



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 18, 2020

10 am – 12:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

I. Convene Meeting, Introductory Remarks

Chairman Vito Chiesa called the Third Quarter 2020 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) called to order at 10:04 a.m. via Zoom.

Board members present were Lynne Ashbeck, Steve Bestolarides, Vito Chiesa, DeeDee D'Adamo, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Lee Ann Eager, John Eisenhut, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Mark Ghaly (Jim Suennen), Genoveva Islas, Ellen Junn, Dan Leavitt, Luisa Medina, Adam Peck, Patty Poire, Mary Renner, Lourdes Castro Ramírez (Melinda Grant), Karen Ross, Luis Santana, Scott Silveira and Cherylee Wegman

Board Deputies present were Arturo Barajas, Melinda Grant, Jim Suennen

Advisory Board members present were Glenda Humiston, and Robert Tse

Staff Members present were Eduardo González and Cynthia De Leon Velasco

II. Consent Calendar

Chairman Chiesa called for a motion to approve the minutes as published.

The motion was made by Luisa Medina and seconded by Scott Silveira. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Partnership Priority #7 - Health

Topic: COVID 19 Update

- **Trudy Raymundo**, California Department of Public Affairs – COVID 19 Response Team Lead, External Affairs

Introduction of blueprint for reopening (County) using lessons learned, assessment of risk factors and explanation of the tiers. Emphasis on health equity: Being mindful of disproportionate effects on communities of color and resources being published in multiple languages. Improvements being seen in testing turnaround times.

Invited a conversation about coming up with an overarching strategy for testing in the San Joaquin Valley.

IV. Partnership Priority #7 – Health

Topic: Grimm Family Education Foundation, Wellness Wednesdays

- **R J Valentino**, President, Grimm Family Education Foundation
- **Raj Cheshire**, Operations and Community Coordinator, Edible Schoolyard Kern County

Using gardens and kitchens to facilitate educational achievement in rural communities. Collaborating with health and educational partners to highlight and promote wellness.

V. Partnership Priority #1 – Water Supply & Quality

Topic: Developing a Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley

- **Scott Hamilton**, Chairman, Technical Committee for the Blueprint

Developing a blueprint for solutions to ground water sustainability to disadvantaged communities balancing economic and environmental issues. How to provide water without negatively impacting agriculture or endangered species (fish).

VI. Public and Board Comments

Dan Leavitt thanked the board for their support of the applications for Stockton projects. Received notice of award for rail project.

Melinda Grant gave an update for AB 3088 Protections for tenants and homeowners. Campaign called Housingiskey.com has been launched for more information.

Jim Suennen gave a reminder that the Census deadline is only a few days away. Urge constituency to go to [Census.ca.gov](https://census.ca.gov) to insure California gets its fair share of resources.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Chiesa and Eduardo González thanked all Board members and meeting hosts for their time and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.