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Valley Voice Delegation heads to Washington D.C. next week

MERCED – Representatives from Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) will join members of the San Joaquin Policy Council traveling to Washington D.C. this week to advocate for regional transportation priorities. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council constitutes elected officials from each of the eight Valley Council of Governments (COG) as well as the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; Supervisor Daron McDaniel and Los Banos Mayor Mike Villalta have been appointed to represent the MCAG Board on the Policy Council this year.

“It is imperative that we receive federal investment for our transportation network and environmental resources to ensure our region’s long-term success,” said MCAG Chair Daron McDaniel. “Valley Voice is an important opportunity for us every year to share our story with the people in Washington who make decisions that impact our local residents.”

The 27-member delegation will meet with Valley congressional representatives, members of congressional committees, and staff from several federal agencies and departments such as the Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency. The two-day trip is scheduled for September 11-12 and will address regional priorities including:

- Funding for major regional Valley goods movement projects
- America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2019
- Passenger rail
- Air quality
- Water supply

More information on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council can be found at:

www.sjvcogs.org

MCAG is the regional transportation planning agency and metropolitan planning organization for Merced County. In addition to regional transportation planning, MCAG also manages The Bus, YARTS, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority and administers Measure V funds. For more information, visit www.mcagov.org.

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