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San Joaquin County Supervisor Robert Rickman Elected Chair of the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority

STOCKTON – The Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Board elected San Joaquin County Supervisor Robert Rickman to serve as Chair, at their meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

“I am humbled and honored that my Board colleagues have placed their confidence in me to lead the Board and work closely with the Authority’s Executive Leadership Team, as we continue the momentum in moving the Valley Link Project (Project) forward,” said Chair Rickman.

The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority was created by California Legislature in 2017. Its primary purpose is to plan, develop and deliver cost-effective transit connectivity between the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area. The Authority is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by its 15-member agencies.

The proposed Project includes seven stations along 42 miles of track, connecting the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to the proposed ACE North Lathrop Station. Trains would be scheduled to allow for convenient transfers to BART. The first Valley Link trains could be placed into service in 2028.

The passenger rail project is expected to have a significant impact on the regional economy, creating thousands of jobs during construction an economic impact in the billions for the region. During service, Valley Link is expected to create 400 jobs and an economic impact of nearly \$70 million per year.

Additional information on the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, is available on the Regional Rail Authority’s website at www.valleylinkrail.com.

For more information about Supervisor Rickman, please visit the [District 5 webpage](#).

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“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles), the character of an honest man.”
- George Washington -