

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2018 San Joaquin One Voice®
Call for Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information

DISCUSSION:

SUMMARY:

The annual San Joaquin One Voice® trip to Washington, D.C. for elected officials, business leaders, and staff will take place April 15-19, 2018. This trip is part of SJCOG's regional advocacy efforts to establish and expand upon relationships with Congressional and federal departmental representatives. The secondary goal is to seek legislative support for the federal funding and regulatory relief needs, issues, and projects of regional significance to the San Joaquin region. The San Joaquin One Voice® delegation members also receive first-hand information on available grant and other funding available to meet our regional priority needs.

The efforts of the One Voice® program provides the platform to effectively advocate for policy and regulatory reform and for preservation of funding programs crucial to projects that bring economic prosperity to San Joaquin County while improving transportation choices and infrastructure.

With this in mind, staff is issuing a "call for projects" for our 2018 San Joaquin One Voice® program. The instructions for submitting project requests and the necessary forms can be found on the program website at www.sjcog.org/onevoice.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for San Joaquin One Voice® is included in the adopted FY 2017-18 SJCOG OWP. Earmarks are not expected in the federal FY 2018 budget; however discretionary funding allocations are available from departments and through grants. The status of requests for federal funding for some projects will not be known until next fiscal year. Direct costs pertaining to the trip will be offset by sponsor donations.

BACKGROUND:

This is the 18th trip for SJCOG. Our efforts are positively recognized at the federal level and we have been encouraged to continue our collaborative approach and build upon the relationships and communications established with our federal representatives.

Historically, the SJCOG Board endorses 2-3 projects as the over-arching priorities for the region. The Board will review the list of projects submitted in February 2018 and will make the regional priority recommendations at that time.

SCHEDULE & LOGISTICS:

<i>San Joaquin One Voice® Schedule</i>	
November 2017	Call for Projects issued
December 2017 - February 2018	Local jurisdictions, transit agencies, partners, and outside organizations develop project requests and obtain approvals by their local boards and councils
January 2018	Registration materials distributed
February 26, 2018	Deadline to submit project requests
March 23, 2018	Project Requests are presented to SJCOG Board and Regional Priorities determined
March 14, 2018	Hotel Reservation deadline
April 15-19, 2018	Travel to Washington, DC

Accommodations will be at the Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, DC. Reservations can be made by calling 800-321-3010 or by visiting <http://www.washingtoncourthotel.com>.

As is the custom, the registration fee for SJCOG Board members (or their elected designee) is **waived**. Also, SJCOG will pay **one-half** of SJCOG Board members' travel expenses for the trip.

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