

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1171

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula

February 18, 2021

An act to add Chapter 34 (commencing with Section 7599.100) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1171, as introduced, Arambula. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

Existing law establishes public-private partnerships within the state for various purposes. By executive order in 2005, and continued in existence by executive orders in 2006, 2008, and 2010, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was established as a public-private partnership to, among other things, identify projects and programs that will improve the economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley.

This bill would enact the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Act of 2021, which would establish in statute the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley for the same purposes. The bill would incorporate language of the executive orders to, among other things, require the partnership to identify projects and programs that will improve the economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley. The bill would require the partnership, on and after January 1, 2023, to post a progress report on its internet website and send a letter informing the Legislature of that posting.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the San Joaquin Valley.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 34 (commencing with Section 7599.100)
2 is added to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:
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4 CHAPTER 34. CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN
5 VALLEY ACT OF 2021
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7 7599.100. The chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as
8 the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Act of 2021.
9 7599.101. (a) (1) The California Partnership for the San
10 Joaquin Valley established by Executive Order S-5-05, and
11 continued by Executive Orders S-22-06, S-17-08, and S-10-10, a
12 public-private partnership, is hereby continued in existence.
13 (2) The partnership shall include the following counties:
14 (A) The County of Fresno.
15 (B) The County of Kern.
16 (C) The County of Kings.
17 (D) The County of Madera.
18 (E) The County of Merced.
19 (F) The County of San Joaquin.
20 (G) The County of Stanislaus.
21 (H) The County of Tulare.
22 (b) For purposes of this chapter:
23 (1) "Board" means the board of directors set forth in subdivision
24 (d).
25 (2) "Partnership" means the California Partnership for the San
26 Joaquin Valley.
27 (3) "San Joaquin Valley" means the area comprised of all of
28 the counties set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).
29 (c) The purpose of the partnership shall be to support regional
30 collaboration among individuals and public and private entities
31 committed to improving the quality of life in the San Joaquin
32 Valley.
33 (d) (1) The partnership shall be governed by a board of directors
34 that shall consist of the following members:

1 (A) A board chair and two deputy chairs appointed by the
2 Governor. The board chair and deputy chairs shall be voting
3 members of the board. These members shall be appointed from
4 the following:

- 5 (i) One member shall be a representative from a state agency.
- 6 (ii) One member shall be a representative from a local agency
7 within the counties set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).
- 8 (iii) One member shall be a representative from the private
9 sector whose residence and place of employment is within one or
10 more of the counties set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

11 (B) Representatives from six stakeholder groups shall serve as
12 voting directors, appointed by the Governor, as follows:

13 (i) Eight state government directors representing various state
14 agencies shall serve as ex officio voting directors.

15 (ii) Eight local government directors, one from each of the eight
16 counties set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a). These
17 directors shall be appointed by the Governor from lists of
18 candidates nominated by each of the eight corresponding councils
19 of governments. The nominees from each council of governments
20 shall be made from among the mayors and members of city
21 councils representing cities located within the county and members
22 of board of supervisors of the county. Each council of governments
23 shall submit a list to the Governor containing three candidates.

24 (iii) Eight private sector directors, one from each of the eight
25 counties set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

26 (iv) Five liaisons to government agencies and commissions,
27 which shall be a resident of one of the eight counties set forth in
28 paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), and who serve on one of the
29 following state agencies and commissions:

- 30 (I) The State Air Resources Board.
- 31 (II) The California Transportation Commission.
- 32 (III) The California Workforce Development Board.

33 (v) Twelve representatives of consortia, who shall be
34 representatives of regional consortia of existing organizations
35 within the counties set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).
36 The regional consortia representatives shall be nominated by the
37 board for consideration of appointment by the Governor.

38 (vi) Not more than five directors with specialized expertise,
39 who shall be individuals with specialized subject matter expertise

1 and knowledge of San Joaquin Valley issues recommended by the
2 board chair.

3 (C) Every member of the Legislature and the United States
4 Congress that represents the counties set forth in paragraph (2) of
5 subdivision (a) shall be ex officio nonvoting members.

6 (2) (A) Voting directors shall serve at the pleasure of the
7 Governor.

8 (B) Ex officio nonvoting directors shall not serve for a term and
9 shall not be subject to term limits.

10 (C) (i) The terms of service for voting directors shall be three
11 years and for no more than three terms, including partial terms.

12 (ii) The remaining term of office for any director, other than
13 the board chair and deputy chairs, serving upon the effective date
14 of the act adding this chapter shall be determined based upon the
15 terms of office for that director that were effective on January 1,
16 2019.

17 (iii) In the event of a vacancy of a voting member of the board,
18 an acting director may be appointed by the board to serve with full
19 voting rights until the Governor has appointed a new director. The
20 Governor’s replacement appointee shall serve for a full term, unless
21 otherwise removed by the Governor.

22 (D) (i) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (C), a director
23 may be removed at the discretion of the Governor.

24 (ii) A director who fails to attend 50 percent or more of the
25 meetings of the board in any 12-month period is subject to removal
26 from the board.

27 7599.102. (a) (1) Meetings of the board shall be presided over
28 by the chair.

29 (2) In the absence of the chair, one of the two deputy chairs
30 shall preside, as determined by the chair.

31 (3) A majority of the voting directors shall constitute a quorum
32 for the transaction of business. Ex officio nonvoting members shall
33 not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum has
34 been achieved.

35 (4) All votes shall be recorded and available for inspection by
36 the public. Every decision made by a two-thirds vote of directors
37 participating in a meeting in which a quorum has been constituted
38 shall be regarded as an act of the board.

1 (b) The California State University, Fresno Foundation
2 (94-6003272), Cost Center 340675, may continue to receive and
3 administer appropriations on behalf of the partnership.

4 (c) The board may appoint an executive committee, comprised
5 of the chair, the two deputy chairs, and up to four additional board
6 members appointed by the chair, and delegate to the committee
7 any of the authority of the board except for any final action on
8 matters which, under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation
9 Law (Part 2 (commencing with Section 5110)) of Division 2 of
10 Title 1 of the Corporations Code, also requires approval of a
11 majority of all directors. The board may also appoint other
12 committees as appropriate.

13 (d) The partnership shall have the following duties:

14 (1) Identification of projects and programs that will best utilize
15 public dollars and most quickly improve the economic vitality of
16 the San Joaquin Valley, especially those that leverage federal,
17 state, local, and private sector resources in a coordinated effort to
18 address critical needs in the San Joaquin Valley.

19 (2) Work with members of the state’s congressional delegation
20 and federal officials, including the federal Interagency Task Force
21 for the Economic Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley,
22 to gain federal support for projects identified by the partnership
23 as critical to the region.

24 (3) Partner with the University of California, the California
25 State University, community colleges, and the state’s other research
26 and educational institutions, as well as private foundations to
27 provide guidance, advice, and encouragement in support of studies
28 of particular interest and importance to the San Joaquin Valley.

29 (4) Review state policies and regulations to ensure they are fair
30 and appropriate for the state’s diverse geographic regions, including
31 the San Joaquin Valley, and determine whether alternative
32 approaches can accomplish goals in less costly ways.

33 (5) Recommend to the Governor changes that would improve
34 the economic well-being of the San Joaquin Valley and the quality
35 of life of its residents.

36 (e) Commencing on January 1, 2023, and on or before January
37 1 of each year thereafter, the partnership shall post a progress
38 report on its internet website and submit a letter to the Legislature
39 informing the Legislature that the progress report has been posted.

1 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute
2 is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable
3 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
4 Constitution because of the unique challenges faced by the San
5 Joaquin Valley. The Legislature finds and declares that continuing
6 the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley will aid in
7 addressing the needs of the San Joaquin Valley, including areas
8 where the San Joaquin Valley is underserved.

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