

## Bio for Stacey Mortensen

Executive Director, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission and San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority



Stacey Mortensen graduated from U.C. Davis with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Planning and Management and began her career working as an apprentice carpenter. Stacey's grandfather (who was a carpenter and painter) urged her to spend a year or two learning valuable carpentry skills that would serve her well through life – and Grandpa was right. After becoming proficient with all manner of power tools, Stacey went on to the City of Vacaville, where she started out laying traffic counter tubes on the streets and ended her tenure there designing traffic signals for some of the City's major intersections.

Stacey has worked in San Joaquin County for 32 years in Transportation Engineering and Passenger Rail Service. She was the founding Executive Director for the start-up of the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Rail Service which began in 1998 and just celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Stacey and her Team also manage the San Joaquin Intercity Rail Service which runs from Bakersfield to Sacramento and Oakland. These two services are now consolidated under the new \$2B Valley Rail Expansion Program.

Stacey was appointed to the CA High Speed Rail Peer Review Group in 2012 and is working to ensure that San Joaquin County and the Broader Central Valley's issues are addressed in the development of the statewide high speed rail system. Stacey has worked over the years to formalize interregional coalitions to increase local involvement and feedback in the larger rail picture.

Stacey was mentored in the early years by San Joaquin County Supervisor Robert Cabral, who instilled the urgency of protecting valuable agricultural land and significant historical transportation features for the benefit of future generations. Mr. Cabral believed in balanced planning for communities even before there were terms like livability and sustainability. Mr. Cabral passed away in late 2000, but Stacey and her Team have carried out his wish to renovate the once dilapidated, but now elegant, Southern Pacific Depot in downtown Stockton. Built in 1930, this landmark building is an anchor for rail, bus, pedestrian, bicycle and neighborhood activity, and is now named in Mr. Cabral's honor.