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REPRESENTING COUNTIES ALONG THE SAN JOAQUIN RAIL CORRIDOR

## SJVRC Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Stanford Room, California State Railroad Museum,

Sacramento, California

1. Call To Order By Chair Vito Chiesa at 1:20 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Chiesa
3. Welcoming Remarks by Paul Hammond, California State Parks and also by Mike Barnbaum, member of the public from Sacramento County
4. Roll Call by Facilitator Arthur Lloyd. 15 members present establishing a quorum.
5. Introductions were made throughout the room for all that were present at the meeting.
6. Approve Minutes of April 26, 2012 meeting. Moved, seconded and approved.
7. Public Comments: Mike Barnbaum asking about a correction the upcoming schedule. Jeffrey Tartaghia, public rider of the San Joaquin train. He stated that because he uses a walker, to make sure baggage on the trains does not get in the way of accessibility near the exit doors and the accessible restroom.  
Bob Snood, Kern COG, he announced that he has copies of the executive summary of a potential commuter rail in Kern County and how the effects of California High Speed Rail Authority will affect the ROW, as well as other operational issues.
8. Sacramento Valley Station Project and Rail Yards Project Update, Fran Halbakken and Hinda Chandler, City of Sacramento. Ms. Halbakken and Ms. Chandler gave updates about the relocation of the Sacramento station platforms on August 13, 2012. They showed a powerpoint presentation showing pictures of the station through the construction of the project. Ms. Chandler also stated that the old historic Southern Pacific rail shops are going to be renovated and be a part of the California State Railroad Museum. Ms. Chandler also stated that depot building will always be the transportation hub for ticketing, baggage and other Amtrak services into the future. Ms. Halbakken gave an update of how 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets will now be completed into the railyards. She also talked about the new traffic signal out of the station at 4<sup>th</sup> and I streets that allows better flow for those people driving out of the depot and onto northbound I-5.
9. San Joaquin Corridor JPA Subcommittee Update, Stacy Mortensen. Ms. Mortensen stated that the concept of regional governance of the route has been discussed off and on

since 1995. She stated that she made a presentation was made at the April meeting and suggested a subcommittee be formed to continue to talk about the issues.

10. GapTAC Subcommittee Update, Alan Miller. Mr Miller advised that there hasn't been any further work on the GapTAC subcommittee due to the Union Pacific Railroad(UP) continuing its current policy of no passenger trains over the Mojave Subdivision through Tehachapi.
11. Amtrak California Train Operations, Mike Edwards. Mr. Edwards gave an update of the train operations in the last quarter over the San Joaquin corridor. In April, the OTP was 90.3%. In May it was 89.5%. In June, the OTP was 85.3%.
12. Amtrak Government Affairs Update, Alex Khalfin. Mr. Khalfin provided an update of the Amtrak budget request for FFY 13. The House has passed a bill providing Amtrak with \$1.8 billion. The Senate's bill in committee in April provided \$1.45 billion. It is unclear when the full Senate will take up the bill.
13. Amtrak Operations Update, Anthony Chapa. Mr. Chapa provided info about the updated Customer Service Index (CSI) numbers for the last quarter. The June CSI score was 93%.
14. Caltrans Update and Past/Present/Future Track Work, Royce Gotcher. Mr. Gotcher advised that the State Budget has not changed at all into the State Fiscal Year. The admin draft of the State Rail Plan is going through comment right now. Mr. Gotcher also updated the group about the RFP for the new rail cars that will be delivered in the next several years through 2018. He stated Caltrans is slated to receive 42 new rail cars, at a procurement share of \$220 million. He also gave an update of the track work projects on the BNSF Railway to improve on-time reliability for the San Joaquin. \$240 million has been invested in track and signal in the San Joaquin valley in the past 20 years and this does not include any station capital projects throughout the valley.
15. Comet Cars Update, Brian Tsukamoto. Mr. Tsukamoto gave an update on when the two Comet Car consists will be coming out to California and put into service on the San Joaquin corridor. The cars will be delivered in December.
16. Amtrak Thruway Bus Operations, Barbara Ruditis. Ms. Ruditis gave an update on which bus routes have had their e-Ticketing already turned on and the schedule for the remaining bus routes when e-Ticketing will be turned on. She also stated when the next schedule updates will be.
17. Remarks by Chair Chiesa thanking Sacramento for its hospitality. The next SJVRC Meeting will be TBA, site TBA.
18. Adjournment at 3:53pm.