San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Meeting Summary March 23, 2018

The Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority met on March 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Fresno. Quorum was called at 1:04 p.m.

All agenda items were passed unanimously, except for Item 8, a resolution to approve an on-call planning consultant contract, which had been pulled from the agenda without discussion.

Several presentations were made on promotion and preparations for the new Morning Express service plan for the San Joaquins, which will launch on May 7, 2018, and which focuses on same-day travel into and back out of Sacramento, including a train arriving at the Sacramento Valley Station at 7:46 a.m. on weekdays.

The Board also acted to pass a resolution to discontinue the existing advanced/reserved variable-priced ticketing program through Amtrak in favor of a fixed-rate fare, which will eliminate penalty/premium pricing for same-day walk-up customers purchasing at a station.

This puts the San Joaquin's ticketing policy on par with the Surfliner, Caltrain, and Capitol Corridor.