

San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council

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REGIONAL POLICY COUNCIL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 3:00 PM

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MEETING ORGANIZER

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Draft Minutes

Members Attending:

Judy Case, County of Fresno, Fresno COG	Mike Nelson, County of Merced, MCAG
Michael Rubio, County of Kern, Kern COG	Chuck Winn, City of Ripon, SJCOG
Sid Craighead, City of Avenal, Kings CAG	Farrell Jackson, City of Oakdale, StanCOG
Max Rodriguez, County of Madera, MCTC	Jeff Grover, County of Stanislaus, Stan COG
Jim Kopshever, City of Chowchilla, MCTC	Paul Boyer, City of Farmersville, TCAG
Bill Spriggs, City of Merced, MCAG	

Others Attending:

Tony Boren, Fresno COG	Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Suzanne Martinez, Fresno COG	

1. Open Meeting

A. Action: Roll Call

Suzanne Martinez (Fresno COG) administered roll call. There was a quorum present.

B. Action: Open for Public Comments for Any Item Not on the Agenda.

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes. *Note: The general public may comment on Listed agenda items as they are considered.*

There were no public comments.

2. Resolution to Support ARRA Application for High Speed Rail]

Supervisor Michael Rubio (Chair) reported that as a follow-up to the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Meeting held September 14, 2009, each City and County in the San Joaquin Valley is being asked to adopt a resolution to support an ARRA application for California that includes the Central Valley component of the high speed rail system as recommended by HSRA staff at the September 4, 2009 HSR Authority meeting, specifically including non-urban segments of the system from Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sid Craighead (Kings) and seconded by Supervisor Max Rodriguez (Madera) to approve Resolution 2009-09-17, supporting the High Speed Rail for California. A vote was called for and the motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Case, Rubio, Craighead, Rodriguez, Spriggs, Nelson, Winn, Jackson, Grover, Boyer. NOES: Kopshever. ABSTAIN: None.

3. Other Items of Interest

Judy Case reported that the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors took this issue up on Tuesday (September 15, 2009) and decided to delay the vote on this issue until a

conversion could take place with Mr. Pringle. Officially, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors has not yet taken a position.

Bill Spriggs reported that Mayor Pringle is now in agreement with staff's recommendation.

Chairman Rubio confirmed for Tony Boren (Fresno COG) that the HSR delegation was still scheduled to meet a half hour before the HSR Meeting in Sacramento on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 in order to orchestrate the HSR presentation.