborative will host as a December workshop in North Valley. The workshop will be focused on code enforcement and will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> in Stockton, Ca. The workshop topic suggested was Housing Hot Topics and Innovations in Code Enforcement for the San Joaquin Valley. The SJVHC expects an attendance of over 60 attendees from different professional cohorts. Website link to register can be found here:  
[https://2019sjvhccode\\_enforment5.eventbrite.com](https://2019sjvhccode_enforment5.eventbrite.com)

CURRENT FUNDING: \$102,919.54 (Checking & Saving)

PENDING FUNDING: \$ 25,000.00 (Sunlight Giving Grant)

Work Group	Sustainable Communities
OCED Staff Liaison	Eduardo González
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (RPC)
Lead Organization Contact	Michael Sigala
Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3rd Quarter 2019
Reporting Period	April 1 – September 30, 2019

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, Valley Voice Sacramento was held on April 3, 2019 and Valley Voice DC was held on September 12-13. Both trips were very well attended and provided meaningful dialogue between federal and state department leadership and legislators. We are currently in the planning stages for Valley Voice Sacramento 2020, scheduled for March 2020.

**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. Construction will soon commence on SR 99 improvements in Madera County, and in Merced County; two segments which were recently funded.

**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. 2018 RTP/SCS, 2019 FTIP, and associated Conformity Documents have received MPO, State, and Federal approval. The 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. MPO staff are now engaged in dialogue with California Air Resources staff regarding greenhouse gas emissions reduction results. 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/](http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/).

- The San Joaquin Valley MPOs are currently in discussions with Caltrans, FHWA, and other related parties, to ascertain the possibility of funding a pilot study for deploying driverless trucks on Interstate 5 throughout the San Joaquin Valley. More information will be reported on this activity in future reports.

- **Rural Transit Alternatives Study and Implementation (MioCar and Vamos)** 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.

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. For more information on MioCar, <https://miocar.org/>

During the reporting period, implementation efforts continued for the ARB funded program. MioCar (South Valley) has installed 10 electric vehicle charging stations in six affordable housing developments in Tulare and Kern Counties, and 26 electric vehicles have been purchased. These locations will host the proposed car sharing activities. In the north valley, Valley Flex (Vamos), is underway to optimize rural transit service in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties through enhancements in passenger routing and service delivery. VanPools, Self Help Enterprises, Mobility Development Partners and the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State are also partners in these efforts.

Work Group	Workforce Development
Partnership Staff Liaison	Eduardo González
Lead Organization	Central California Workforce Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Adam Peck
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2019
Reporting Period	April 1st – June 30th 2019

The Central California Workforce Collaborative's (CCWC) partnership with the California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation (CCVEDC) continues during this quarter and major accomplishments include the publication of spotlight newsletters for five of the eight counties in the Region. The remaining three county spotlights are in the works. Spotlight reports publicize a wealth of information about the county and are widely distributed locally, regionally, and throughout the State.

The Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Council, led by the Fresno WDB via subcontract through Merced, is actively accepting applications to expand the ETPL list of approved training providers operating in the SJVAC Region.

CCWC members were scheduled to meet twice during this quarter. The April 19, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to a schedule conflict for most of the members. The May 31, 2019 meeting was held with extensive collaboration on agenda items 4 – 7 regarding P2E planning and implementation grants; Regional Career Ladders work which is continuing into RPI 2.0; updates on Regional activities, reports, and training, and the status of deliverables with the CCEVDC contract. CCWC members participated in an activity during the meeting which was facilitated by WIB of Tulare County staff in connection with the Central Valley Industry Engagement Roundtable project. Comprehensive strategies for engagement were identified and clustered into categories for further development.

SJVAC RPU received a letter on April 19, 2019 from Tim Rainey, Executive Director, approving the Regional Plan Modification submitted on March 13, 2019.

Work Group	Workforce Development
Partnership Staff Liaison	Eduardo González
Lead Organization	Central California Workforce Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Adam Peck
Quarter	3rd Quarter 2019
Reporting Period	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – September 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019

Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) members met twice during this quarter on July 12 and August 23, 2019. Extensive discussion and collaboration were notable regarding the SJVAC RPU goals and performance evaluation. These discussions prepared directors and staff to discuss areas recommended for regional technical assistance at a later CCWC meeting on October 4, 2019 with Ken Barnes, Corporation for Skilled Workforce. Mr. Barnes has been contracted by CWA to report on the regional plan implementation for the state’s regions.

Extensive coordination of Prison to Employment (P2E) planning and implementation grants occurred during the quarter.

The Career Ladders multimedia work continued into Regional Plan Implementation (RPI) 2.0 and nearly complete; regional activities, reports, and training, and the final products from CCEVDC contract were accomplished during the fourth quarter.

CCWC continues RPI 1.0 work product into the RPI 2.0 and Regional Training Coordinator (RTC) and Regional Organizer (RO). The Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Council and Business Engagement Communities of Practice are two examples of work that continue to be implemented.

The ETPL Council, led by the Fresno WDB is actively accepting applications to expand the ETPL list of approved training providers operating in the San Joaquin Valley Region.

Our partnership with the California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation (CCVEDC) continues, and during this quarter, major accomplishments include the publication of exceptional spotlight newsletters for all eight counties in the Region. The spotlight reports publicize a wealth of information about the county and are widely distributed locally, regionally, and throughout the State.

The Career Ladder template project will be completed by contractor VRTS with customization for individual use by each Workforce Development Board (WDB) in the Region. The templates were previewed at the October 4, 2019 CCWC meeting, and the remaining edits, and fine tuning were identified. The final templates will publish prior to the end of the remaining three months.

Training for identified staff members will also be conducted so that the templates may continue to be customized at the local level. The Career Ladder templates focus on occupations in the five demand sectors chosen by the Region. The Career Ladders are populated with listings including labor market information for each WDB and the careers in question. The ETPL training related to the career is also highlighted.

Workforce development staff from eight San Joaquin Valley workforce development boards met on August 28, 2019 to launch the Central Valley Industry Engagement Roundtable (CVIER). At this meeting, participants made commitments to ensure a successful roundtable, and began to identify tasks to be accomplished by four priority Communities of Practice: labor market information, rapid response, incumbent worker training, and sector partnerships.

A customer-centered design for business services/industry engagement training for the CVEIR will take place on October 8, 2019 from 10:00-3:00pm at the Edison Education Center in Tulare.

During the Central Valley Rapid Response Roundtable on October 10, 2019 the CVIER will propose to replace the January 9th Central Valley Rapid Response Roundtable meeting with a new format to accommodate the needs of the CVIER.



California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

## 2020 Partnership Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2020

DATE	COUNTY
March 20th	Merced
June 19th	Tulare
September 18th	San Joaquin
December 11th	Fresno

\*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.