

Chair
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Supervisor Vito Chiesa
Stanislaus County

San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

Friday, August 22, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Members of the Policy Council may participate via video teleconference at the following locations:

Fresno Council of Governments

2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Madera County Transportation Commission

2001 Howard Road., Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Stanislaus Council of Governments

1111 I Steet, Suite 308
Modesto, CA 95354

Kern County Administration Building

1115 Truxtun Ave # 504
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Madera County

200 W. 4th St., Ste. 4006
Madera, CA 93637

Kern Council of Governments

1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Merced County Association of Governments

369 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Stanislaus County

1010 10th Street, 6th Floor Lobby
Modesto, CA 95354

McFarland Veterans Community Center

103 W. Sherwood Ave.
McFarland, CA 93250

Kings County Association of Governments

339 W. D Street, Suite B
Lemoore, CA 93245

San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 E. Weber Avenue, Suite 400
Stockton, CA 95202

Tulare County Association of Governments

210 N. Church Street, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291

Avenal City Hall

919 Skyline Blvd
Avenal, CA 93204

Public members may participate at any of the above locations or remotely via Zoom. Please contact Georgiena Vivian at (559) 259-9257 or gvivian@vrpatechnologies.com prior to the meeting to determine which physical locations will be utilized.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84662342467?pwd=nyDzfCtsgSNq8Ctwya4SjRdavKOmiX.1>

Meeting ID: 846 6234 2467

Passcode: 710536

Agenda Item	Speaker	Enclosure
A. CALL TO ORDER	Chair	☐
B. ROLL CALL	Georgiena Vivian	☐



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Governments

San Joaquin Valley
Air Pollution
Control District

San Joaquin
Joint Powers
Authority



San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

Roll Call

SJVPC	First Name	Last Name	Title	Agency	Present (Y/N)
Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)					
Member	Gary	Yep	Councilmember, District 1	City of Kerman	
Member	Alma	Beltran	Mayor	City of Parlier	
Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)					
Member	Saul	Ayon	Mayor	City of McFarland	
Member	David	Couch	Supervisor, 4 th District	County of Kern	
Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)					
Member	Alvaro	Preciado	Mayor	City of Avenal	
Member	Doug	Verboon	Supervisor, District 3	County of Kings	
Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)					
Member	Robert	Poythress	Supervisor, District 3	County of Madera	
Member	Jose	Rodriguez	Councilmember, District 2	City of Madera	
Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)					
Member – Chair	Daron	McDaniel	Supervisor, District 3	County of Merced	
Member	Pat	Nagy	Mayor	City of Gustine	
San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)					
Member	Robert	Rickman	Supervisor, District 5	County of San Joaquin	
Member	Gary	Singh	Mayor, At-Large	City of Manteca	
Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)					
Member – Vice Chair	Vito	Chiesa	Supervisor, District 2	County of Stanislaus	
Member	Rosa	Escutia-Braaton	Councilmember, District 1	City of Modesto	
Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)					
Member	Dennis	Townsend	Supervisor, District 5	County of Tulare	
Member	Rudy	Mendoza	Mayor	City of Woodlake	
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)					
Member	Samir	Sheikh	Executive Director	SJVAPCD	
San Joaquin Powers Authority (SJPA)					
Member	Ahdel	Ahmed	Public Relations Manager	SJPA	

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2025, Meeting	Chair	☒
D. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS		
1. State Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update	Gus Khouri	☐
2. Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update		
a. Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update	Jen Covino	☒
b. ACTION: 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Federal Legislative Platform	Jen Covino	☒
c. Policy Council Speaker Assignments – 2025 Valley Voice, Washington, D.C., Federal Legislative and Department Sessions	Jen Covino	☐
3. ACTION: Approve the Final 2025/26 San Joaquin Valley Regional Agencies Overall Work Program, Budget, and Meeting Schedule	Georgiena Vivian	☒
E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS	Chair	☐
The following items are for informational purposes only and require no action. Individuals noted will be present to provide a verbal update.		
1. 2025 Valley Voice Washington, D.C. Trip - Planning Status	Georgiena Vivian	☐
F. OTHER ITEMS		
1. Executive Committee Report	Chair	☐
2. Executive Directors' Committee Report	Stacie Guzman	☐
3. Policy Council Member Comments	Members	☐
G. PUBLIC COMMENT		
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public comment will be allowed during the Discussion Items above.		
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H. ADJOURN	Chair	☐

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Other Meeting Participants

Yes	No	Director Agency	Yes	No	Director Agency
☐	☐	Jay Schlosser Kern COG	☐	☐	Gus Khouri Khouri Consulting
☐	☐	Becky Napier Kern COG	☐	☐	Mitch Weiss Khouri Consulting
☐	☐	Rob Ball Kern COG	☐	☐	Jen Covino Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☐	Ted Smalley TCAG	☐	☐	David Gellman Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☐	Ben Kimball TCAG	☐	☐	Sommer Sison Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☐	Steven Ingoldsby TCAG	☐	☐	Aly Hernandez Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☐	Roberto Brady TCAG	☐	☐	Georgiena Vivian SJV Coordinator VRPA Technologies
☐	☐	Terri King KCAG	☐	☐	Carolina Ilic VRPA Technologies
☐	☐	Robert Phipps Fresno COG Vice Chair, Directors' Committee	☐	☐	Dena Graham VRPA Technologies
☐	☐	Paul Herman Fresno COG	☐	☐	Samer Shaath CHSRA
☐	☐	Ofelia Abundez Fresno COG	☐	☐	Toni Tinoco CHSRA
☐	☐	Simran Jhutti Fresno COG	☐	☐	Peter Whippy CHSRA
☐	☐	Brenda Thomas Fresno COG	☐	☐	Michael Navarro Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Patricia Taylor MCTC	☐	☐	Nabeelah Abi-Rached Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Dylan Stone MCTC	☐	☐	Braden Duran Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Jeff Findley MCTC	☐	☐	Grace Magsayo Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Stacie Guzman Chair, Directors' Committee MCAG	☐	☐	Eric Mather Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Elizabeth Forte MCAG	☐	☐	Tom Dumas Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Meg Prince MCAG	☐	☐	Duper Tong Caltrans, D10
☐	☐	Elisabeth Hahn StanCOG	☐	☐	Gurwinder Sekhon Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Jose Luis Caceres StanCOG	☐	☐	Caleb Brock Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Monica Streeter StanCOG	☐	☐	Bill Higgins CALCOG
☐	☐	Nick St. Cook StanCOG	☐	☐	Sabrina Bradbury CALCOG
☐	☐	Diane Nguyen SJCOG	☐	☐	Gregory McAteer CALCOG
☐	☐	Ryan Niblock SJCOG	☐	☐	Vincenzo Caporale CALCOG
☐	☐	Kim Anderson SJCOG	☐	☐	Linda Launer City of Dinuba TCAG
☐	☐	Samir Sheikh SJVAPCD			
☐	☐	Mark Montelongo SJVAPCD			
☐	☐	Morgan Lambert SJVAPCD			
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