

**AGENDA**  
**2022**  
**Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**  
**Roundtable Committees**

**DATE: February 25, 2021**  
**Time: 10-11:30am**

**Location: ZOOM**

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**A. Call to Order and Welcome**

**B. Public Comments**

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**C. Action: Minutes of the January 28, 2021 Meeting**

**D. Discussion-SCS/Demographic Forecast Update – Roberto Bandy**

**E. Update on EIR Preparation – Gabriel Gutierrez**

**F. Discussion of RTP Policies – Ben Kimball**

**Adjourn**

Adjourn as the RTP/SCS Roundtable Committee and convene as the Rural Communities Committee.

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**Rural Communities Committee**  
**(RTP-RC Committee)**

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**Adjourn**

Adjourn as the RTP Rural Communities Committee. The Regional Housing Needs Advisory Committee will not convene.

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**NOTE: No Regional Housing Needs Advisory Committee Items are scheduled for the Meeting.**

The next scheduled RTP/SCS Roundtable Committee, the Rural Communities Committee, and Regional Housing Needs Advisory Committee meeting will be held March 25, 2021 via Zoom or at the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Sequoia Conference Room, Visalia, CA 93291.

| <b>Agency</b>   | <b>Representative</b>                                    |
|---|--|
| <b>County of Tulare</b>   | Aaron Bock   |
| <b>Dinuba</b>   | Crystal Flores   |
| <b>Exeter</b>   | Lisa Wallis-Dutra (RTP Vice Chair)                       |
| <b>Farmersville</b>   | Lisa Wallis-Dutra (Rural Communities Chair)              |
| <b>Lindsay</b>  | Michael Camarena (Rural Communities Vice Chair)          |
| <b>Porterville</b>  | Jason Ridenour (RHNA Committee Vice Chair)               |
| <b>City of Tulare</b>   | Mike Miller  |
| <b>Visalia</b>  | Nick Mascia  |
| <b>Woodlake</b>   | Rebecca Griswold   |
| <b>LAFCo</b>  | Julie Allen  |
| <b>Public Transportation</b>                                      | Richard Tree, Dan Fox                                    |
| <b>Agriculture</b>  | Vacant   |
| <b>Environmental Advocate</b>                                     | Adam Livingston (Sequoia Riverland Trust)<br>(RTP Chair) |
| <b>Bicycle/Pedestrian advocate</b>                                | Mark Wall (Southern Sierra Cyclists)                     |
| <b>Health Advocate</b>  | Vacant   |
| <b>Goods Movement</b>   | Vacant   |
| <b>Disabled Access/ADA</b>  | Vacant   |
| <b>SJV Air District</b>   | Vacant   |
| <b>Caltrans, District 6</b>                                       | David Deel   |
| <b>Tribal Governments</b>   | Vacant   |
| <b>Building/Development</b>                                       | Mike Lane  |
| <b>Environmental Justice Community</b>                            | Blanca Escobedo  |
| <b>Banking, finance or real estate</b>                            | Vacant   |
| <b>Affordable Housing Advocate</b>                                | Betsy McGovern-Garcia (RHNA Committee Chair)             |
| <b>Broad-based business or economic development organizations</b> | Vacant   |
| <b>At-Large 1</b>   | Vacant   |
| <b>At-Large 2</b>   | Vacant   |

**Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable  
(RTP Roundtable)  
Minutes- January 28, 2021**

Tulare County Association of Governments  
210 North Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291

| <b>Positions</b>   | <b>Name</b>                                  | <b>Subcommittees</b>              | <b>Attendance</b> |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| County of Tulare   | Aaron Bock                                   | RNHA, RC                          | P                 |
| Dinuba   | Crystal Flores                               | RHNA, RC                          | N                 |
| Exeter   | Lisa Wallis-Dutra                            | RTP Vice Chair,<br>RHNA, RC Chair | N                 |
| Farmersville   | Lisa Wallis-Dutra-                           | RTP Vice Chair,<br>RHNA, RC Chair | N                 |
| Lindsay  | Michael Camarena                             | RHNA, RC Vice<br>Chair            | P                 |
| Porterville  | Jason Ridenour                               | RHNA Committee<br>Vice Chair, RC  | P                 |
| City of Tulare   | Mike Miller                                  | RHNA, RC                          | P                 |
| Visalia  | Nick Mascia                                  | RHNA, RC                          | P                 |
| Woodlake   | Rebecca Griswold                             | RHNA, RC                          | P                 |
| LAFCo  | Julie Allen                                  | RTP Roundtable                    | P                 |
| Public Transportation  | Richard Tree, Dan Fox                        | RTP Roundtable                    | P                 |
| Environmental Advocate   | Adam Livingston (Sequoia Riverland<br>Trust) | RTP Chair, RC                     | P                 |
| Bicycle/Pedestrian<br>advocate   | Mark Wall (Southern Sierra Cyclist)          | RC                                | P                 |
| Caltrans, District 6   | David Deel                                   | RC                                | P                 |
| Building/Development   | Mike Lane                                    | RHNA                              | N                 |
| Environmental Justice<br>Community   | Blanca Escobedo                              | RC                                | P                 |
| Affordable Housing<br>Advocate   | Betsy McGovern-Garcia                        | RHNA Chair                        | A                 |
| P=Present                      N= Not Present                      A= Alternate                      V= Vacant |  |                                   |                   |

**Others present:** Lorena Mendibles- Caltrans District 6, Jose Flores- Affordable Housing Advocate Alternate,

**TCAG Staff Present:** Benjamin Kimball, Gail Miller, Brideget Moore, Elizabeth Forte, Roberto Brady, Steven Ingoldsby, Kasia Poleszczuk, Holly Gallo, Derek Winning.

| <b>VACANT POSITIONS</b>             |        |                |   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------------|---|
| Broad-based business/Econ. Dev. Org | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |
| At-Large 1                          | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |
| At-Large 2                          | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |
| Agriculture                         | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |
| Health Advocate                     | Vacant | RC             | V |
| Goods Movement                      | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |
| Disabled Access/ADA                 | Vacant | RC             | V |
| SJV Air District                    | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |
| Tribal Governments                  | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |
| Banking, finance or real estate     | Vacant | RTP Roundtable | V |

## **RTP/SCS Minutes**

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### **A. Call to Order and Welcome**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Livingston at 10:03 a.m. on January 28, 2021.

### **B. Public Comments**

Public comments opened/closed at 10:06 a.m. No public comments noted.

### **C. Action: Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Meeting**

Upon motion by Member Wall and second by Julie Allen, the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **D. Discussion-Draft Scenarios Concepts – Roberto Brady**

Mr. Kimball stated that the RTP Roundtable was in the initial stages and that the draft scenarios played a major role in what happened later. He shared that the TCAG Modeling team played an intricate role in the process.

Mr. Brady shared a presentation explaining the growth forecast – the blueprint scenario, the SCS, land use and blueprint goals. He went on to describe trend, blueprint and blueprint plus.

Mr. Brady described the process of scenario planning strategies, normative and explorative process.

He reviewed the next steps of reviewing data collected, putting together a growth forecast and data collection and review normative targets. Mr. Brady explained the ambitious GHG targets and ongoing issues with meeting those targets.

Mr. Brady stated that he would present on demographic forecast in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding water supply and reflection of such on the growth forecast. Member Allen referenced the LAFCo website for material to review in the annual LAFCo report. Mr. Brady stated that he would send the presented information out to the RTP group for review after the meeting.

### **E. Update on EIR Consultant Selection – Gabriel Gutierrez**

Mr. Kimball shared that Mr. Gutierrez was assigned to the item and looking to have a draft by the New Year and the consultant would be working on an Environmental Justice study that would inform the document and that would inform the analysis.

Ms. Forte stated that TCAG recently procured Raimi + Associates with whom they had one kick off meeting. The agency has worked with TCAG and in Tulare County before. She shared that they would join the roundtable at some point, but the process was just beginning.

#### **F. Update Public Participation Plan/Tribal Public Participation Plan**

Mr. Kimball stated that there was a separate Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the Tribe and expressed the desire to really focus on the unique needs that exist. He reiterated the board and committee opportunities for the Tribe to participate and how TCAG had reached out to the Tribe to do outreach and various projects.

Tribe representatives wanted more time to review the plan and more time to staff some of the committees, so the public comment period was extended. Mr. Kimball went on to explain that TCAG's partners at FHWA and Caltrans had been instrumental in making it happen and the Tribe partners with the City of Porterville as well. Board action on the plan is expected in February.

Ms. Moore discussed the Board meeting and the public hearing where public comments were heard. Additionally, she provided an update on public engagement software implementation for TCAG.

#### **Adjourn as the RTP/SCS Roundtable Committee and convene as the Rural Communities Committee.**

Member Allen made a motion to adjourn the RTP/SCS meeting and Member Wall seconded at 11:01 a.m. and convened as the Rural Communities Committee.

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**Minutes**  
**2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**  
**Rural Communities Committee**  
**(RTP-RC Committee)**

#### **A. Call to Order and Welcome**

The RTP-RC Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Camarena at 11:02a.m. on January 28, 2021.

#### **B. Action: Approval of the November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

After review and upon motion by Member Escobedo and second by Member Ridenour, the November minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **C. Public Participation Plan- Discuss Outreach Plans**

Mr. Kimball discussed looking at the PPP through the lens of disadvantaged communities, not only did he want to get the committees thoughts on the previous presentation, but gather ideas moving forward. He went on to say that TCAG believed this component was key to moving forward to disadvantaged communities in the planning process and wanted to make sure that it

was being done in a way that represented constituents properly. Mr. Kimball stated that TCAG did not want it to only be for rural unincorporated communities, but all disadvantaged in some way and welcomed ideas, best practices and strategies that have worked well in the communities of the committee members.

Discussion ensued regarding various strategies such as a standing voicemail hotline where members of the public can leave feedback that can possibly be reviewed and implemented. Kaweah Water Foundation and various other board are doing this because timing of their meetings may not be convenient for people to attend. Additional suggestions for posting on social media in Spanish about public meetings and events and use of trusted public community leaders to carry messages forward.

**Adjourn as the RTP/SCS Rural Communities Committee.**

The Committee adjourned as the RTP/SCS RC Committee at 11:10 am.

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No Regional Housing Needs Advisory Meeting was held on January 28, 2021.

**Adjourn**

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