

San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee By Laws (Revised October 9, 2015)

2015 Amended By-Laws of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee

I. NAME

The name of this Committee shall be "San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee", hereinafter the Committee.

II. PURPOSE

As set forth in a motion that was accepted and passed at a meeting of the Committee on October 9, 2015, the Committee shall meet regularly to discuss and formulate plans, suggestions, and ideas for changes and improvements to passenger train service in the San Joaquin Rail Corridor and then pass on to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA); the Committee's generally agreed upon proposals for their consideration. The San Joaquin Rail Corridor is defined by tradition as beginning and ending at the Los Angeles Union Station in the south, passing through the San Joaquin Valley to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento at its northern termini.

III. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall consist of individuals appointed as Regular Members, and Alternates.

A. Regular Members. Each of the Counties invited to join the Committee shall have two (2) members to represent those County interests in the San Joaquin Rail Corridor rail passenger service. Regular Members must be a resident of the county they represent and cannot be an elected official. Regular Members cannot be staff of SJJPA Member Agencies or SJJPA staff. Each of the following Counties, together with those other Counties that may subsequently be formally invited by the Committee to join the Committee, shall have two (2) Regular Members: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Mariposa. The SJJPA may select up to four (4) additional Regular Members who reside in counties outside of the those counties listed above that are served by San Joaquin Thruway bus services and/or represent areas that could be served by future extensions of the San Joaquin (as indentified in the latest SJJPA Business Plan).

B. Alternate Members. While Regular Members are all encouraged to attend Committee meetings in person and not rely upon an Alternate Member, the SJJPA may appoint a person to be an Alternate Member for each county represented on the SJVRC. Alternate Members must be residents of the county they represent and cannot be elected officials. Alternate Members cannot be staff of SJJPA Member Agencies or SJJPA staff. Alternate Members can represent either Regular Member from their county (in their absence).

IV. VOTING

Voting at each Committee meeting shall be limited to Regular Members and their Alternates replacing an absent Regular Member.

V. TERM OF OFFICE

Regular Members and their respective Alternates shall be appointed by the SJJPA and shall serve terms as set forth by the SJJPA unless earlier withdrawn or replaced by written notice sent to the Committee Secretary in writing.

VI. QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of business shall not be less than half of the total of all then appointed Regular Members and those Alternates present and acting for an absent Regular Member.

VII. OFFICES

A. Committee officers shall include a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson must be Regular Members. Officers shall be elected biennially by the Regular Members of the Committee at the first Committee meeting of the year. The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Committee, except as provided below, and the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall personally appear before SJJPA to present the Committees plans, suggestions, recommendations, and ideas. If the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are unable to personally appear, the Chairperson may designate another Regular Member to appear on his/her behalf.

B. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, at a scheduled meeting of the Committee the Committee Regular Members present and constituting a quorum shall elect a Regular Member as Temporary Chairperson to preside during that meeting.

C. Staff from SJJPA shall serve as Secretary of the Committee. The Secretary is formally authorized to transmit Committee approved recommendations, plans, suggestions, and ideas for changes and improvements to the San Joaquin Rail Corridor and its passenger train service to SJJPA

VIII. MEETINGS

A. Unless expressly authorized to the contrary by California law, all Committee meetings shall be open to the public.

B. At least ten (10) days before a scheduled meeting date, the Secretary shall mail Committee Agendas, along with pertinent information, to all then current Committee Members and to members of the public and press who have previously requested notice of such meetings.

C. The Committee shall meet 2-4 times a year, at the time and place designated by prior minute order of the Committee.

D. Due consideration shall be used in selecting meeting times and the geographic locations of meetings to be convenient to rail passenger service and scheduling on the San Joaquin Rail Corridor.

E. Special Meetings may be called by the Chairperson or upon the request of any six (6) Regular Members if approved by the Chairperson of SJJPA. The purpose of any

Special Meeting shall be stated in writing in the notice of that Meeting. The Secretary shall make arrangements and notify Committee Regular Members, and individuals of the public and press who have requested prior notice not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Special Meeting time and date.

G. Voting. A simple majority vote of a quorum of the Regular Members is required for Committee action.

IX. MEETING ATTENDANCE

A. Regular Members are encouraged to attend Committee meetings. Committee meetings must be attended in person. The Alternate from each county can represent a Regular Member from their county when a Regular Member cannot attend Committee meetings in person.

B. The Chairperson, through the Secretary, shall notify the SJJPA whenever any Regular Member misses three (3) consecutive meetings.

X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the then current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Committee in all cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Committee may formally adopt.

XI. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the Committee by a simple majority vote of all Regular Members. However, an amendment or repeal must be consistent with AB 1779 (Galgiani, 2012), SJJPA Bylaws, and SJJPA actions regarding the Committee.