



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 19, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meeting Contact:
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Location:

Virtual Meeting

General public, please register at the link below:

https://fresnostate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hgOC3Fp8SpGDUSF7wE12Ow

AGENDA June 19, 2020		
Item		
I.	Convene Meeting & Introductory Remarks	Chairman Vito Chiesa
II.	Consent Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes • Letters of Support • Community Correspondence 	Eduardo González
III.	Partnership Priority #7 – Health Panel Discussion Topic: State and Local Health Officials updates on COVID 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathleen Harriman PhD, MPH, Chief, Vaccine Preventable Disease Epidemiology Section California Department of Public Health • Kristin J. Cummings, MD, MPH, Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS) Chief, Occupational Health Branch California Department of Public Health • Julie Vaishampayan, MD, MPH, Stanislaus County Public Health Officer • Timothy Lutz, MBA, Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) • Jim Suennen, Associate Secretary, External Affairs, California Health and Human Services Agency, (Moderator) • Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, District 2, (Moderator) 	Chairman Chiesa

IV.	Partnership Priority #5– Regional Industry Clusters Panel Discussion Topic: COVID 19 economic impact (State level view). How food and Ag have adapted and what is the biggest challenges as we continue towards economic recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irena Asmundson, PhD, Chief Economist, California Department of Finance • Fred Ruiz, Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Ruiz Foods • Hernan Hernandez, Executive Director of the California Farmworker Foundation • Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, District 2, (Moderator) 	Chairman Chiesa
V.	Partnership Priority #6 – Broadband Panel Discussion Topic: San Joaquin Valley Broadband amid the COVID 19 pandemic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves, MS, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) • California State Senator Anna Caballero, representing the 12th State Senate District • California State Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula, representing the 31st Assembly District • Gladys N. Palpallatoc, Associate Vice President, California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) • Robert Tse, Senior Policy Advisor at USDA, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service, Assistant Administrator's Office for Telecom • Eduardo González, SJV Regional Broadband Consortium, (Moderator) 	Eduardo González
VI.	Public and Board Comments	Public and Board
VII.	Adjournment	Chairman Chiesa



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, December 13, 2019

10 am – 3 pm

MEETING MINUTES

I. Convene Meeting, Introductory Remarks

Chairman Vito Chiesa called the Fourth Quarter 2019 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) called to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Samaritan Village Almond and Walnut Ballrooms 7700 Fox Road Hughson, CA 95326

Board members present were James Aleru, Vito Chiesa, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Carlton Jones, Dan Leavitt, Luisa Medina, Andrew Mendoza, Adam Peck, Mary Renner, Karen Ross, Scott Silveira,

Board Deputies present were Melinda Grant, Jim Suennen

Advisory Board members present were Glenda Humiston, and Robert Tse

II. Recognition of Dignitaries and Sponsors

Recognition of Dignitaries and Sponsors Samaritan Village – Daniel Aguilar, President & CEO TBD – Hughson City Council and Mayor

III. Oath of Office

Karen Ross gave the oath to Scott Silveira, Supervisor, Merced County

IV. Public and Board Comments

Chairman Chiesa invited comments from the Board and the public.

Paul BK gave an update on the Programs that are in their next cycle and very important to the Valley. The Trade Quarter Enhancement Program will be adopting the guidelines in March and at that time the funding cycle will open up. Local Partnership Programs (SelfHelp) we encourage everyone to please get involved.

Our Act of Transportation safe route to school has done very well and we continue to work with California Walks, which now has established a contact person for anyone needing assistance (Esther Rivera). Please get in contact with her to get those grants that are out there and available. Our current challenges are transportation and infrastructure. The needs are great, but revenue is still less than the needs. The state is currently updating their freight guidelines and plans, this is critical for the valley.

Glenda Humiston - gave an update on the Economic Value of California working Landscapes which was released at the California Summit.

Ismael Herrera - gave an update and an invite to support the Broadband for all and to consider joining the Prosperity Strategy currently working with our State representatives and invite the Partnership/Board Members to consider joining the California stewardship in which the network currently has 14 members.

Rosa Deleon Stanislaus Council and Government - gave an update on SB 101.

V. Consent Calendar

No action taken due to lack of quorum

VI. Legislative Update

Briana Gonzalez, District Representative, U.S. Representative – gave an update on the Education of Labor Committee.

Jose Harder, CA-10 – Agriculture committee and workforce readiness for students in the Central Valley and goal to making education affordable.

Jennifer Hidalgo, Field Representative, California State – gave an update on the new cycle starts on January 6, 2020. Working on the following bills: SB25 California Environmental Quality Act, affordable housing, SB386 California Renewals – Irrigation District, SB472 Money Transition Act and SB567 Nurses Compensation.

VII. Partnership Priority #6 – Broadband

Topic: Broadband and 21st Century Flight Education

- Keith Berghold, CEO Regenerate California Innovation, Inc.
- Joseph Oldham, New Vision Aviation
- Sophia Munoz, Broadband Services Advisor, CalOES
- Shelly McMahon, Telecommunications Systems Manager, CalOES
- Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO, California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)
- Miguel Lopez, San Joaquin Valley Broadband Preferred Scenario

Presentation on Valley EV Aviation Startup Companies provided a Youtube video on Liliium Jet current startup company. Stem Education and feasibility studies.

- Sophia Munoz and Shelly McMahon- Office of Emergency Services in Broadband Services Division – 1st Net is the nationwide public safety Broadband network for 1st responders and CalBSU connecting the technology.
- Sunne Wright McPeak – provided information about technology and the need to support Economic Prosperity and Broadband for all.
- Miguel Lopez – gave updates on 5 different elements achieved and will have a plan by February 2020 completed. Also working on AgPlus along with the feasibility and the expansion of Broadband in the West Valley. Asking for everyone to help build this partnership and join applications due by April 18, 2020.

VIII. Lunch

IX. Partnership Priority #7 – Health

Topic: Homelessness,

- Timothy Lawless, Chief, Housing and Homeless Bureau at the California Department of Social Services
- Melinda Grant, Undersecretary at the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Focus on Prevention

- Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer, Stanislaus County
- Terry Withrow, Stanislaus County Supervisor District 3
- Ruben Imperial, Focus on Prevention Project Manager

Timothy Lawless and Melinda Grant – spoke on the homeless data and programs available, The State is showing 70% unsheltered and for the San Joaquin Valley 6% Homeless Population in 2018, Funding opportunities available such as (Homeless Housing) for eligible users. Social Service Programs are now established in all countries. Other programs available: Home Safe Program for Seniors and Emergency Shelter for low income families.

Terry Withrow, Ruben Imperial and Jody Hayes – talked about what they have done on the homelessness program in Stanislaus County and how they have established a Homeless Summit.

X. Partnership Priority #2 – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding

Topic: ValleyGo/Valley Flex

- Caroline Rodier, Associate Director, Urban Land Use and Transportation Center, UC Davis
- Hayley Vieyra, Director of Mobility, MOVE

Caroline Rodier and Hayley Vieyra – spoke on how new development projects might make use of some transportation and housing developments. Echo System in San Joaquin Valley in which rural communities will have access and Mobility alternatives for the poor and funding through Caltrans as a service application to invest in economically disadvantaged communities by providing Electric Vehicles. Counties can now apply for these funding through the end of 2020.

XI. Public and Board Comments

Scott Silveira – Thanked everyone for all the valuable information provided today.

Eduardo Gonzalez mentioned that we are missing some photos on the Website, please provide at your earliest convenience.

XII. Adjournment

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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Letters of Support

SJRRRC/Caltrans Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP)



California Partnership for the
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June 15, 2020

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC)/California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) FY 2020 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), is writing in support of the SJRRRC/Caltrans FY 2020 TCEP grant application for the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project. Funding of this request will allow SJRRRC/Caltrans to leverage other State funds to construct a transformative rail infrastructure project to improve safety on the freight network, increase the efficiency of freight and passenger rail movement, provide improved access from the Port of Stockton to national and worldwide markets, and facilitate continued economic growth and competitiveness in the greater Central Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Stockton Diamond is the busiest, most congested at-grade railway junction in California. The current, at-grade configuration of the track results in significant delays to Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and BNSF Railway (BNSF) freight trains serving their nationwide networks and the Port of Stockton, as well as other freight and passenger trains in the area. These delays make the Stockton Diamond the worst freight rail bottleneck in California, inhibiting the expansion of the Amtrak San Joaquins and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) service through the Bay Area/Central Valley region and limiting the capacity of the Port of Stockton for growth.

The Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project will grade separate the two north-south UPRR mainline tracks from the two east-west BNSF mainline tracks. Project scope also

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includes bike, pedestrian, and roadway improvements at ten at-grade local road crossings in the City of Stockton, enhancing safety and access for residents.

There are numerous benefits to the public as well, including:

- Facilitating expansion of ACE and Amtrak San Joaquins services
- Improved reliability of ACE and Amtrak San Joaquins services
- Travel time savings from a reduction in freight delays
- Fuel cost savings from a reduction in idling
- Greater efficiency for freight rail movement
- Improved air quality in a disadvantaged area of Downtown Stockton
- Reduced blockage and delays for pedestrians and motorists at key local road crossings
- Improved access to the Port of Stockton

SJRRC/Caltrans are requesting \$100 million in TCEP funding for the construction of the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project (\$40 million from statewide TCEP funds and \$60 million from regional corridor TCEP funds). At an estimated total cost of \$237 million, the TCEP award will be matched by additional State funding (SB-132 and ITIP) that have already been secured toward project completion.

Given the many public and private benefits associated with this project for the Bay Area/Central Valley region, The Partnership urges the California Transportation Commission to approve SJRRC's TCEP grant application. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Respectfully,



Vito Chiesa
Board Chair



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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

* 2020 meetings will be adjusted due to COVID-19 crisis

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.