

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2019 San Joaquin One Voice®
Call for Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information

DISCUSSION:

SUMMARY:

SJCOG is soliciting project requests for the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice® program. Interested parties must submit all requests in writing to SJCOG by February 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Attachment A describes the process and schedule. Forms are available for download from <https://www.sjcog.org/onevoice>.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

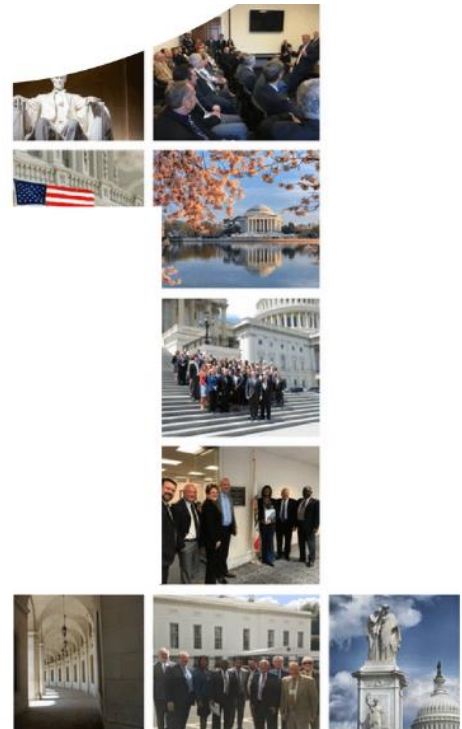
FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for San Joaquin One Voice® is included in the adopted FY 2018-19 Overall Work Plan. Direct costs pertaining to the trip are offset by sponsor donations.

BACKGROUND:

One Voice® is a legislative advocacy program for San Joaquin County that promotes issues of regional significance to federal legislators and agencies through an annual advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. The purpose of the program is to advocate for increased funding and/or new or amended legislation for issues and projects of regional significance to the San Joaquin region.

The 2019 trip is scheduled for May 5-9, 2019 and a block of rooms have been secured at the Washington Court Hotel.



Last Year's Regional Priorities/Policy Issues

The One Voice® platform provides opportunity to highlight specific projects and programs crucial to improving infrastructure and transportation choices in San Joaquin County. 20 project requests were submitted for the 2018 One Voice® program.

From this pool of projects, the SJCOG Board approved the following rail, port, and roadway projects as regional priorities:

- Port of Stockton – Washington Street Widening
- SJRRC – Rolling Stock Purchase for ACE Core Service
- City of Manteca – State Route 99/120 Interchange Improvements
- San Joaquin County – Grant Line Road Corridor Improvements
- City of Tracy – IPC Interchange and Parkway Improvements

In addition to the regional priorities projects, the Board approved the following policy issues as priorities for the 2018 program:

- Regional Transportation Plan Adoption Cycle (change from every 4 years to a flexible timeframe)
- Goods Movement & Freight (FAST Act discretionary funding and policy for regionally significant projects)
- Earmarks (support congressional directed spending that would benefit local governments)
- Clean Air Act Modernization (provision in federal law to prohibit federal sanctions on local regions where inability to attain federal standards is due to pollution from sources outside their regulatory authority)
- Delta Protection (WaterFix activities and initiative)
- Transit funding levels for FY 2018
- Transportation reform (environmental streamlining, the President's "One Federal Decision" memorandum, solvency of Highway Trust Fund)

2019 Call for Projects

For the 2019 program, SJCOG seeks projects that are regionally significant and that provide a community-wide benefit. Over the years our discussions in DC have changed from not just funding requests for projects but also policy change requests and support for continued funding of programs, as earmarks are no longer available.

If you plan to resubmit the same project request that was submitted last year, please provide an updated version for review and consideration. Furthermore, if your agency is submitting more than one project request for consideration, please identify which is the number one priority followed with the 2nd, 3rd, etc.

The deadline for submittal is ***February 28, 2019***. Projects submitted will be reviewed by staff and the Executive Committee and will be subject to approval by the full SJCOG Board.

For the selection of regional priorities, staff anticipates following the multi-modal approach set forth by the Board which includes rail, port, and roadway projects that are regional significant. Details on the submission process, forms, and more information are available on our website at: <https://www.sjcog.org/onevoice>.



Attachment A: 2019 One Voice Process & Schedule

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2019 San Joaquin One Voice® Process & Schedule

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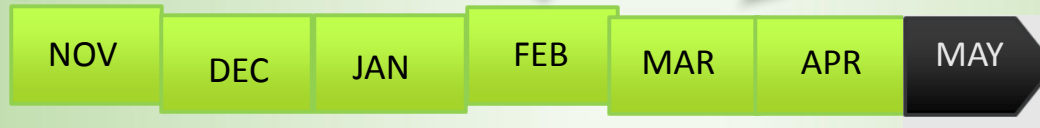
SJCOG sends out email to agencies and special districts soliciting proposals for the 2019 program.

February 28

Deadline for interested parties to submit project proposals to SJCOG. Submission emails must include: completed project request form, project talking points, project photo or graphic, and minutes or resolution reflecting approval by the submitting agencies governing board or council.

March 28

Project requests are presented to the SJCOG Board for approval and regional priorities are selected.



Local jurisdictions, transit agencies, partners, and outside organizations develop project requests and obtain approvals by their local boards and councils

April 4

Registration: Cost is \$175 per participant and includes all breakfasts and the Wednesday evening reception.

Accommodations: A block of rooms have been reserved at the Washington Court Hotel for May 5-9. The room block expires Thursday, April 4. Reservations can be made by calling 800-321-3010.

Travel to Washington

Meetings and activities scheduled for Sunday, May 5 (late afternoon) – Thursday, May 9 (morning). Participants are responsible for booking their own airfare and ground transportation to and from Washington, D.C.

