



Minutes of Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the California Vanpool Authority was called to order by Joe Neves, Board member at 10:00am on November 19, 2017, in the conference room of CalVans, 1340 North Drive, Hanford, CA 93230.

California Vanpool Authority Members

- AMBAG – Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- Fresno COG – Fresno Council of Governments
- ICTC – Imperial County Transportation Commission
- Kern COG – Kern Council of Governments
- KCAG – Kings County Association of Governments
- MCAG – Merced County Association of Governments
- MCTC – Madera County Transportation Commission
- RCTC – Riverside County Transportation Commission
- SBCAG – Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- SJCOG – San Joaquin Council of Governments
- TCAG – Tulare County Association of Governments
- VCTC – Ventura County Transportation Commission

1. Call to Order

Roll Call – Clerk of the Board

Area of Representation	Commissioner	Present	Absent	Joined Meeting after Roll Call
AMBAG	Steve McShane – Primary	X		
Fresno COG	Ray Leon – Primary		X	
ICTC	Jim Predmore – Alternate		X	
Kern Cog	Cheryl Wegman – Primary		X	
KCAG	Joe Neves – Primary	X		
MCAG	Rodrigo Espinoza – Primary		X	
MCTC	Robert Poythress- Primary	X		
RCTC	Steven Hernandez – Primary		X	
SBCAG	Jim Richardson – Primary	X		
SJCOG	Charles Winn – Primary		X	
TCAG	Greg Gomez– Primary	X		
VCTC	James White – Primary	X		

Counsel present: Aubrey Mauritson

Technical Advisory Staff: Teresa Nickell (KCAG)

Staff/Visitors in attendance: Ron Hughes, Baldev Randhawa, and Katie Anaya from CalVans.

2. Unscheduled Appearances:

No unscheduled appearances.

3. Consent Calendar

- A. Minutes of September 13, 2017
- B. List of Surplus Vehicles

Motion Made By:	James White		
2nd Motion By:	Steve McShane		
Motion (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
Commissioner	Yea	Nay	Abstain

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Steve McShane	X		
Ray Leon – Primary			Absent
Jim Predmore			Absent
Cheryl Wegman			Absent
Joe Neves	X		
Rodrigo Espinoza			Absent
Robert Poythress	X		
Steven Hernandez			Absent
Jim Richardson	X		
Charles Winn			Absent
Greg Gomez	X		
James White	X		

4. System Update

A. Farmworker Van Ridership Trends

Last month, Staff was invited to participate in a panel discussion with the Farm Bureau offices in Sacramento. The discussion covered the rising use of H-2A workers in the agricultural industry. With 25% of our farm labor vans carrying H-2A workers, CalVans has become a large component of the transportation aspects of the migration policy. Increased H-2A usage also trends with an increase of employer-provided vouchers. 85% of our farm labor vans receive vouchers that cover the transportation cost.

B. Cap & Trade, Low Carbon Transportation Project Allocations

The RFP process is underway for the anticipated FY16-17 and FY17-18 funds set aside for agricultural vanpools in the San Joaquin Valley. With a 25% match, CalVans anticipates to use the \$6 million awarded by the California Air Resources Board to purchase up to 150 vans in January or February of 2018. These 15-passenger GMC vans will be equipped with XL hybrid kids. Van usage outside of the San Joaquin Valley is permissible, provided the area need for vanpools has been fulfilled first.

C. Discussions with San Bernardino Council of Governments

San Bernardino Council of Governments is considering joining CalVans to replicate the recent program set-up in Riverside County. Staff has met with the council to discuss the program details.

D. Marketing and outreach efforts

Over the course of recent education efforts at the CA State Capitol, assembly members have expressed interest in attending our community events. Recently we attended a large event in Salinas, hosted by Premium Packing, where Anna Caballero, 30th District assembly member, presented certificates of recognition to five of Premium Packing’s consistent drivers. The event allowed drivers to share their own experiences about the CalVans program with her. As a community and education effort, Staff will continue to invite assembly members to events we host and attend.

5. Approve Agreement with Riverside County Transportation Commission

This agreement will provide \$400 vouchers to vanpools entering or leaving Riverside County. This is similar to the agreement with WSP USA INC (Sun Line Transit grant) that provides vouchers to the Eastern Riverside County (Coachella Valley area).

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2nd Motion By:	Robert Poythress		
Motion (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
Commissioner	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Steve McShane	X		
Ray Leon – Primary			Absent
Jim Predmore			Absent
Cheryl Wegman			Absent
Joe Neves	X		
Rodrigo Espinoza			Absent
Robert Poythress	X		
Steven Hernandez			Absent
Jim Richardson	X		
Charles Winn			Absent
Greg Gomez	X		

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James White	X		
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6. Approve partnership with Self-Help Enterprise in Visalia

This partnership will allow for a co-application to the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Grant to provide up to twenty vans at a housing project in Goshen.

Motion Made By:	Jim Richardson		
2nd Motion By:	Greg Gomez		
Motion (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
Commissioner	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Steve McShane	X		
Ray Leon – Primary			Absent
Jim Predmore			Absent
Cheryl Wegman			Absent
Joe Neves	X		
Rodrigo Espinoza			Absent
Robert Poythress	X		
Steven Hernandez			Absent
Jim Richardson	X		
Charles Winn			Absent
Greg Gomez	X		
James White	X		

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

8. NEXT MEETING DATE.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The December 14, 2017 meeting has been cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald H. Hughes
Executive Director

11/9/17