



## Board of Directors Meeting

**Friday, May 21, 2010**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Sam Pipes Room  
**City of Merced | Administration Building**  
678 W 18th Street  
Merced, California

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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

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**Friday, February 26, 2010**

10am to 3pm

The Padre Hotel

Bakersfield, California

### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** James Aleru, Frank Bigelow, Mike Chrisman, Sid Craighead, Dee Dee D'Adamo, Todd Ferrara (representing Secretary Snow), Cathleen Galgiani, Frank Gornick, Coke Hallowell, Barry Hibbard, Farrell Jackson, A.G. Kawamura, Sunne McPeak, Luisa Medina, Michael Navarro, Mike Nelson, Pete Parra, Jeff Rowe, Pat Sullivan (representing Secretary Adams), Ashley Swearengin, Jason Vega (representing Mr. Quackenbush), Gene Voiland, Ray Watson, Peter Weber, Greg Woodard, Jeff Wyly (representing Secretary Bradshaw).

**Staff:** Mike Dozier, David Hosley

### **I. Convene Meeting & Introductory Remarks**

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The meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order at 10:07am by Deputy Chair Ashley Swearengin who welcomed all participants then yielded leadership to Kern County Supervisor Ray Watson.

Supervisor Watson welcomed all participants, expressing his appreciation for the support and interaction of community members as hosts, sponsors, panelists and participants in the meeting.

### **II. Self-Introductions**

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Members of the Partnership board introduced themselves.

### **III. Public and Board Comments**

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Carrie Bowen – California High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA)

The State of California has received \$2.25 billion in ARRA funding; there is no breakdown yet on the first phase of projects.

Executive Director Medhi Morshed, who has been largely responsible for keeping the dream alive over the years, is retiring.

The filing period for the high-speed rail heavy maintenance facility expression of interest closed Jan 15, 2010; 15 submittals are being incorporated into the EIRs for the Merced-Fresno and Merced-Bakersfield segments. Environmental documentation is expected to be complete by fall 2011 and will result in a Record of Decision. Both segments will have multiple sites identified which will then result in solicitation of request for proposals (RFP) for the various sites. Any applicant who has completed their own EIR also may submit a new site for consideration.

The Record of Decision is expected in about 18 months, followed by RFPs starting in 2011-2012. EIR work is ongoing on both segments, proceeding with the spring surveys in Bakersfield-Fresno. The Merced-Sacramento scoping period ends today (Feb 26, 2010) with a report due at the end of March. HSRA has been asked to consider operating other trains, such as the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) train on the same tracks; currently working with local

agencies to assess the possibility. HSRA is continuing outreach to communities and water districts; and has been asked to ensure minimal impact on agricultural land and water districts.

#### Hillary Baird, League of California Cities

The League of California Cities (League) and multiple Valley cities are working to put a measure on the November 2010 ballot to prohibit the state grabbing local monies such as local shares of property, parcel, sales, transportation and other local taxes. The prohibition would be retroactive to October 2009 with a continuous appropriation piece to ensure recovery of funds by court action, if necessary.

Funding for the initiative is coming from the League and the California Transit Association; so far, it has garnered about a half-million signatures, a large portion of which are from volunteer signature gatherers.

#### **IV. Review and Approval of Minutes**

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Mr. Craighead moved to approve the minutes as provided; the motion was seconded by several board members at the same time.

#### **V. Executive Committee Nomination of Dr. Ben Duran Board Candidate**

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Dr. Frank Gornick's term as chair of the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium has ended; his replacement is Dr. Ben Duran, president of Merced Community College. The Partnership Executive Committee approved Dr. Duran's nomination to the board and is recommending to the Governor's Appointment Unit that Dr. Duran be confirmed. Dr. Gornick will continue his participation on the board until Dr. Duran's appointment is confirmed.

#### **VI. Secretariat Report**

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Mr. Weber pointed out that all board members serve at the pleasure of the governor and given the 2010 elections, the Partnership needs to ensure continuity of leadership. All Cabinet Secretaries serve as ex-officio members of the board, based on their position of appointment; to ensure that at least two-thirds of the other members remain consistent, the Executive Committee is having discussions with the Cabinet Secretary and Secretary Bonner's office to request staggered terms; an update will follow as this request is concluded.

#### Report on the Joint Meeting with the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (Council)

Mr. Dozier advised that members of the board and the Executive Committee (Dozier, Grupe, McPeak, Watson, and Weber) met with Supervisor Michael Rubio, Ron Brummett and other members of the Regional Policy Council (comprising the eight county Councils of Government).

Ms. McPeak declared an outcome of that meeting was the clear need for structured, regular communication between the Partnership and the Council. Mr. Brummett noted that the "fruit" of that meeting was when the Council went to Sacramento and representatives from the Partnership, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) and the Council were all sitting together talking to state representatives. The Partnership was an active participant in the recent Valley Voice trip to Sacramento along with the Air District, which gave a much stronger presence in the meetings. Mr. Brummett recommended that any time the Council goes to Sacramento or Washington to talk to electeds or major policymakers, these groups should all sit together and provide a united front.

Mr. Dozier introduced new OCED staff: Stacie Dabbs, Government Affairs Manager, and Ismael Herrera, Project Manager, both of whom joined in December 2009.

## Government Affairs Update

Mr. Dozier pointed to page 14 of the board packet which reflects Ms. Dabbs' work accumulating and reporting ARRA funding; these totals reflect Kern County is the largest Valley beneficiary to date with Madera County garnering the smallest amount.

Paul Johnson of the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) explained that the California Energy Commission (CEC) announced \$110 million of ARRA funding through the State Energy Program (SEP). Of the 12 major awards announced, none went to the Valley; small portions (about less than \$1 million) of three awards may potentially touch Valley jurisdictions but no direct funding was received. SJVCEO worked with multiple jurisdictions to submit proposals for funding but were unsuccessful. Mr. Johnson explained that much of this is because we are still establishing the infrastructure to be competitive for funding. The funds went to larger portions of the state which, from the energy side, have an established infrastructure and can get "quick wins."

Ms. Dabbs drafted a letter of protest to the Valley's state and federal legislators on the Valley's almost total neglect in the allocation of SEP funds, NSP-2 funds and iHub support, highlighting that without funding assistance the Valley won't be able to rise from the have-nots into the haves category. Two letters were prepared jointly with SJVCEO and the Air District, specifically regarding the SEP—one to the CEC voicing our concern that the Valley's needs were not addressed in these awards and asking for reconsideration, the other to the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) asking for a discussion with us on how the Valley can participate in developing a successful residential retrofit program. For the state to achieve its efficiency and clean energy goals, the Valley is a critical component.

Mr. Weber moved to approve and send letters as discussed; we respectfully and urgently need to make the argument of the importance of these awards to the Valley. The Valley pays the highest electricity rates in the state; the opportunity for savings is higher in the Valley than anywhere else. We want to engage in constructive discussion with CEC and PUC. Mr. Woodard seconded the motion.

Secretary Kawamura commented that the challenges of all early adopters are friction costs and pointed to successful partnering of the San Joaquin Valley regional water and waste boards for the dairy digester deployment. By partnering without using federal funds, the Merced Irrigation District and the Dairy Digester Board CO2 Containment Project were able to avoid those friction costs.

Secretary Kawamura noted how critical it is to fix the infrastructure that invites investment and reduces friction costs and pointed to the California Ag Vision which includes a plan for an office of facilitation and ombudsman to open the door for cross-agency assistance to get ahead of the delays and blockages of projects.

Mr. Watson observed the Valley often ends up on the short end of funding. Letters are fine; but perhaps time should be spent anticipating fund sources and timing and determining how to organize ourselves around being proactive to be at the table before the funds are allocated.

Mr. Weber noted that in the case of all applications addressed in the letters, the Valley was very well-prepared with strong proposals and strong coalitions. These letters ask not only for reconsideration but for opening a dialogue with officials in the public sector to see how we can be competitive. The consolidated Valleywide effort is being effective.

Ms. McPeak asked Todd Ferrara (representing Secretary Adams) what ARRA money still sits with the CEC and what would be an eligible pot of money to go after. Mr. Ferrara responded, of the \$110 million the CEC awarded on a competitive process, for more than 100 applications, 12 were awarded, three for statewide purposes. Mr. Ferrara confirmed the CEC recognizes the competitive process resulted in a lack of parity in awards and pointed out that Southern California did not receive any awards either. As to what monies are still available, there is a \$35

million clean energy business financing program that the CEC will formally put forth at the March 24 board meeting. The requirements for that award do specifically recognize the geographic issues, and the Valley is being considered in the criteria for that.

Ms. McPeak suggested this is an appropriate and timely opportunity for a delegation from the Partnership to meet with Secretary Snow and the CEC. Mr. Ferrara confirmed this as an appropriate tactic; there are other parts of the state pursuing the same strategy.

Mr. Weber renewed his motion to approve the letters as written and was seconded by several around the table.

Ms. Dabbs presented a letter that had been sent to the Air District in support of AB 2522, the DMV Fee increase.

Ms. Dabbs presented a proposed letter of support for the CENIC grant application.

Ms. McPeak explained CENIC is the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives for California <http://www.cenic.org/>. Under CENIC, California's education and research communities leveraged their networking resources in order to obtain cost-effective, high-bandwidth networking. CENIC designs, implements, and operates the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), a high-bandwidth, high-capacity Internet network specially designed to meet the unique requirements of these communities, and to which the vast majority of the state's K-20 educational institutions are connected.

Ms. McPeak noted that CENIC looks like a good option for many of our more rural areas; the discussion is how to encourage them to think about how to further joint venture with local government on hot spots such as libraries. CENIC has looked at its role as being the backbone/backhaul of smart connectivity and are particularly well-positioned to do a little bit more. The state librarian has taken the initiative to help make libraries the digital hubs of the Valley through WiFi, inside and even outside; Ms. McPeak suggested encouraging CENIC to think as broadly and aggressively as possible.

Mr. Bigelow cautioned walking delicately so as not to compromise the private sector which has already built out the infrastructure that exists. If the letter of support is promoting building further infrastructure, it's in conflict with what exists. The infrastructure and hard work already exist, better to determine how to capitalize on the existing public/private hardwired network. A lot of rural telephone companies are already delivering service to the schools; they run right past the local libraries which simply don't have funding to do the plug-in.

Mr. Dozier commented that his understanding is this proposes to fill the gaps where there isn't connectivity. Mr. Weber commented that CENIC does have that broader vision and are now in negotiations with a vendor to provide that last mile of connectivity.

Dr. Gornick moved to approve the CENIC letter of support and was seconded by Ms. Medina.

#### Communications Plan Update

The communications plan as adopted in October 2009 is now being implemented; this is the first board meeting with the new format which includes a panel discussion with representatives from the host county. Earlier this month, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Hibbard, Mr. Voiland, Mr. Parra and Mr. Watson made a presentation to the Kern County Board of Supervisors, providing a great step toward better ties between the Partnership and local board.

Communications plan activities continue on March 16 with a presentation to San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors with scheduling ongoing for other San Joaquin entities.

#### Sustainable Communities Initiative Update

Rollie Smith of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided an update on the Sustainable Communities Initiative (see attachment).

## **VII. WIA Grant Update**

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Members of the respective work groups provided an overview of the four initiatives set forth in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grant.

## **VIII. Kern County Roundtable**

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Representatives from Kern County conducted a panel discussion about challenges and opportunities being faced by business in Kern County.

- Richard Chapman– President and CEO of the Kern Economic Development Council
- Ron Brummett– Director, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)
- Jim Beck– General Manager, Kern County Water Agency. This agency was created in 1961 by a special act of the Legislature to serve as a local contracting agency of the state water project. This agency has been in the forefront of state water management through its cross-valley canal and groundwater banking programs.
- Sean McNally– Vice President and Legal Counsel of Grimmway Farms. Grimmway Farms is the largest grower/producer/shipper of carrots in the world; potatoes, citrus and various varieties. Mr. McNally is also a certified specialist in workers' compensation law and a trustee for the self-insurer's security fund.
- Gene Tackett– consultant representing Hydrogen Energy Corp (retired from Kern County Board of Supervisors)

Mr. Chapman opened the discussion with an overview of Kern County's \$28 billion economy and the economic development challenges it faces. As the best-performing county in the three-state area (California-Nevada-Arizona), Kern is projected to be the first California county to emerge from the recession. One of Kern's main challenges to economic growth is the state in having to interpret the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

- Kern County has 75% of the oil in the state. AB 656 had the potential to result in an oil delivery tax of \$10 billion out of the \$28 billion county economy.
- SB 975 (prevailing wage trigger) makes incentives moot; Valley employers are advocating for Central Valley prevailing wage rather than the statewide prevailing wage which is inflated by the major metropolitan areas.
- AB 32 (greenhouse gas reduction) uncertainty is causing site selection consultants to be very leery of California although Kern County stacks up well with easy accessibility and access to major markets.
- In 1999, California made up 16% of all major economic development deals; we are now at 3%.
- Lack of incentives- view our competition to be the entire Western United States; each state seems to be targeting specific industries (renewable energy, etc.)
- Silver lining- we are emerging from the recession but have several hurdles for the foreseeable future and need a Valleywide coalition to help support a joint effort to improve economic development throughout.

Mr. Brummett talked about transportation in Kern County. Over the last three years, Kern COG along with Caltrans has done freight studies on major transportation arteries through Kings, Tulare and Fresno counties. 18,000 truck drivers were interviewed about their trucks, loads and reasons for choosing their route of travel. One-third to one-half of the traffic on those routes is trucks alone. 56% of the vehicles on Route 58 are from out-of-state; 33% of the trucks on Route 58 are from L.A., diverting around L.A. congestion. The top five commodities being transported: 25% farm products; 17% food; 12% empty containers to/from the ports; 7% miscellaneous freight and 4% building materials. 80% of the trucks on I-5 originated in the L.A. basin and covered the top five commodities of food and sundry products 21%; containers 18%; farm products 14%. L.A./Long Beach traffic is expected to significantly grow in the next few years, which will impact Valley traffic even more. (See handouts provided.)

Shipping practices of Burlington Northern Rail (BNR) and Southern Pacific are focusing on minimum 1,000-mile/100-car trains so are impacting Kern's ability to ship on Class I railroads. This lack of rail option is driving traffic to trucks and increasing volume on local roads. Under consideration now is a Fresno-Kern-Tulare short-line rail concept as alternative access to the Port of Oakland and major rail hubs. The alternative proposal is under attack (in Tulare and Kern counties) where segments of existing track are being abandoned by the short-line rail companies who are tearing up the track to sell for scrap. Putting more freight on trucks and less on trains is less efficient and has led to the introduction of AB 2658 (Conway); this bill would state the intent of the Legislature to initiate a coordinated short-line railroad program in this state to improve the movement of goods.

Mr. Beck opened his comments with thanks and kudos to the Partnership for its activities supporting water in the Valley; this is a place where interests across the Valley can come together to discuss and reach consensus. Today's (Feb 26, 2010) announcements of water allocation were not very positive: Valley farmers can expect a 5% federal allocation if we have dry conditions; 30% based on normal conditions. The state project allocation is 15% under dry conditions; 35-45% based on normal conditions. It's hard to explain why we don't have water, when Shasta is at 100%, Oroville, about 50%, and Lake Isabella, 70%. We won't get out of this recession unless we see some meaningful action to address the water issues. Kern has some of the best water banking programs in the world, attracting visitors from other countries. But the water banks are decreasing at about 35%/year. Through the Integrated Water Management Plan, 48 different participants have identified about 200 projects to implement for continued conservation and storage but those projects require funding which will require attention at state and federal levels.

Mr. McNally introduced himself and then Grimmway Farms, the largest grower/producer/shipper of carrots in the world and largest organic grower in the country. Grimmway Farms employs, directly and indirectly, about 7,500 people. Mr. McNally commented it seems a lot of politicians essentially don't understand the economics of business; they continue to pass laws and requirements to promote social and environmental agendas that are paid for on the backs of already struggling businesses. AB 32 is a prime example of this kind of legislation; businesses around Kern County and around the Valley want more of a dialogue and input from the businesses that are being impacted because the state continues to impose enormous regulations that put us at a competitive disadvantage with neighboring states. Through dialogue there are many opportunities for cooperative agreement that negate the requirement for legislation. A good example of cooperative agreement is the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement, a set of self-imposed regulations created as a result of the Salinas E. coli outbreak.

Examples of prohibitive legislation include fumigant regulations which are forcing movement of farming operations to other states where fumigants can be used safely and effectively. Due to leapfrog development, some of the most fertile farmland is now bordered by development and the buffer zone requirements preclude the use of customary fumigants.

Workers' Compensation reform is being undone by some court interpretations and this will impact businesses as well.

The costliness of doing business in California is becoming a disincentive. 90% of the carrots consumed in the United States come through Bakersfield. But Grimmway and other farmers are being forced to consider moving out-of-state due to the insistence of major retailers such as Wal-Mart and Kroger, who are pressuring for lower prices. Water in this region is \$1,000/acre; in Florida it's \$25/acre.

To survive in California, we have to be very innovative; large agribusiness has enough economy of scale to take on the bureaucrats, the smaller grower/providers cannot and end up selling out. An example of regulatory stalemate is in Grimmway's attempts to re-use carrot processing water and their inability to get cooperation from state regulators.

Mr. Tackett welcomed all participants to Kern County and announced that Hydrogen Energy is about “jobs, jobs, jobs.” The Hydrogen Energy California Project (HECA) is an industrial scale installation of an integrated hydrogen power generation and Carbon Capture and Storage project. The project will employ 1,500 construction workers; in operation will provide 100 permanent operational positions. (See brochure attached.) This project is in queue at the CEC with hopes for approval in next 18-24 months. After approval, construction will take three to four years with the facility going online sometime in 2014-2015. This project further emphasizes Kern County’s role as an international energy leader; China and India are interested in clean coal technology.

Mr. Weber thanked the panelists and noted that the challenges highlighted here are pretty universal up and down the Valley. Mr. Weber proposed further discussion between the panel and Partnership Executive Committee to see how the Partnership can help increase the voice and message.

Mr. Weber thanked the hosts and sponsors for an extraordinary evening and dinner last night. Noting that former Partnership Chair Mike Chrisman has moved into a new role with the National Fish and Wildlife Federation, Mr. Weber noted two presentations of appreciation for Mr. Chrisman. Coke Hallowell presented, on behalf of the San Joaquin River Parkway and the Partnership, a framed, signed print of the San Joaquin River Parkway by photographer Geir Jordahl. Secretary A.G. Kawamura presented an engraved bottle of wine to Mr. Chrisman with thanks for his support of the Partnership and the entire San Joaquin Valley.

## **IX. Conflict of Interest Policy**

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Mr. Dozier introduced attorney David Wolfe to explain the Conflict of Interest Policy being introduced.

Mr. Wolfe reminded the board that the Political Reform Act requires all government agencies to have a conflict of interest code and to file Form 700s. The purpose of the requirement is to ensure that officials and employees with the ability to influence decisions refrain from making or participating in the making of decisions that may have a material financial effect on their financial interests.

Mr. Wolfe confirmed that if approved at today’s meeting, the policy will take effect March 8, 2010, thus beginning the 45-day notification window and the requirement to file Form 700. Based on the adoption of the new Conflict of Interest Form, this would be an initial statement. Mr. Weber moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Code and was seconded by Dr. Gornick.

Ms. Medina asked if the previous evening’s sponsored dinner is a reportable event. As a member of other government agencies, yes; for other members, unless the gift is from someone who is doing business with the partnership, it is not reportable. The most common “businesses” of the Partnership would be grantees. Ms. Medina continued, noting that in the past certain work group consultants were grantees of the partnership; would they also be subject to the Form 700? Mr. Wolfe responded that grantees would not be subject; if hired as staff, they may need to be added to the code.

In response to a question from Ms. McPeak, Mr. Dozier confirmed that there is confusion between California’s Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH), as to which of us will file (Secretariat or BTH). Board members are to send their Form 700s to OCED for filing.

Ms. McPeak observed that all who file under other conflict of interest codes must file under this as well and asked that the staff continue to track sponsorship and contributions to ensure accurate accounting.

## **X. President Obama's Jobs and Economic Growth Forum**

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Co-Chair Swearingin introduced this topic as one designed to be an opportunity for the board and public to provide further input into what is needed to improve the Valley.

After her attendance at the President's forum on Jobs and Economic Growth, Mayor Swearingin saw an overwhelming recommendation of Small Business Administration (SBA) loan programs, reducing fees, increase government backing to 90% for small businesses. The program was over-subscribed very quickly in the Fresno area.

Katie Stevens provided an update on the Jobs Bill:

The House passed a \$154 billion jobs bill in December 2009 that included among other things, police/firefighter hiring money, specific water and airport infrastructure funding, and workforce funding.

The Senate passed \$15 billion Jobs Bill that didn't look much like the House version and included a number of provisions:

- Exemption from SSI payroll taxes for every worker hired in 2010 who was unemployed at least 60 days
- Retained provision for taxpayers to write off certain capital expenditures for more equipment
- Highway trust fund for infrastructure investment
- Build America Bonds Program
- Did not include police/firefighter hiring money, specific water and airport infrastructure funding, the workforce funding, COBRA extension or SBA loans

Ms. Swearingin asked what board members are hearing from local businesses and how they feel we can spark hiring in the Valley.

Mr. Watson announced that incentives to hire someone don't cause employers to hire; employers hire when they have sufficient business to justify hiring.

Mr. Watson suggested the Partnership reconvene today's panelists and others up and down the Valley, to talk about growth, economic development, and how to focus on training people for new jobs as business is attracted to the Valley.

Ms. McPeak commented on the powerful testimony from the panel and the compelling image Mr. McNally presented with his carrot rinse water challenge. Ms. McPeak asserted that the Partnership should be sitting with the regulators making the roadblocks and working to figure out how to get the thing done.

Mr. Watson concurred with Ms. McPeak's recommendation, noting if we conducted a workshop of people up and down the valley with panels similar to today we would accumulate a list of worthwhile projects.

Ms. McPeak noted that some CEQA reform has been addressed at least superficially. If there was upfront planning, the presumption should run with the applicant consistent with that plan. If the Valley is making progress on the big indicators (improving water quality, decreasing air pollution) we should be able to get exemption on projects that are consistent. The Partnership should take on legislation that gives to the Valley (because of our unique circumstances of having the plan in advance) pre-approval of the CEQA reform.

Dr. Gornick referred to the November 2009 report from the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO): "The Master Plan at 50: Assessing California's Vision for Higher Education" <http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/PubDetails.aspx?id=2141>; and recommended asking people from the LAO staff to come talk about the failure to align workforce needs with higher education needs. There are states with stronger coordinating councils that identify core training needs and move forward with appropriate programs where the resources are directed at the specific needs

of the state through greater coordination with the workforce board. Opportunities for regional experimentation are in the Valley; see "Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts—Coordinating Higher Education in California." <http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/PubDetails.aspx?id=2190>

Mr. Jackson, referring to Mr. McNally's obstacles in permits to use recycled carrot rinse water, noted that ConAgra in Stanislaus County faces a similar impediment. ConAgra recycles their processing water; they tie it with one of the farmer's pasture lands with no adverse effects on the groundwater quality or table and have had their permit for a long time. Now the community is trying to connect Highway 99 with the east side of Oakdale via a route that goes across that farmer's pastureland and might require that ConAgra go through the permit process again, something they could not sustain.

Ms. D'Adamo noted there is a tremendous push in congress to "do more with recycled water projects" and pointed out the Stanislaus County project to move water over to the San Joaquin River for use by the Del Puerto irrigation program. Although not a solution, this is an example of a small step of mitigation.

Ms. McPeak extended compliments to the workforce investment boards (WIBs) for their efforts toward linking workforce preparedness and higher education. Ms. McPeak noted the really deep and abiding alliances and partnerships of the WIBs with the employers and employees necessary to successfully implement and urged the WIBs and economic development corporations (EDCs) to force the interaction between employers and educators/trainers to ensure the product delivered meets the need.

Mr. Weber interjected that the construct of the Workforce Investment Area (WIA) Grant implementation is that all relevant work groups are being funded to provide that interchange role. The first step was to get the education infrastructure in place.

Secretary Kawamura commented on the perceived lack of entrepreneurship training for school students, reminding the board that the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program is a leadership/entrepreneurship skills training mechanism available to the schools around the country. FFA provides vocational training as well as skill-set training and is doing extremely well in the state. Secretary Kawamura reminded the board that the Partnership gave birth to the Ag Vision initiative at California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); now in the process of wrapping up, the plan supports and can be tailored to the Partnership mission and drive to the "vision of a great, vibrant Valley."

Mr. Bigelow recognized the FFA as having the single largest world gathering at one time; when it outgrew Kansas City, the annual gathering moved to Louisville and is rapidly outgrowing the Louisville venue. A large number of governor's staff are former FFA members or are currently staffed to support the organization.

Ms. McPeak proposed a specific action plan to resolve Mr. McNally's carrot rinse water issue. Commenting that this is probably an issue for the Water Resources Control Board, California Environmental Protection Agency (Secretary Adams) should be the tasked lead to convene a meeting of CDFA (Secretary Kawamura) and any other appropriate agencies, plus Mr. McNally (Grimmway Farms), the California Association of Food Processors, and the Kern EDC to meet with California Natural Resources Agency (Department of Water Resources) to try to resolve the issue and provide a report back within 90 days. Ms. D'Adamo offered her participation and support, and Pat Sullivan committed to participate in future discussions regarding the issue.

Ms. McPeak further proposed that the Partnership Executive Committee and Todd Ferrara or other staff of California Natural Resources Agency work on formulating language to reflect the Valley's thoughtful process and asking for CEQA relief for the Valley.

Mr. Weber seconded Ms. McPeak's proposals.

Mr. Watson approved of Ms. McPeak's proposals and commended the strategy of picking a few key issues and driving them to resolution. Following this thought, Mr. Watson recommended

making economic development a point of focus for the Partnership; economic development happens by itself when the barriers are removed. Mr. Watson recommended the Partnership call a summit of people up and down the valley to talk about the whole list of things impacting the Valley and impeding economic development. Mr. Watson asked which committee of the Partnership would assume responsibility for this; how many more things can we get on the table with more time to talk about it?

Dr. Gornick, referring to Mr. Brummett's presentation on transportation, suggested the Partnership further investigate the whole area of the short-line railroads in the area, noting that such railroads historically helped to develop the entire area east of the Mississippi.

Ms. Medina suggested future board meetings dispense with the operational work of the Partnership, leaving it in the report format, but focusing on the kinds of discussions and presentations that we didn't have sufficient time to discuss today. By making the presentations part of the morning agenda, we can engage in discussion with the participants present. It would be more meaningful to get to a more action-oriented meeting without having to wait for the annual meeting.

Mr. Hibbard agreed that such an agenda change would provide an opportunity to get business participation back into the Partnership; our effectiveness has dwindled some with the departure of business.

Ms. Medina continued by observing the need for the previously mentioned ombudsman role that people need interfacing with government; that's the type of problem that people run into and give up and the Partnership can play a critical role in overcoming obstacles; but we need to get to a place in our agenda to do that. The panel discussions are fruitful and from the discussions come good action opportunities.

Mr. Weber advised that a portion of the Executive Order now being assembled is aimed at addressing the involvement of business and suggested being realistic about the implications of the many action suggestions made today. The Secretariat staff is limited, and board members need to step up to their roles as conveners and regional resources. We have a huge plate of stuff to do; but absent funding for more staff, we have to figure out how to do more.

Ms. Swearingin concurred, noting the need to not train ourselves to think that things have to come out of the central Partnership offices; local entities often have direct relationships with the agencies involved, and it may be more appropriate to ask them to follow up on a discussion and report back.

Mr. Weber commented that the water bond is currently running at about 33% approval and asked what the Partnership can do between now and the end of the year to try to improve support of the process. There is big money lined up to fight against the bond measure and there is not yet evidence of state leadership to help get this bond measure through.

Mr. Chrisman commented that as the year goes on there will be people lining up to support the bond, but it's been known from Day One it will be a heavy, heavy lift to get this done. The Partnership needs to consider actively supporting the bond.

Mr. Watson suggested the Partnership Water Work Group try to form collaboration with the Delta counties to hold a 1- to 2-day education session to resolve conflicts and confusion about the bond itself. The implementation of the legislation leaves some room for trying to deal with some of the concerns that people have. The challenge is, even if you go through the process and come out with answers that are plausible or usable, will people believe it?

Mr. Chrisman commented that anything we do today to improve those lines of communication will be helpful. Mr. Weber recommended not putting a lot of urgency into making it happen, doubtful it will have much impact on the vote in November. Instead, Mr. Weber suggested the more urgent need is to try to form an alliance with L.A. and improve the sense of urgency from Southern California.

Ms. Swearingin noted that a new sense of urgency does seem to be emerging from the south.

Mr. Watson recommended a Partnership resolution to support the bond measure. Seven of the eight counties have been pretty much in agreement on the bond issue; yet we keep trying to formulate language that is also sensitive to San Joaquin County. The Partnership needs to decide whether to be silent on the issue in deference to San Joaquin County or to take a position in spite of it. At some point, the Partnership has to take a position on issues of controversy; this is one such pivotal point.

Ms. Swearingin assigned the Water Work Group to craft a resolution on behalf of the Partnership. Mr. Chrisman suggested part of that should be an in-depth discussion of what the water bond means and its overall implications. Ms. Swearingin noted the next board agenda will include a panel discussion and executive briefing on the water bond. Mr. Tischer offered to provide an executive briefing at the next board meeting.

Secretary Kawamura noted that two significant developments have taken place recently in the area of water. First, of the different options being considered, one is a tunnel to create alternatives for re-routing of water; this is a viable option being used around the world using existing technology. Second, there is a lot of development around the concept of food shed in which the Delta falls squarely when considered by the Bay Area.

## **XI. Public and Board Comment**

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Co-Chair Swearingin thanked the members of the Kern business community for participating in the meeting today.

Ms. D'Adamo, in her role on the California Air Resources Board (ARB), expressed her appreciation of Mr. McNally's comments about AB 32 and related air quality issues. ARB is taking this recession very seriously and is taking another look at the impact of all regulations. ARB is also looking at the recession's impact on air quality, which is improving due to fewer trucks on the road; so they are trying to turn the dial a bit on current regulations such as the truck rule and the port truck and construction equipment rules.

Referring to the 5% water allocation, Ms. D'Adamo noted that Senator Feinstein worked hard on the amendment for 40% and pretty much the entire Valley delegation has supported her. Ms. D'Adamo extended thanks to all who have been working on the water issue; all of that noise really has helped.

Ms. D'Adamo concluded her remarks by commending the idea of pursuing the ombudsman role and looking at the carrot situation. The Partnership has tried to be specific about working on projects with barriers; it is helpful to identify a list of the projects and their barriers and to pursue resolution through the various regulatory agencies. Although it is worthy, we can do bigger than just the carrot project.

Co-Chair Swearingin provided a review of the discussions and actions agreed to by stating there is a foundational agreement that the role of the Partnership shifting from plan adoption to plan implementation; the most difficult part is the implementation and follow-through. The Partnership sees itself as an ombudsman working with local agencies with heavy emphasis on local business to address impediments to local growth and economic development.

Action: The meeting agenda will be changed to a format to bring local representatives and panel discussions early on. The agenda for the next board meeting will include an Executive Presentation on the water bond and presentation of a water resolution.

Action: The proposed theme for the Annual Summit will be: Barriers and Solutions to Economic Development – How Do We Solve the Problem?

Actions in the next 90 days the Partnership and its partners will:

- Orchestrate a carrot rinse water summit with the EPA, CDFA, food processors and other industry representatives to address permitting for the rinse water solution being proposed by Grimmway Farms.
- Executive Committee will take the lead on CEQA reform working with legal staff of California Natural Resources Agency; based on the Valley's upfront work, we should have some kind of exemption which would provide a tremendous benefit to the region.
- Arrange for an update on the LAO report: "The Master Plan at 50: Assessing California's Vision for Higher Education."
- Arrange for inclusion of the FFA as part of the entrepreneurship model.
- Provide Partnership input to the Ag Vision plan.

Mr. Watson again thanked the board and panelists, noting the positive actions and accomplishments of the afternoon that identified issues and plans toward resolution. It was good to hear from the local business people and would have been beneficial if they could have heard feedback from the board; Mr. McNally will be pleased to know we have agreed today to take on that issue.

## **XII. Adjournment**

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With thanks to all, Deputy Chair Swearingin adjourned the meeting at 2:44 pm. The next meeting is May 21, 2010, in Merced, at City of Merced Administration Building in Sam Pipes Room.



## AGENDA: Water Work Group

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**Friday, May 21, 2010**

**12:15-1:15pm**

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1. Summary introduction of the items	5 min	Supervisor Ray Watson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Contemporary water conditions – staff summary</li><li>- Framework affirmation and implementation – DWR review</li><li>- California Water Plan and IRWM linkages – DWR presentation</li><li>- Five Delta Counties and Seven Valley Counties discussions – summary from attendees</li><li>- Legislative package on water<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· SB 1 to 7 and the Bond</li><li>· Summary PowerPoint and open Board discussion on the Bond</li></ul></li></ul>		
2. Contemporary Water Conditions, Implementation of the Framework and introduction of speakers	5 min	Sarge Green Water Work Group
3. Framework assessment and compatibility with statewide goals	10 min	Paula Landis Chief of IRWM Division, DWR
4. California Water Plan and IRWM linkages	10 min	Kamyar Guivetchi California Water Plan Manager, DWR
5. Delta Counties and Partnership discussions	10 min	Supervisor Watson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Letter of Support for Senator Wolk’s bill on levee subventions</li><li>- Other areas of potential common interest</li></ul>		
6. The Bond discussion item	20 min	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PowerPoint presentation on what the legislation and Bond contain, followed by Board discussion</li></ul>		

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Kamyar managed DWR staff work and coordinated the participation of agencies, stakeholders and public to prepare the ***California Water Plan Update*** in 2005 and 2009 using a collaborative, consensus-seeking approach.

Kamyar has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, completed post graduate work in Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Davis, and is a California-registered Civil Engineer.

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Landis is a Registered Civil Engineer with 20 plus years experience in water management, planning, construction, river restoration, agricultural drainage, dam safety, flood management and emergency response. She is recognized for her knowledge of the San Joaquin River system.

Landis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Arts degrees in Art and French and a Master of Arts degree in Art History.

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## Memorandum

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To: Board Members

From: Mike Dozier, Lead Executive, Secretariat  
Paul Saldana, Central California Economic Development Corporation

Re: Request for Action – CEDS for the San Joaquin Valley

Date: May 11, 2010

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### **ISSUE** - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the San Joaquin Valley

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) operates a number of grant programs in pursuit of its mission to generate and retain jobs and stimulate economic growth in distressed areas. To obtain funding from many of EDA's programs, or to attain federal designation as an Economic Development District (EDD), applicants are required to have and maintain a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or CEDS.

A CEDS is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies. The CEDS should analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources. A CEDS integrates a region's human and physical capital planning in the service of economic development. Integrated economic development planning provides the flexibility to adapt to global economic conditions and fully utilize the region's unique advantages to maximize economic opportunity for its residents by attracting the private investment that creates jobs for the region's residents. A CEDS must be the result of a continuing economic development planning process developed with broad-based and diverse public and private sector participation, and must set forth the goals and objectives necessary to solve the economic development problems of the region and clearly define the metrics of success. Finally, a CEDS provides a useful benchmark by which a regional economy can evaluate opportunities with other regions in the national economy. Currently, each of the eight (8) counties in the region develops and implements a CEDS.

**HISTORY** - In 2008, the EDA awarded a \$110,000 grant to the Merced County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDCO) on behalf of the Central California Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) to be used towards establishing a Regional CEDS for the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley. This action was taken as a result of meetings between EDA representatives and various economic development entities in the region. The CCEDC served as the managing organization for the grant and the development of the regional CEDS.

As part of the CEDS process, the creation of a "Strategy Committee" is required by the EDA for the purposes of developing, revising, or replacing the CEDS. The composition of this committee, as outlined by the EDA, must include a majority of private sector representatives, as well as, public officials; community leaders; representatives of

workforce development boards; representatives of institutions of higher education; and suggested to include minority and labor groups; and private individuals. The Partnership Board took action on September 12, 2008 to serve as the “strategy committee” through the Partnership’s Economic Development Work Group, the CCEDEC, during the development stages of the process, until such time that an Economic Development District is formed. (see attached minutes from September 12, 2008 Board meeting).

**STATUS** - The consolidated CEDS for the San Joaquin Valley has been completed (fall of 2009) and submitted to EDA for review. The document reflects the economic development strategic action plan of the Partnership and includes the most current CEDS of each of the Valley’s eight counties. Seven of the eight counties have reviewed the document and recommended nominees for the proposed EDD board. The County of Fresno has neither taken action on the Valleywide CEDS nor recommended appointees to an EDD board. Although Kern County staff has reviewed the CEDS and nominated prospective EDD Board members, Kern County has not approved the document. If Fresno and Kern Counties refrain from taking action to approve the document, EDA will be requested to accept the regional CEDS without their formal approval. Such action has been permitted by EDA at the county level when there has been a city “hold out.” Additionally, it should be noted that the Governor has requested EDA to establish an EDD for the valley (see attached letter from Governor Schwarzenegger to the EDA, and letter of support from the Valley Congressional Delegation).

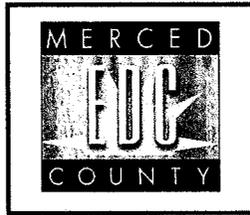
**REQUEST** - Upon completing the initial review of the CEDS, EDA staff identified three additional action items required before the project and grant can be “closed out.”

1. Formal Approval by “Strategy Committee”
2. Strategy Committee composition
3. CEDS Support from each county (not mandatory)

The CCEDEC, acting as the Economic Development Workgroup, requests the Partnership Board, as the “Strategy Committee” to approve the consolidated CEDS for the San Joaquin Valley. This would meet the requirement to close out the EDA grant that funded preparation of the CEDS and drafted the formative EDD by-laws. Future updates and amendments to the CEDS will be addressed by the proposed EDD board, which shall include representatives from each county. There is no financial request being made to any county or the Partnership. This action by the Partnership board will satisfy items #1 and #2 above. In regards to #3, MCEDEC has requested letters of support from each county to demonstrate continued support.

If the Partnership chooses not to take action or has other problems/concerns with the document, MCEDEC will establish a Strategy Committee from the nominees for the EDD board and have that entity approve the CEDS for the sole purpose of closing out the grant. Once the CEDS project grant is complete, the EDD designation effort will be positioned to move forward within the EDA.

A copy of the consolidated CEDS can be viewed at <http://www.mcedco.com/edstrategies.html>



April 22, 2010

Mr. Mike Dozier, Lead Executive  
Office of Community and Economic Development  
California State University, Fresno  
5010 N Woodrow Ave.  
Suite 200, M/S WC 142  
Fresno, California 93740

**RE: Review and Finalize Consolidated CEDS for the San Joaquin Valley**

Dear Mr. Dozier,

Over the past two years the Partnership's Economic Development Work Group (CCEDC) has facilitated the preparation of a valley-wide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Consolidated CEDS for the San Joaquin Valley was completed in the fall of 2009. The document includes the individual CEDS of each county in addition to a valley-wide strategy that builds upon the foundation laid by the Partnership.

The CEDS is the precursor to the establishment of a new San Joaquin Valley Economic Development District (EDD). The EDD is envisioned as an enhancement to compete for federal funding for valley projects. A formal request was sent March 29, 2010 to the EDA.

The initial review of the CEDS by EDA staff identified minor clarification and additional documentation to "close out" the project and grant. Final items needed include:

**Item #1. Formal Approval by "Strategy Committee"** - In September 2008, the Board of Directors of the California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley unanimously approved "that the Partnership provide oversight and direction for the San Joaquin Valley CEDS project". The action did not specifically state the role of the Partnership as the "Strategy Committee." (Excerpt included).

**Item #2. Strategy Committee should represent Public, Private, Minority, Labor, Education, Workforce, etc.** - The Partnership was originally envisioned as the Strategy Committee for the project as it a) already existed and b) its membership reflected the composition required by the EDA. As action on Item #1 will be taken by the current Partnership Board the current membership was reviewed to ensure EDA compliance.

**Item #3. CEDS Support from Each County** - Each county's CEDS organization has reviewed the consolidated CEDS and proposed EDD and submitted a nominee(s) for the EDD Board. A request for a specific support letter from each county has been sent to the appropriate contact to demonstrate continued support.



If the above referenced actions are approved the CEDS project grant will be closed out and the EDD designation may proceed in accordance with the study.

Sincerely,

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J. Christopher Winek  
Board Chairman  
MCEDCO



## Meeting of the Board of Directors (excerpt)

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Friday, September 12, 2008

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

University of California, Merced Campus

Merced, California

### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Secretary Linda Adams, James Aleru, Lee Andersen, Frank Bigelow, Marcelyn Buford, Andrew Chesley, Secretary Mike Chrisman, Chair Connie Conway, Kathleen Crookham, DeeDee D'Adamo, Frank Gornick, Fritz Grupe, Barry Hibbard, William Ing (Representing Secretary Kim Belshé), Farrell Jackson, Secretary A.G. Kawamura, Brian McGowan (Representing Secretary Dale Bonner), Sunne McPeak, Luisa Medina, Michael Navarro, David Quackenbush, Jeff Rowe, Lorraine Salazar, Paul Saldana, Assistant Secretary Vince Stewart (Representing Secretary David Long), Undersecretary Cindy Tuck, Ray Watson, Pete Weber, Georgeanne White (Representing Alan Autry), Jeff Wyly (Representing Secretary Victoria Bradshaw)

**Legislators:** Assemblyman Juan Arambula, MaryAlice Kaloostian (Representing Sen. Dave Cogdill)

**Staff:** David Hosley, Ashley Swearengin

#### I. Convene Meeting & Introductory Remarks

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Chair Conway called to order at 10:13 a.m. the meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership). Chair Conway thanked participating legislative representatives for their attendance and participation.

Chair Conway introduced Dr. Steve Kang, Chancellor of the University of California, Merced Campus. Dr. Kang welcomed the Partnership to UC Merced, described highlights of the school's growth since its 2005 opening. Dr. Kang announced the appointment of Dr. Maria Pallavicini as the head of planning for the new UC Medical School and expressed his appreciation for the tremendous support of the San Joaquin Valley and the Partnership in the telemedicine and medical school endeavors.

#### II. Self-Introductions

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Members of the board introduced themselves followed by the introduction of the public.

#### III. Review and Approval of Minutes

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Mr. Grupe moved to approve the June 13, 2008, minutes as presented; Mr. Hibbard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. Follow-up Items from June Meeting

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Ashley Swearengin advised that the PreK-12 Work Group continues to make good progress. Page 14 in the board packet articulates the work group's clarified priorities, actions and owners. The Partnership is committed to helping the work group in support of the Governor's Committee on Education Excellence report. Ms. Swearengin affirmed the Partnership's commitment to work with the Office of the Secretary of Education to determine programs that can be implemented in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Stewart recommended that the Partnership meet with the Office of the Secretary of Education to determine how best to meet those efforts. Dr. Walt Buster agreed to work with the conveners and work group to coordinate. Ms. Swearengin reminded the board that the work groups will need help with funding to accomplish some of the objectives.

the UC Regents approved planning for the Medical School; the Washington Advisory Group consultants are laudatory of the basic plan which now needs fleshing out with curriculum development, faculty recruitment and development as well as infrastructure and site selection and independent review of capacity of the various sites to house and educate students. In July 2009, the Medical School will apply to the UC Regents for formal approval to implement the Medical School.

Dr. Pallavicini presented an overview of the genesis and development of the Valley Telehealth Partnership. Access to physicians is a significant health care challenge in the San Joaquin Valley, with great disparity access to physicians and especially specialists. According to Dr. John Capitman, Central Valley Health Policy Institute, Northern California has an average of 107 specialists per 100,000 residents; Southern California has 86 specialists per 100,000 residents. The San Joaquin Valley has 43 specialists per 100,000 residents, less than 50% of the rest of the state. By overcoming distance with technology, this project increases access to specialty care by connecting patients with specialists.

Telehealth funding includes a Partnership seed grant, funds from the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) and AT&T. In addition, Proposition 1D funds also will be provided which will target those institutions that have an existing medical education program; therefore, UC Merced's portion is coming in through UC Davis. Proposition 1D will provide funding for sites not covered by the seed grants, approximately 19-25 sites.

Ms. McPeak described the California Telehealth Network to which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) invited nationwide proposals. The project requires 15% hard cash funds match, provided by CETF; as the work is done to get clinics and hospitals to sign up to be part of the network and sign a formal letter of agency, the number of sites has grown to 202 in the San Joaquin Valley; the statewide number went from 319 to 800. When complete, this will be a robust network; much of it due to involvement of Partnership.

Mr. Michael Morris from the California Public Utilities Commission presented an update on broadband availability in the San Joaquin Valley.

#### **VII. Report from the Secretariat**

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Ms. Swearingin referred to the detailed seed grant reports in the board packet. All conveners do feel satisfied at the progress being made; there are no red flags. Ms. Swearingin asked the board to contact the secretariat with any questions about the seed grant reports.

Mr. Saldana requested assistance from the Partnership in support of the Economic Development Work Group. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded a grant to support development of a San Joaquin Valley Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The terms of this grant require a planning organization to oversee the group. Mr. Saldana asked the Partnership to serve as this planning organization whose primary role is to provide oversight and direction and ultimately approve the CEDS and actions to establish an Economic Development District (EDD). To receive federal funds, the San Joaquin Valley CEDS must advise the EDA that the Partnership has committed to provide oversight. Chair Conway moved to approve that the Partnership provide oversight and direction for the San Joaquin Valley CEDS project; Ms. McPeak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Stevens provided an update on government relations. The governor's proposed \$2 million for the Partnership in the May revise was preserved in the Assembly but not in the Senate. Valley representatives Villines, Arambula and Cogdill continue to support the Partnership. Assemblymember Villines assured the board that funding will be in place to sustain the Partnership.



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

March 29, 2010

The Honorable John Fernandez  
Assistant Secretary for Economic Development  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Request to designate the San Joaquin Valley an Economic Development District

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

I am writing to support a bipartisan request from the representatives of the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley to designate the region as an Economic Development District (EDD). The Valley's ability to coordinate economic renewal would be enhanced by this designation and complement efforts I started five years ago to improve the area's economic vitality.

The San Joaquin Valley has traditionally faced greater economic disparities than the rest of California, and the current economic climate is no exception. The valley is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world, and my administration is pursuing all available opportunities to support its recovery and growth. Leveraging our federal, state, local and private sector resources will continue to improve the economic well-being of the region.

This proposed EDD would complement the valley's existing strategic development infrastructure. The economic development corporations of the San Joaquin Valley have a distinct history of coordinated development efforts. In 2005, I established the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, an unprecedented public-private partnership designed to address the unique economic, demographic and environmental challenges of the region. Through the longstanding commitment from the Valley stakeholders, the Partnership created multiple workgroups that successfully developed and implemented region-wide policies in economic development, education, health, workforce development, transportation, pollution and land use.

Valley stakeholders have demonstrated their ability to work collaboratively, and the Partnership has proven strength and effectiveness in promoting economic vitality. I hope you will assist the Valley with this federal designation.

Sincerely,

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Arnold Schwarzenegger

The Honorable John Fernandez  
March 29, 2010  
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cc: The Honorable Dennis Cardoza  
The Honorable George Radanovich  
The Honorable Jim Costa  
The Honorable Devin Nunes  
The Honorable Jerry McNerney

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 16, 2010

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Request to ask the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development  
Administration to designate San Joaquin Valley an Economic Development District

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We are writing to request that you ask the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) to designate the San Joaquin Valley an Economic Development District (EDD) which would incorporate eight counties including: Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin. This designation would allow the Valley to work together and submit regional requests for funding to the EDA. The economic development corporations of each county, which includes broad representation of public sector and private business interests have contributed to the formulation of a draft Consolidated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region. The efforts have also produced a draft of by-laws and enabling activities to establish a governing board and appoint management for the proposed EDD.

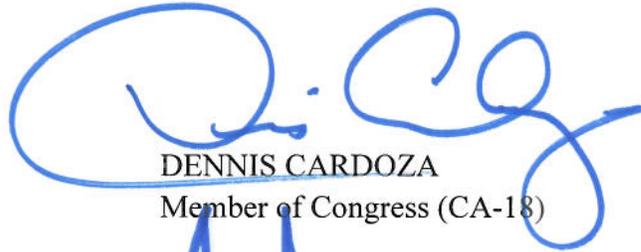
The proposed EDD is an implementation tool that complements existing programs and initiatives to strategically direct resources to encourage new private and public investment, create new employment and alleviate economic disparity plaguing the eight counties of California's San Joaquin Valley. The draft consolidated CEDS and proposed EDD by-laws were prepared at the request of the EDA Regional Office in Seattle and funded in part by a grant from the EDA.

The EDD will build upon extensive work undertaken in recent years by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. The Partnership's economic strategy is an integral component of the new regional CEDS and reflects years of contributions by Valley stakeholders.

The new EDD will also help address the chronic poverty and economic challenges faced by the Valley highlighted in a study produced by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) in 2006. The CRS study indicates that the valley communities receive less than 66 percent per capita federal spending, a startling indication that the San Joaquin Valley is in fact subsidizing other less impoverished areas of the nation.

Designation of an EDD for the San Joaquin Valley is a vital step in breaking the cycle of poverty and stimulating new investment and employment in one of the country's most economically underserved areas. We appreciate your support and prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



DENNIS CARDOZA  
Member of Congress (CA-18)



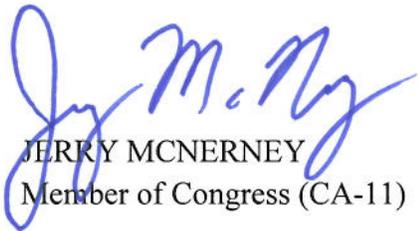
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Member of Congress (CA-19)



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DEVIN NUNES  
Member of Congress (CA-21)



JERRY MCNERNEY  
Member of Congress (CA-11)

Cc: The Honorable Brian P. McGowan,  
Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce



## Communications Update

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The recently adopted Communications Plan, aimed at promoting and supporting Partnership success, is well under way. The Partnership Communications Strategy has three primary objectives. 1) Increase communications among the eight counties and 62 cities, 2) Identify, educate and outreach to San Joaquin Valley (Valley) organizations exhibiting the priority initiatives and policy developments, and 3) Increase preference as the Valley's primary advocacy and cross-regional planning vehicle. This multifaceted communications plan strategically aligns the Partnership's objectives with its desired target audiences. Leveraging the established civic channels, networks and media, this plan will be executed through two strategies; Civic Engagement and General Public.

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

As Strategy I is focused on targeting public elected officials by county, the Secretariat has made significant strides toward engaging its target audiences. Seven target audiences have been identified for this strategy, including 1) Boards of Supervisors, 2) City Councils, 3) Legislators and their staffers, 4) Councils of Governments 5) League of California Cities 6) County Economic Development Corporation Boards of Directors and 7) County Workforce Investment Boards. Therefore, the meeting calendars for each of these entities was audited, and a master engagement calendar was developed which is stratified by county; see table below. It was determined to implement identified tactics in a concentrated time and area as frequency has greater impact than diffused efforts.

<b>County</b>	<b>Month</b>
Kern	Jan/Feb (accomplished)
San Joaquin	Feb/March (accomplished)
Merced	April/May (accomplished)
Kings	May/June (accomplished)
Tulare	July/August
Stanislaus	August/September
Fresno	September/October
Madera	October/November

### Speaking Engagements:

As the Secretariat has seen an increase in Partnership participation and awareness through speaking engagements, it has been determined necessary to maximize this tactic and expand into additional venues and include the Partnership board in this effort, which is well under way.

Below is a table that lists the outreach efforts of the Secretariat staff and Partnership board members.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Venue</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
03-Mar-2010	2010 Annual Meeting of the San Joaquin County Partnership and Business Council Inc., "Economic Development Opportunities & Constraints in 2010"	Mike Dozier Pete Weber
10-Mar-2010	Kings County City/County Coordinating Meeting	Mike Dozier
16-Mar-2010	San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors	Mike Dozier
14-Apr-2010	Merced Rotary	Mike Dozier
15-Apr-2010	Merced County Association of Governments	Mike Dozier
20-Apr-2010	Fresno City College – Guest Lecturer	Mike Dozier
29-Apr-2010	Alan Autry Show – Business Person of the Month	Mike Dozier
29-Apr-2010	Business Street Online "Live" Interview	Mike Dozier
30-Apr-2010	AIR DATE: KVPT Great Valley Series	Mike Dozier

### Rural Outreach

Since its launch meeting on Jan 28, 2010, the Small Communities Network (SCN) has gained momentum with the participation of representatives from small communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Currently, the Secretariat is participating in three of the five working groups that are based on the 2015 Visioning Exercise completed at the launch meeting. The working groups convene monthly via conference call; the Secretariat is involved with the following three working groups:

1. Economic Development , Workforce Training, and Education
2. Creating a Funded, Sustainable Network
3. Building Multi-Level Political Clout

The Secretariat also is working with the California Coalition for Rural Housing to obtain funding for the SCN. USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant and the Wal-Mart Foundation's State Giving Grant Program are some of the grants currently being pursued.

Lastly, the Secretariat will be attending the next SCN quarterly workshop, which is scheduled for May 2010. The focus will be Small Communities in Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning.

### Electronic Information Distribution:

The development of a comprehensive distribution list including cities, counties and agencies will increase outreach for the dissemination of Partnership publications including but not limited to monthly newsletters, e blasts, ARRA updates and the annual report.

Below is a table that lists the distribution efforts.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
03-Feb-10	ARRA Update – National, State and Valley Perspective
04-Mar-10	San Joaquin Valley Ignored in ARRA Funding, with letter that was sent to state and

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
	federal elected
16-Mar-10	Funding Opportunities: Over \$375 Million in Federal Funding Available for State, Local and Tribal Governments
23-Mar-10	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Newsletter – March 2010
24-Mar-10	News Release: U.S. Department of Labor announces \$8.2 million grant to assist workers in Central California
24-Mar-10	News Release: California High-Speed Rail Authority Needs Your Ideas! (CHSR Web Site)
25-Mar-10	SAVE THE DATE: California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board Meeting May 21
9-Apr-10	SAVE THE DATE: San Joaquin Valley Regional Equity Forum
22-Apr-10	YOU ARE INVITED: California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board Meeting May 21
26-Apr-10	2010 Water Technology Conference May 11-12
29-Apr-10	USDA Rural Housing Preservation Grants
30-Apr-10	Farm Bill Assistance Grant for Kern County

## **Communications Tools**

### **e-Newsletter**

The distribution frequency of the newsletter is quarterly. It is sent to all Partnership stakeholders (2,658) and highlights successes of the Partnership. It includes updates on the progress of the work groups, important dates, and showcases the impact of the Partnership's work.

### **Daily News Briefing**

The Maddy Daily is an overview of news stories, information and events related to Partnership priorities and activities, which is sent on a daily basis to board members, work groups, business and community leaders, and other government and legislative contacts throughout the Valley.

### **Outreach**

The communications team continues to build and fine-tune the communications management system to ensure effective outreach and communications with key stakeholders throughout the Valley. The database organizes stakeholders by sector and industry. Through various strategies, including contact lists from Partnership work groups and the "sign-up" function through the Web site, potential stakeholders may become involved in the Partnership. We currently have 2,658 Partnership stakeholders in our database; efforts toward increasing the number of stakeholders are a constant priority for the Secretariat.

### Marketing Events:

The annual summit and quarterly board meetings will continue as viable marketing events. On Oct 23, 2009, more than 400 people representing numerous organizations throughout the Valley and California attended the 2009 California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Annual Summit "Serving the Valley. Shaping our Future." The beginning phase of planning the 2010 Annual Summit has commenced. Thorough research has been conducted on venue options which are capable of accommodating the Annual Summit's needs. Once the venue is selected, marketing efforts will move forward and speakers/topics will be identified to ensure the event is well attended.

Continuing to rotate the quarterly board meetings among the eight counties, each county will be asked to host a board dinner the night prior to the board meetings for its designated rotation. Merced County is the second county to provide such a service. Additionally, a standard board meeting agenda item was added that includes a panel of county representatives, private and public sector, who will report their county's needs and barriers to economic development.

Other events throughout the eight-county region will be researched; prominent events will be targeted. Requests for exposure, speaking opportunities and attendance will be made. Speaking engagements will be scheduled throughout the year for board members, work group consultants and staff to report out Partnership activities and engage the public.

The Partnership has been the topic of a number of presentations to groups throughout the Valley and the state.

### Organization Web Site:

The Partnership Web site continues to be improved and aligned with Partnership initiatives. Partnership Secretariat consistently updates for relevance, including an active calendar as well as a document library with important Partnership reports, board agendas and minutes, and additional resource documents. The Partnership Web site was updated to include the WIA grant initiative to provide progress reports.

For the benefit and convenience of public elected officials and their staff, a Web page is in development for their specific needs, with points of interest segmented by county. Additionally, the Web site will have two new features. 1) **Translation** option to Spanish and 2) **Link** feature for social marketing, i.e., Facebook and Twitter. This effort is currently in phase I as Facebook and Twitter accounts have been created and implementation of the social marketing has commenced. There are 265 fans on the Partnership Facebook page and it is linked to Facebook pages of several partnering organizations. Translation of the Web site will require a significant amount of resources; therefore, execution will depend on their availability.

### General:

The Partnership continues sustaining relationships with state and federal legislators as well as forming new relationships with recently elected members. A good example is the request by the Federal Reserve Board for the Partnership Secretariat to present on ARRA funding. Additionally, Partnership staff Mike Dozier, lead executive for the Secretariat, and

Stacie Dabbs, government affairs manager, participated in the Valley COG “One Voice” trips to Sacramento (February 2010) and Washington, D.C. (May 2010). Monthly meetings continue with Valley legislative staffers hosted by the Partnership in coordination with the Federal Interagency Task Force for the San Joaquin Valley.

**GENERAL PUBLIC**

The focus for Strategy II of the communications plan is customized to the general public. Three target audiences have been identified, including 1) community leaders, 2) businesses and executives, and 3) universities and educational centers. The primary tactics are media relations, co-branding and speaking engagements.

Media:

Traditional methods of communication efforts with the media will continue including press releases, media advisories, and editorial content and interviews; see below table for recent activity. The media outreach strategy has resulted in significant editorial support for the Partnership’s efforts throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The Valley’s major newspapers have written in support of the Partnership and its regional approach to addressing the region’s major challenges. The Partnership has received considerable media recognition for its work on air quality, water, education, energy, transportation, and high-speed rail.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
29-Apr-10	Levee cost-share bill passes Assembly committee, Capital Press
22-Apr-10	Study digs beyond census to learn about Valley towns, The Modesto Bee
16-Apr-10	Frank Gornick: How different could higher ed be in 2060? (Editorial) The Fresno Bee
25-Mar-10	Peter Weber: California legislators should approve reform bill (Editorial) The Fresno Bee
25-Mar-10	Senator urges state to provide San Joaquin with fair share of federal housing relief, (dist05.casen.govoffice.com) Sen. Lois Wolk, California State Senator, District 5.
24-Mar-10	News Release: U.S. Department of Labor announces \$8.2 million grant to assist workers in Central California
24-Mar-10	News Release: California High-Speed Rail Authority Needs Your Ideas!
22-Mar-10	Gene Voiland: Time for politicians to fix state budget (Editorial) The Bakersfield California
22-Mar-10	High-speed rail plan rides high over Fresno, The Fresno Bee
20-Mar-10	Stimulus money misses the Valley, The Fresno Bee
17-Mar-10	Flow a milestone for thirsty river, The Stockton Record
16-Mar-10	\$680M in stimulus funds awarded locally, The Business Journal

Another communication channel being developed is new media including but not limited to Facebook, Blogs, Forums, and viral marketing. Creating a social marketing effort among the general public and providing a virtual environment to engage the community will be implemented. The Secretariat is currently implementing a social media strategy and has

moved forward with launching Facebook and Twitter accounts for the Partnership. Furthermore, key stakeholders are being identified in the social media circuit for the purpose of connectivity, collaboration and leveraging online resources, which will result in effective and efficient efforts.

Co-Branding/Joint Communications:

Aligning the Partnership with other community organizations engaging throughout the eight-county region will broaden its outreach and increase the brand's credibility. A collaborative will be formed among Valley universities to increase outreach and leverage resources for communications purposes. The Partnership will continue to encourage work groups to partner and co-brand with appropriate organizations while ensuring the Partnership is given public recognition for its role.



## Government Affairs Update

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### **New Action Taken by Executive Committee**

#### **SB 808 <sup>1</sup>**

The Partnership Executive Committee agreed to provide a letter of support for Senator Lois Wolk's SB 808- a bill to extend the sunset on the Delta Levee Subventions Program which is the current state funding formula for levee maintenance and improvement projects in the Delta. It was determined that the intent of this bill was consistent with the actions and objectives set forth in the Strategic Action Proposal as it "supports the maintenance and improvement of the integrity of the Delta levee system." At the time of the request (April 8, 2010), the State Senate had passed the bill with a unanimous vote. A letter of support was provided to Senator Lois Wolk, as well as, to the members of the Assembly Committee on Parks, Water and Wildlife prior to the committee hearing scheduled on April 27, 2010.

#### **Enterprise Zone Program <sup>2</sup>**

The Partnership sent a letter to Committee Chairman Perez of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy to support California's Enterprise Zone program. The support was based on this program being consistent with the actions and objectives set forth in the Strategic Action Proposal as it recommends "facilitating investments in infrastructure and incentives that support the economic vitality of the region." The Committee held a hearing to consider this program and others on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

### **Updates**

#### **HR 1 - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 <sup>3</sup>**

In an effort to assess the impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) within the San Joaquin Valley, the Partnership updated a Valleywide ARRA funding report in March 2010. According to the most recent data offered by the State of California's Recovery Web site, more than \$1.6 billion of ARRA funds has been awarded within the Valley for 1,366 projects throughout the region. The update produced by the Partnership assessed the Valley region on a per capita basis compared to other regions of the state, as well as compared the eight Valley counties by total funding amount and number of projects. A summary of that information is provided in Table 1 and Table 2.

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<sup>1</sup> Attachment: Partnership Letter of Support for SB 808 sent to The Honorable Jared Huffman and The Honorable Jean Fuller

<sup>2</sup> Attachment: Partnership Letter of Support for SB 808 sent to The Honorable V. Manuel Perez

<sup>3</sup> Attachments: ARRA Funding Updates based on Region-to-Region Per Capita and Total Projects for each of the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley

The eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley region compared to other regions of the state on a per capita basis (data updated March 2010) are reported in Table 1.

Table 1. Per Capita Comparison | Region to Region

Region	Population	ARRA Funding	\$ Per Capita
Sacramento Metro	2,148,070	\$2,241,230,650	\$1,043
San Diego Metro	3,001,072	\$1,965,303,000	\$654
Northern California	1,209,276	\$584,042,929	\$483
Greater Bay Area	7,046,719	\$3,298,023,350	\$468
Los Angeles Metro	13,670,548	\$5,974,344,000	\$437
Central Coast	1,386,767	\$579,572,630	\$417
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>	<b>3,862,938</b>	<b>\$1,603,148,370</b>	<b>\$415</b>
Sierras/East CA	151,434	\$61,908,903	\$408
Inland Empire	4,279,843	\$1,351,174,970	\$315
Statewide	36,756,667	\$17,658,748,802	\$480

The eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley funding and project totals (data updated March 2010):

Table 2. Funding and Project Totals | Eight San Joaquin Valley Counties

County	Totals	
	\$ Amount	# of Projects
Fresno	\$377,854,200	272
Kern	\$418,800,400	375
Kings	\$71,984,330	65
Madera	\$47,806,080	59
Merced	\$83,075,960	112
San Joaquin	\$276,064,400	154
Stanislaus	\$144,994,900	145
Tulare	\$182,568,100	184
Valley Total	\$1,603,148,370	1,366

### Sustainable Communities Initiative

Since the formation of the interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities between the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency in the fall of 2009, a steering committee has been created under the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley in an effort to maximize the Valley's potential to be selected as a demonstration region. The steering committee continues to work on a collaborative proposal for a Smart Valley Places demonstration project that includes a compact among the cities and communities of the region. In March 2010, The Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities sought public comment from locals on how the structure of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program could have the greatest impact on regional planning for sustainable development. The Partnership provided comment during this process, highlighting the Valley's position

to serve as a demonstration region for multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that integrate housing, economic development, and transportation decision-making in a manner that addresses the economic growth, social equity and environmental impact. A Notice of Funding Availability is expected to be released in May 2010, and the Partnership has registered interest in applying thereby making itself eligible to participate in the upcoming application process.

**California Energy Commission - Funding Update**

Following the Partnership letter dated Feb. 24, 2010, to the California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission regarding funding allocations through the State Energy Program, a team of representatives from the Partnership, the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District have met with and remained in communication with the California Energy Commission, the California Recovery Task Force, and others in Sacramento regarding the needs of the Valley and potential opportunities for investment.

**San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's Valley Voice Advocacy Trips**

In February 2010, Partnership staff participated in the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's Valley Voice advocacy trip to meet with our region's legislators and agency staff to discuss and advocate for the following:

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds from budget cuts.</li> <li>• Protect Proposition 42 and other transportation funds from being diverted to the General Fund.</li> <li>• Support legislation to lower the required threshold for transportation initiatives to 55%.</li> <li>• Support raising state Gas Tax.</li> </ul>
SB 375 – PROPOSITION 84
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure cleanup legislation related to SB 375 advances the Valley's transportation and land use goals.</li> <li>• Oppose guidelines that do not support existing Regional Blueprints, which were a basis for SB 375, nor support the Sustainable Communities Strategy.</li> <li>• Advocate for CEQA exemption and/or streamlining for transportation projects that are consistent with a Sustainable Communities Strategy beyond the very narrow guidelines currently established.</li> <li>• Advocate for local agencies to be able to use the EIRS and EIS prepared for the Regional Transportation Plan when performing project-level CEQA analysis for transportation projects.</li> </ul>
HIGH SPEED RAIL – SHORT HAUL RAIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the San Joaquin Valley as a test track for high speed rail and support the location of a maintenance station in the San Joaquin Valley.</li> <li>• Support enhancing Short Haul Rail as a vital tool for the movement of goods and improvement of air quality throughout the state.</li> </ul>
HOUSING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support policy initiatives that move the housing market into economic recovery and assist economically distressed areas in mitigating the adverse impacts of the economic crisis.</li> </ul>

In May 2010, Partnership staff participated in the Regional Policy Council's Valley Voice advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Valley's Congressional Delegation and other policy makers to discuss and advocate for the following:

TRANSPORTATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support a specific goods movement program as a part of the new federal transportation authorization.</li> <li>• Advocate for nationally significant agricultural goods movement corridors and farm-to-market roads as part of a federal goods movement program, including \$1 billion for SJV projects identified in Caltrans' Highway 99 Business Plan.</li> <li>• Support legislation to preserve, acquire, and expand short-haul rail freight service throughout the Valley and with the Port of Oakland.</li> <li>• Use a combination of incentives and regulations to ensure adequate intrastate short-haul freight service for Valley shippers and receivers.</li> <li>• Support a 50 percent federal partnership in building California's high-speed rail system.</li> <li>• Preserve key programs from SAFETEA-LU including the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding and Highway Bridge Program.</li> </ul>
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase Economic Development Administration project spending to \$1 billion annually nationwide for the only federal program focused exclusively on promoting private sector job growth in distressed communities.</li> </ul>
AIR QUALITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish the San Joaquin Valley as an Air Quality Empowerment Zone, allowing federal tax credits for capital expenditures that produce specified and quantifiable emission reductions and preserve or create jobs.</li> </ul>
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish the San Joaquin Valley as a demonstration region for HUD/DOT/EPA/DOE's Sustainable Communities Initiative to integrate housing, transportation, water infrastructure, land use planning, and investment.</li> </ul>
HOUSING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program allocation formula to target the major foreclosure cities and counties in California's San Joaquin Valley.</li> <li>• Provide greater oversight to ensure that California's Department of Housing and Community Development are effectively and efficiently administering allocated funds.</li> </ul>



California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

April 13, 2010

The Honorable Jared Huffman, Chair  
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Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife  
State Capitol  
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The Honorable Jean Fuller, Vice Chair  
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**RE: California Partnership Support for SB 808 (Wolk) – Hearing on April 27**

Dear Chair Huffman and Vice Chair Fuller,

On behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), we write in support of SB 808, a bill to extend the sunset on the Delta Levee Subventions Program- the current State funding formula for levee maintenance or improvement projects in the Delta.

The Partnership, created in June 2005 by Governor Schwarzenegger through Executive Order S-5-05, convened stakeholders from around the eight-county San Joaquin Valley (Valley) and developed a Water Quality, Supply and Reliability Strategic Action Proposal. The intent of this bill is consistent with the actions and objectives set forth in that proposal as it “supports the maintenance and improvement of the integrity of the Delta levee system.” The Partnership recognizes the importance of maintaining the Delta levee system, as it is not only a source of drinking water for two out of every three Californians, but also provides critical environmental and agricultural benefits to the region and the state.

For more than three decades, the Delta Levee Subventions Program has helped maintain the Delta levee system and the islands those levees protect, allowing the Delta to continue to serve its many invaluable uses and statewide interests. In addition to serving as fertile farmland and a rich estuary ecosystem, the Delta plays a critical role in California’s water supply and delivery infrastructure, specifically for the state’s two major water projects – the federal Central Valley Project and California’s State Water Project. Since 1996, this program has received State support of up to 75% in cost-sharing for local levee projects in the Delta, allowing local reclamation districts to afford to maintain and improve their levees, thereby protecting the system. Under existing law, the authority to pay 75% expires on July 1, 2010. A three year extension of this 75% State cost-share to July 1, 2013

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as proposed in this bill is critical to the continuation of local levee maintenance and protection efforts, particularly as many Delta levee agencies face dire financial conditions as a result of the continued economic downturn.

It is our understanding that the Department of Water Resources has not yet completed its “Delta Risk Management Strategy” which will recommend priorities for where State investments in Delta levee projects accomplish the most critical State objectives. These recommendations will certainly have implications for the future use of state funding for Delta levee protection; however, until DWR completes this study, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley strongly supports the preservation of the Delta Levee Subventions Program to allow local levee agencies to continue to protect the Delta levee system through maintenance and improvement projects. As the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife considers this bill at the hearing set for Tuesday, April 27, 2010, we respectfully request your support to extend the sunset on the Delta Levee Subventions Program as provided in SB 808.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us, or the Partnership’s lead executive, Mike Dozier, at (559)294-6021 with any questions or comments. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in the California State Assembly on improving prosperity and quality of life in the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,



Fritz Grupe  
Co-Chair



Ashley Swearengin  
Co-Chair



California Partnership for the  
**San Joaquin Valley**

April 15, 2010

The Honorable V. Manuel Perez, Chair  
Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
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Sacramento, CA 94249-0080

**RE: Support for the California Enterprise Zone Program**

Dear Chair Perez,

It is my understanding that the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy is scheduled to consider the future of the State of California's Enterprise Zone program at an upcoming hearing scheduled on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. On behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), I respectfully request your support in preserving this program as it has proven to be an invaluable tool for business retention, expansion and job creation in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Partnership, created in June 2005 by Governor Schwarzenegger through Executive Order S-5-05, convened stakeholders from around the eight county San Joaquin valley and developed an Economic Development Strategic Action Proposal. The Enterprise Zone program is consistent with the actions and objectives as set forth in this proposal as it recommends "facilitating investments in infrastructure and incentives that support the economic vitality of the region."

The San Joaquin Valley (Valley) has struggled with an under-performing economy for several decades, responsible in part by chronically high unemployment rates and low income levels. As you know, the Enterprise Zone program was designed to help stimulate business investment in depressed areas and create job opportunities for Californians. While we still face challenging economic conditions, the Enterprise Zone program has undoubtedly been a catalyst in helping create healthier and more competitive local economies. The benefits of this program have been felt valley-wide, from encouraging new businesses to locate in Kern County, and helping businesses grow and prosper in San Joaquin County, to helping create and retain thousands of jobs in Fresno County. Here in the San Joaquin Valley, it is widely recognized that the Enterprise Zone program is the most impactful state incentive in creating new jobs,

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growing existing businesses, and making California more competitive with other states in attracting outside investment.

As the State of California and the San Joaquin Valley continue to face a number of challenges on the road to economic recovery, the Enterprise Zone program is one tool that has proven to be instrumental in job creation and economic revitalization in some of the State's hardest hit areas. Thank you for your leadership on this issue, and for your consideration of the Partnership's support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (559)294-6021 with questions or to further discuss how the Enterprise Zone program has positively impacted the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Dozier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Dozier  
Lead Executive  
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

c: Assembly Member Dan Logue, Vice Chair  
Assembly Member Jim Beall Jr.  
Assembly Member Bill Berryhill  
Assembly Member Marty Block  
Assembly Member Mary Salas  
Toni Symonds, Chief Consultant  
Mercedes Flores, Consultant

## ARRA Funding: County Breakdown by Project

March 8, 2010

PROJECT AREAS NO. 1-5			1- TRANSPORTATION		2- ENERGY		3- HOUSING		4- PUBLIC SAFETY		5- SCIENCE AND TECH	
COUNTY	\$ Amount	# of projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects
Fresno	\$377,854,200	272	\$90.45 M	35	\$12.63 M	5	\$21.44 M	20	\$17.07 M	23	\$102 K	2
Kern	\$418,800,400	375	\$29.3 M	21	\$6.27 M	3	\$19.27 M	9	\$8.99 M	19	\$816 K	5
Kings	\$71,984,330	65	\$3.14 M	5	\$701 K	2	\$10.33 M	4	\$222 K	5	0	0
Madera	\$47,806,080	59	\$5.74 M	6	\$729 K	3	\$1.67 M	4	\$450 K	5	\$16 K	1
Merced	\$83,075,960	112	\$4.99 M	8	\$2.99 M	2	\$2.1 M	3	\$1.66 M	9	\$3.52 M	11
San Joaquin	\$276,064,400	154	\$84.45 M	29	\$6.13 M	7	\$24.49 M	7	\$20.71 M	11	\$433 K	3
Stanislaus	\$144,994,900	145	\$27.08 M	14	\$2.76 M	3	\$7.06 M	12	\$11.25 M	13	\$1.06 M	3
Tulare	\$182,568,100	184	\$12 M	8	\$4.7 M	5	\$22.89 M	6	\$6.62 M	11	\$97 K	1
<b>Valley Total</b>	<b>\$1,603,148,370</b>	1366										
<b>State Total Expended</b>	<b>\$17,658,748,802</b>											

PROJECT AREAS NO. 6-10			6- WATER AND ENVIRON		7- EDUCATION		8- LABOR		9- HHS		10- OTHER	
COUNTY	\$ Amount	# of projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects	Total \$	# of Projects
Fresno	\$377,854,200	272	\$20.31 M	21	\$173.47 M	115	\$18.1 M	4	\$10.46 M	32	\$13.77 M	15
Kern	\$418,800,400	375	\$16.62 M	7	\$137.72 M	114	\$13.72 M	2	\$25.64 M	29	\$162 M	166
Kings	\$71,984,330	65	0	0	\$19.23 M	34	\$2.58 M	1	\$933 K	6	\$34.82 M	8
Madera	\$47,806,080	59	\$12 M	1	\$23 M	31	\$2.37 M	1	\$1.73 M	4	\$119 K	3
Merced	\$83,075,960	112	\$3.2 M	4	\$44.15 M	51	\$6.19 M	1	\$12.56 M	18	\$1.66 M	5
San Joaquin	\$276,064,400	154	\$1.76 M	3	\$103.97 M	72	\$11.43 M	4	\$5.46 M	13	\$17.17 M	5
Stanislaus	\$144,994,900	145	0	0	\$80.73 M	82	\$9.97 M	2	\$5.05 M	11	0	0
Tulare	\$182,568,100	184	\$8.83 M	7	\$82.51 M	106	\$9.02 M	3	\$15.65 M	26	\$19.98 M	11
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SOURCE: [www.recovery.ca.gov/HTML/RecoveryImpact/map.shtml](http://www.recovery.ca.gov/HTML/RecoveryImpact/map.shtml) (03.05.2010)

Prepared by Stacie Dabbs, Government Affairs Manager, 03.08.2010



# ARRA Funding: Breakdown by Regions, Per Capita

March 11, 2010

COUNTIES	NORTHERN CA (18)	BAY AREA (9)	SACRAMENTO AREA (5)	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY (8)	SIERRAS/EAST (6)	CENTRAL COAST (5)	LA METRO (3)	INLAND EMPIRE (3)	SAN DIEGO METRO (1)	
	Del Norte	Alameda	Sacramento	San Joaquin	Alpine	Santa Cruz	Los Angeles	San Bernardino	San Diego	
Siskiyou	Contra Costa	El Dorado	Stanislaus	Tuolumne	San Benito	Orange	Riverside			
Modoc	Marin	Placer	Merced	Mariposa	Monterey	Ventura	Imperial			
Humboldt	Napa	Amador	Madera	Calaveras	San Luis Obispo					
Trinity	San Francisco	Yolo	Fresno	Mono	Santa Barbara					
Shasta	San Mateo		Tulare	Inyo						
Lassen	Santa Clara		Kings							
Mendocino	Solano		Kern							
Tehama	Sonoma									
Glenn										
Butte										
Plumas										
Lake										
Colusa										
Sutter										
Yuba										
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Nevada										
										<b>STATEWIDE TOTALS</b>
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	\$584,042,929	\$3,298,023,350	\$2,241,230,650	\$1,603,148,370	\$61,908,903	\$579,572,630	\$5,974,344,000	\$1,351,174,970	\$1,965,303,000	\$17,658,748,802
<b>POP</b>	1,209,276	7,046,719	2,148,070	3,862,938	151,434	1,386,767	13,670,548	4,279,843	3,001,072	36,756,667
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$483	\$468	\$1,043	\$415	\$408	\$417	\$437	\$315	\$654	\$480

SOURCE: Populations are 2008 estimates from US Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06000.html> (retrieved 12.21.2009)

SOURCE: ARRA totals <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/HTML/RecoveryImpact/map.shtml>. (Retrieved 03.05.2010)

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## Work Group Consultants' Reports

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The attached reports summarize the 2010 first quarter activity from January through March for nine\* of the Partnership's 10 work groups.

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**ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORK GROUP (ACS)**

Lead Organization: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Expedite the provision of advanced communications services (ACS) access in all areas of the San Joaquin Valley.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Raise the profile of access to ACS as a fundamental and necessary service for all residents and businesses.</b>		
Task 1- Convene stakeholders and experts group as the Advanced Communications Services Work Group.	IP	Quarterly Advanced Communications Services Work Group (ACS) meetings. Next meeting April 26, 2010.
<del>Task 2- Work with state agencies to develop an action plan for implementing the Governor's Executive Order to include barriers, strategies, and indicators for progress.</del>		Discontinued
Task 3- Vet the concept of a Regional Advanced Communication Office (RASCO) and come to Work Group consensus.	NP	Work group to determine feasibility
Task 4- Oversee state agencies and Work Group development of topic areas list for indicators report, which would be produced following the 30-month time line at the end of year three.		
<b>Objective B: Inform local elected officials about the benefits of ubiquitous access to ACS and provide model policies and other tools to help facilitate deployment.</b>		
Task 1- In conjunction with PUC, local government organizations, and state agencies, develop a primer document for elected officials by synthesizing and augmenting existing primers to be approved by the work group.	IP	
Task 2-Develop list of partner organizations for discussions of steps in years three and beyond.	IP	New partner organizations invited to next ACS meeting for discussion of next steps, three years and beyond
<b>Objective C: Identify communities and neighborhoods without affordable connections to delivery of ACS.</b>	C	Completed with California Broadband Report
Task 1- Work with the PUC and others to develop a directory of the ACS service providers in the Central Valley for the purpose of identifying underserved communities.	IP	Updating current ACS directory
Task 2- Work with the PUC to determine how to survey service providers to garner information on costs and service provision. Work with PUC to develop base map of available infrastructure and access costs.		
<b>Objective D: Increase availability of affordable ACS in rural and other underserved areas.</b>	C	Access rates over 95%
Task 1- Develop matrix showing the areas where coverage does not appear available per the coverage data supplied by the main providers.	C	Identified through California Broadband Report
Task 2- Work with appropriate state agencies and Work Group to identify incentives a Technology Opportunity Zone could provide and how it could be implemented.	IP	

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Lead Organization: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Task 3- Work with CPUC, CSAC, LCC, CSBA providers, stakeholders and Work Group, to develop action plan for increasing availability of affordable ACS in rural and underserved areas.	IP	Stimulus application pending
<b>Objective E: Increase deployment of ACS by current and prospective service providers.</b>		
Task 1- Invite representatives of CPUC, CSAC, LCC, CSBA, providers and stakeholders to determine initial strategies for implementation of ACS Action Plan referenced in Objective D.	IP	Representatives invited to next ACS meeting
<del>Objective F: Increase deployment through wired, fixed wireless, wireless and other available technologies.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Provide opportunities for presentations by affected parties on regulatory barriers to implementing emerging technologies. Work with CPUC to identify strategies for reducing these barriers.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Objective G: Eliminate installation barriers that discourage deployment.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Initiate this work in conjunction with Objective F.</del>		Discontinued
<b>Objective H: Identify and seek all available funding for deployment of ACS.</b>	IP	CETF and CENIC ARRA application pending
Task 1- Develop a list of potentially applicable funding sources and identify the most promising through the Work Group process.	IP	ARRA applications pending
Task 2- Utilizing Work Group and state agency resources, solicit legislative assistance for eliminating restrictions on the Rural Telecommunications Infrastructure grant program.		
<del>Objective I: Leverage unused bandwidth for the benefit of the greatest number of users.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Convene representatives of CENIC and Broadband Institute of California to discuss the feasibility of a best practices guidebook. Identify funding for such a guidebook.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 2 Convene this same group to meet with Federal Communications Commission staff to discuss unused bandwidth.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Objective J: Incorporate ACS infrastructure into all new residential and commercial construction.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Begin discussions with California Building Industry Association in regard to incorporating ACS into new construction.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 2 Initiate Work Group draft model policies and ordinances based upon above discussions.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 3 Facilitate BTH and HUD meetings regarding integration ACS into affordable housing programs.</del>		Discontinued
<b>Goal 2: Promote accessibility and utilization of ACS in targeted underserved communities and populations.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORK GROUP (ACS)**

Lead Organization: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective A: Increase utilization of ACS by all residents.</b>	W	
Task 1- Work with CPUC, state agencies and the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) to explore opportunities for cooperation and joint ventures to expand accessibility to underserved communities.		
Task 2- Explore avenues and partnerships for funding solicitation and project implementation. Capture in Action Plan.		
Task 3- Evaluate Pixley Connect project as a model for other communities.	C	Program evaluation completed; model for expansion in place
<b>Objective B: Inform local elected officials about the importance and benefit of access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses.</b>		
Task 1- Expand upon primer listed in Goal 1, Objective B.		
Task 2- Expand list of partner organizations for discussions of steps in years three and beyond.		
<b>Objective C: Implement projects to provide access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses to provide access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses to eliminate the digital divide.</b>		
In addition to activities listed in Goal 1, Objective D; incorporate discussions with CETF and other potential funders regarding a process to invite proposals.		
<del>Objective D: Develop and implement a program to ensure all high school students graduate with basic computer literacy skills.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Engage PreK-12 Education Work Group in discussions leading to identification of task force to begin this work.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Work with PreK-12 Education Work Group to monitor progress on development of curriculum and implementation plan.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Objective E: Expand the number of public locations for access to ACS to help disadvantaged residents and businesses to bridge the digital divide.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Work with CPUC to identify needed amendments to existing statutes, regulations and funding programs to address obstacles. In conjunction with CPUC, develop report.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Identify appropriate routes and champions for seeking amendments</del>		Discontinued
<b>Goal 3: Expand and replicate successful model programs to increase access to ACS and IT to bridge the digital divide.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> IP	Looking to expand Pixley Connect to the North Valley, CENIC and CETF ARRA application pending

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**ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORK GROUP (ACS)**

Lead Organization: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective A: Develop and implement a plan to expand and replicate the most successful strategies and programs to bridge the digital divide.</b>	IP	Replication of Pixley Connect program in Delano and Stockton; working with Stanislaus County T3 program to replicate their successful strategies
Refer to above related activities		
<b>Objective B: Foster demand for ACS access in underserved and disadvantaged communities, such as encouraging economic development and growth of home-based businesses.</b>	IP	Pixley Connect and Stanislaus T3 actively working to foster demand for ACS in underserved and disadvantaged communities
All activities above will be in support of this goal but outcomes will be outside of the 30-month timeframe.		
<del>Goal 4: Accelerate deployment of ACS infrastructure through telemedicine and eHealth technology.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Objective A: Develop and implement a telemedicine and eHealth plan to connect health clinics with medical centers.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Work with Health and Human Services Work Group to Convene CA Telemedicine and eHealth Center, CETF, BTH, HHS and stakeholders to develop plan for model project</del>		Discontinued
<del>Work with Health and Human Services Work Group to engage partners above in developing plan for implementing Electronic Health records.</del>		Discontinued
<b>Objective B: Build upon ACS infrastructure for telemedicine and eHealth to promote other applications for education and economic development to increase access and affordability.</b>		
Ensure opportunities are provided for CENIC and EDCs to participate in above activities.	IP	
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		Funding continues to be an issue.
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		

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**AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)**

Lead Organization: The Maddy Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Achieve U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards for 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 by the current attainment date, or as soon as practicable thereafter.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
<b>Objective A: Negotiate with U.S. EPA to address federal constraints on alternative compliance emission reduction programs.</b>		
Monitor negotiations between SJVAPCD, ARB, and EPA and intervene as necessary to help facilitate a successful outcome.		
<b>Objective B: Negotiate with U.S. EPA allowance of SIP credits for incentive programs.</b>		
Monitor negotiations between the SJVAPCD, ARB and EPA and intervene as necessary to help facilitate a successful outcome.		
<b>Objective C: Work with ARB to identify appropriate criteria for incentive programs in the Valley.</b>		
Work with the SJVAPCD and the ARB to develop modified incentive program guidelines that generate surplus emissions, are cost-effective, are sufficiently attractive to incent the desired investment, and are designed and implemented in a timely manner.		
<b>Goal 2: Encourage EPA adoption of tighter federal emission control standards.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
<b>Objective A: Recommend that ARB work with U.S. EPA to ensure that On- and Off-Road Heavy Duty Vehicles and equipment comply with applicable new and in-use emission standards.</b>		
Build consensus among Work Group on changes needed in current programs and proposed strategies for implementation.		
<b>Objective B: Encourage U.S. EPA to develop the strongest emission control standards for locomotives. Negotiate with railroads to ensure early introduction of the cleanest locomotives into the San Joaquin Valley fleet.</b>		
Act as a catalyst to encourage timely and effective action by EPA and railroads.		
<b>Goal 3: Implement incentive mechanisms to accelerate adoption of air quality mitigation technologies.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
<b>Objective A: Establish Air Quality Mitigation Zones (state level designation).</b>		
Work with all relevant stakeholders to design the Air Quality Mitigation Zone and enabling legislation.		
Conduct campaign to educate local and state leaders on the importance of this vehicle for emissions reduction.		
Monitor implementation.		
<b>Objective B: Establish Air Quality Empowerment Zone (Federal level designation).</b>		

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**AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)**

Lead Organization: The Maddy Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Work with all relevant stakeholders to design the Air Quality Empowerment Zone and enabling legislation.		
Conduct campaign to educate local and Federal leaders on the importance of this vehicle for emissions reduction.		
Monitor implementation.		
<b>Objective C: Establish and fund a 5-year program to scrap and replace approximately 6,000 gross polluting passenger vehicles per year and achieve 20 tons/day emissions reduction over 5 years.</b>		
Work with SJVAPCD and ARB to design program and enabling legislation (if required).		
Work with Valley's Federal and state legislative delegation and the SJVAPCD to identify sources of funding.		
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Objective D: Establish and fund a 5-year program to scrap and replace approximately 7,500 heavy duty diesel trucks per year and achieve 60 tons/day emissions reduction over 5 years.</b>		
Work with SJVAPCD and ARB to design program and enabling legislation (if required).		
Work with Valley's Federal and State legislative delegation and the SJVAPCD to identify sources of funding.		
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Objective E: Establish and fund a 5-year scrap and replace program for off-road equipment to achieve 10 tons/day emissions reduction over 5 years.</b>		
Work with SJVAPCD and ARB to design program and enabling legislation (if required).		
Work with Valley's Federal and State legislative delegation and the SJVAPCD to identify sources of funding.		
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Objective F: School Bus Fleet Modernization.</b>		
<i>Note: The process the Maddy Institute will use to implement this recommendation will depend on whether or not the Transportation Bond Measure is approved by the voters in November 2006.</i>		
If Bond measure is passed, work with the SJVAPCD and the Valley school districts to catalyze prompt action to implement modernization programs that can be funded through bond measure proceeds.		
If the Bond measure is not passed, work with Valley's Federal and state legislative delegation to establish and identify sources of funding for a school bus fleet modernization program.		

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**AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)**

Lead Organization: The Maddy Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Goal 4: Promote clean energy projects (with Energy Work Group).</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
<b>Objective A: Establish a San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization</b>		Has been established and continues with leadership by Energy Work Group
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Energy Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested by the Energy Work Group</i>		
Collaborate with Energy Work Group to create a San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Office.		
<b>Objective B: Establish San Joaquin Valley Clean Vehicle Information Exchange.</b>		
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by CALSTART, working in conjunction with the Energy Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested.</i>		
Collaborate with the Energy Work Group and CALSTART to develop a Clean Vehicle Information Exchange proposal.		
<b>Objective C: Implement Community Choice Aggregation Project.</b>		
<i>Note: The first Community Choice Aggregation Project is being led by the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD). The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Work Group, will provide support as requested by KRCD.</i>		
Collaborate with Energy Work Group to implement Community Choice Aggregation Projects.		
<b>Objective D: Net metering within same agricultural operation or water district.</b>		
Convene meeting with Valley state legislative delegation, Air Quality Work Group and all other relevant stakeholders to secure support for net metering within the same agricultural operation or water district.		
Help design program/enabling legislation.		
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Objective E: Incentivize use of agricultural biomass for fuel and energy production.</b>		
Collaborate with Energy and Economic Development Work Groups to create a workgroup to identify barriers, and recommendations to overcome those barriers, to the expanded use of agricultural waste material for energy production (including the design and funding of incentive mechanisms).		
Help design implementation program.		
Monitor program implementation.		

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**AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)**

Lead Organization: The Maddy Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 5: Improve transportation mobility and goods movement (with Transportation Work Group).</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
<b>Objective A: Evaluate Highway Tolling Option (joint recommendation with Transportation Work Group).</b>		
Collaborate with the Transportation Work Group to secure funding to research and evaluate road pricing projects.		
Help facilitate and monitor research and evaluation.		
Support next steps following conclusion of research and evaluation.		
<b>Objective B: Urban Traffic Synchronization Pilot.</b>		
Work with the Valley COGs and Caltrans to identify a site or sites for the pilot.		
Define the pilot parameters.		
Help secure funding for the project		
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Objective C: Evaluate/implement short sea shipping.</b>		
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Transportation Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested by the Transportation Work Group.</i>		
Collaborate with the Transportation Work Group to evaluate the economic feasibility of short sea shipping and its potential air quality benefits.		
If economic feasibility is positive, support implementation efforts.		
<b>Objective D: Evaluate/implement multi-modal facilities.</b>		
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Transportation Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested by the Transportation Work Group.</i>		
Collaborate with the Transportation Work Group to evaluate the economic feasibility of multimodal facilities and their potential air quality benefits.		
If economic feasibility is positive, support implementation efforts.		
<b>Objective E: Evaluate/implement rail improvements.</b>		
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Transportation Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested by the Transportation Work Group.</i>		

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**AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)**

Lead Organization: The Maddy Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Collaborate with Transportation Work Group to encourage and implement rail improvements.		
<b>Objective F: Evaluate/implement mass transit options.</b>		
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Transportation Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested by the Transportation Work Group.</i>		
Collaborate with Transportation Work Group to encourage and implement mass transit options.		
<b>Goal 6: Encourage green local government.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
<b>Objective A: Accelerate use of clean energy technology in municipal and state operations.</b>		
Make presentations to the Valley COGs, principal municipalities and major state operations in the Valley, encouraging them to accelerate use of clean energy in their operations.		
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Objective B: Include air quality scoring criteria in all municipal and state procurement contracts.</b>		
Help draft a model ordinance calling for air quality scoring criteria to be included in all municipal procurement contracts.		
Make presentations to the principal municipalities encouraging them to adopt the ordinance.		
Encourage the State government to adopt similar criteria for all state procurement contracts.		
Monitor program implementation.		
<b>Objective C: Adopt Green Building standards.</b>		
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Energy Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested.</i>		
Collaborate with the Energy Work Group to develop and encourage use of green building standards.		
<b>Objective D: Adopt new land use guidelines.</b>		
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Land Use, Agriculture and Housing Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested.</i>		
Collaborate with the Land Use, Agriculture, and Housing Work Group to encourage adoption of new land use guidelines that benefit air quality.		
<b>Goal 7: Accelerate research of critical emissions.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Agricultural PM10, PM2.5 and ROG emissions research.</b>		

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**AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)**

Lead Organization: The Maddy Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Convene interested stakeholders to evaluate the need and set priorities for research on agricultural equipment and agricultural operations that will help obtain emission reductions.			
Assist stakeholders in identifying projects that could qualify for funding under the Farm Bill as well as the Innovative Clean Air Technologies (ICAT) program.			
Monitor program implementation.			
<b>Objective B: Research of dairy emissions sources and best available control technology (BACT).</b>			
Work with the SJVAPCD to convene interested stakeholders to define priorities and funding requirements for dairy emissions research and projects.			
Assist stakeholders in securing funding.			
Monitor program implementation.			
<b>Goal 8: Improve public understanding of air quality issues and solutions.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ongoing

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP (ECON)**

**Lead Organization: Central California Development Corporation**

REVISED ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 - 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Facilitate investments in infrastructure and incentives that support the economic vitality of the region.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Organize a new regional Economic Development District (EDD) for the SJV. The EDD will advance the concerns and promote opportunities in the eight county region and serve as a powerful engine to promote private sector investment and job creation.</b>		
Prepare a San Joaquin Valley (SJV) wide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to The CEDS will analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources.	IP	A final version of the CEDS has been completed by the California Central Valley EDC and is pending approval by the EDA.
Establish the regional Economic Development District (EDD) for the San Joaquin Valley.	IP	
Once the EDD is established, seek federal funding to help the cities and counties of California's Central Valley facilitate projects.		
<b>Objective B: Establish and promote regionwide incentives</b>		
Update and compile information on all incentive zones in the region.		
Update regionwide promotional material to promote the incentive zones. Incorporate into marketing efforts.		
Identify bottlenecks and recommendations for revising the incentive zones in the region. Work with legislative champion(s) to find creative ways to address bottlenecks.	C	California Central Valley EDC completed a legislative visit to Sacramento on March 15-16, 2010, to address issues of concern to business.
<b>Goal 2: Align regionwide economic development efforts in support of target industry clusters: (1) agribusiness, including food processing, agricultural technology, and biotechnology; (2) manufacturing; (3) supply chain management and logistics; (4) health and medical care; and (5) renewable energy.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective: Work with WIA Grant Goal #1 in Sector-Based Articulation for high school career and technical education (CTE) programs in high priority industries in three high schools in Kings, Fresno and Stanislaus Counties. Each high school will engage students in two of the target industry career education areas.</b>		

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP (ECON)**

**Lead Organization: Central California Development Corporation**

REVISED ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 - 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Provide guidance, develop and communicate resources on industry clusters	IP	Working on industry profiles for California Central Valley EDC Web site. These can be used by partners and industry. Compiled recent demographic information for the eight-county region. Also, ordered California County Projections for our group to use.
Help identify sector-based needs for both industry and students within respective targeted industry	IP	Currently working on Renewable Energy target industry information. A list of projects has been compiled. Also, job titles and wages have been compiled for Manufacturing and Food Processing.
Inventory university programs in the region that support the clusters.		
Work with the three demonstration projects to provide resources and industry stakeholders to develop internships and job placement programs		
<b>Goal 3: Create a dynamic, entrepreneur-producing economic climate in the San Joaquin Valley.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective: Work with the Lyles Center on WIA Grant Deliverable #4 to establish a San Joaquin Valley network of Entrepreneurship Centers (E-Centers). Located at Reedley College, Bakersfield College, and the University of Pacific, the E-Centers will enable the launch of new businesses and creation of new jobs within Central Valley communities.</b>		
Provide guidance and act as an industry resource.		
Help communicate industry information.	IP	California Central Valley EDC is working on a new web site that breaks out information by target industry for the eight county region.
Develop target industry information.	IP	California Central Valley EDC is developing sector profiles for Manufacturing, Food Processing, Renewable Energy, Logistics (Agribusiness plays a role in each).
Communicate and leverage valley industry stakeholders for demonstration projects.		
<b>Goal 4: Accelerate the deployment and adoption of renewable and clean energy in the San Joaquin Valley.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP (ECON)**

**Lead Organization: Central California Development Corporation**

REVISED ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 - 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective A: Continue to work with sitting Renewable Energy Companies and cluster industries</b>		IP	California Central Valley EDC county board members are actively working with renewable energy companies to locate in the Valley.
<b>Objective B: Work with state officials to remove administrative barriers to clean energy deployment.</b>		IP	California Central Valley EDC has received a paper from a consortium of solar projects that view the Williamson Act as a barrier to deployment.
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>			
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>			

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**ENERGY WORK GROUP - SJVCEO (Energy-SJVCEO)**

Supporting Organizations:

California State University, Fresno, Great Valley Center, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Develop a comprehensive regional plan and implementation structure for efficient energy use and clean renewable technologies.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective B: Develop a comprehensive regional clean energy plan for the San Joaquin Valley.</b>		A lack of funding and other changes at the state level have changed our focus in this area to determining how we can help jurisdictions comply with AB 32 and 375 and comply with state energy efficiency strategic plan.
Develop work plan.		NP
Completion of the regional clean energy plan.		IP During the quarter, our planning effort through San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) focused on 1) Helping jurisdictions in Kings and Tulare counties pursue strategic planning funding from utilities through the VIEW partnership; 2) Helping Delano and Ceres develop climate action plan approaches through their energy block grants.
<b>Objective C: Seek an “increased share of “public goods charges revenue” for funding energy efficiency programs from CPUC in portion to regional population.</b>		Wrote letters and organized a series of meetings in Sacramento through the Partnership to seek redress when \$10 million of Valley-based grant applications were rejected by the California Energy Commission.
Complete assessment of public goods funding returning to the Valley.		NP

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**ENERGY WORK GROUP - SJVCEO (Energy-SJVCEO)**

Supporting Organizations:

California State University, Fresno, Great Valley Center, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Implement strategies to increase public benefit funding.	IP	1) Signed on to letter and met with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) staff in Sacramento to seek ways to increase Valley funding for residential retrofit programs funded by CPUC and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); 2) Was notified that <b>SJVCEO was selected as an energy champion by Southern California Edison for work it is doing with jurisdictions in Kings and Tulare counties through the VIEW Partnership.</b>
<b>Goal 2: Increase efficient energy use in all sectors.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP Prepared and submitted a draft proposal to the CEC to provide financial support to the SJVCEO to build capacity and increase energy efficiency use in all building sectors and the agriculture sector.
<b>Objective B: Increase efficient energy use in rural communities.</b>		
Conduct pilots.	NP	
Expand to additional locations.	IP	Submitted EECBG application documentation for 37 Valley jurisdictions. <b>Most of these jurisdictions indicated they would not have been able to apply for these funds without support from the SJVCEO/San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.</b> These grants are expected to be awarded in early May.
<b>Objective E: Support project based learning in schools to demonstrate the positive role that clean energy can play in improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</b>		
Pursue and secure grant funding to develop school programs.	W	Prepared and submitted a draft proposal to the CEC to provide financial support to the SJVCEO to build capacity and increase energy efficiency use in all building sectors and the agriculture sector.

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**ENERGY WORK GROUP - SJVCEO (Energy-SJVCEO)**

Supporting Organizations:

California State University, Fresno, Great Valley Center, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 3: Advance energy self sufficiency and grow the economy through development of clean, renewable technologies.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Work with state agencies to explore and demonstrate innovative approaches to increase use of renewable energy, including trading of net metering credits, streamlining the requirement for interconnection to the grid, and structuring incentives for renewable energy production.</b>		IP Proposal was submitted to CEC for financial support to support this activity. (See Goal 2 above.)
Assess and rank opportunities.		IP Assessment will be updated by SJVCEO in last half of 2010.
Develop and introduce new approaches.		IP Activity will be addressed in the last half of 2010.
<b>Objective E: Implement community choice energy aggregation projects.</b>		
Provide technical assistance to KCRD and participating government entities on clean energy as needed.		IP Technical assistance will be provided on an as-requested basis. None was requested in Q1. Given the current economic environment, it is highly unlikely that this assistance will be requested.
<b>Goal 5: Promote the region as an international leader for clean energy research, development, and use.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Work with economic development agencies at local, state, and federal levels to incubate, grow and attract clean energy companies.</b>		W
Work with economic development organizations to develop a database of clean energy companies in the Valley.		W
Serve as a clearinghouse of information on clean energy companies.		W
<b>Objective B: Work with community colleges, trade unions and Workforce Investment Boards to ensure that there is an adequately trained workforce for the clean energy industry.</b>		W
Begin an inventory of clean energy training programs offered around the country.		W
Advocate for the development of additional training capacity for clean energy jobs.		W
<b>Objective D: Develop and implement innovative cutting-edge clean energy demonstration projects.</b>		

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**ENERGY WORK GROUP - SJVCEO (Energy-SJVCEO)**

Supporting Organizations:

California State University, Fresno, Great Valley Center, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Conduct outreach to universities, labs, CEC, DOE and research facilities.	IP	SJVCEO talked with University of California and other representatives about involving the Valley in a \$130 million building retrofit project funded by the DOE. Discussions are ongoing to determine the role that the Valley might play. Proposals are due to DOE in Q2.
Convene meetings with universities, labs, CEC, DOE and research facilities to develop research partnerships and funding.	IP	As noted above, the SJVCEO talked with University of California and other representatives about involving the Valley in a \$130 million building retrofit project funded by the DOE. Discussions are ongoing to determine the role that the Valley might play. Proposals are due to DOE in Q2.
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		Major challenge is currently unrestricted funding for the SJVCEO to allow it to pursue ARRA and other funding opportunities on behalf of the Valley.
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		We continue to pursue and leverage funds from the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN), Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric, the Gas Company, corporations, private sponsors, and several jurisdictions .

**ENERGY WORK GROUP - ICWT (Energy-ICWT)**

Supporting Organizations:

International Center for Water Technology, California State University, Fresno

Great Valley Center

San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 - 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 4: Improve energy efficiencies in the management and use of water.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> IP	Remains a key element of Fresno State Water mission going forward
<b>Objective A: Convene a State summit to identify/adopt converged water-energy conservation activities.</b>		Fresno State will host regional water technology conference May 10-12 in Fresno.
<b>Objective B: Design and implement an innovative energy conservation program in water management to include education, diagnosis, and repair/retrofit of equipment for agricultural, water delivery, and wastewater treatment facilities.</b>	IP	Proceeding forward as part of PG&E and SCE energy efficiency contracts
<b>Objective C: Design and implement an innovative energy conservation program in water management for urbanized communities.</b>		
<i>Support Water Work Group and ICWT leadership on these objectives.</i>		
<b>Goal 5: Promote the region as an international leader for clean energy research, development, and use.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> IP	WET Lab and Technology Conference will promote these actions going forward.
<b>Objective A: Work with economic development agencies at local, state, and federal levels to incubate, grow and attract clean energy companies.</b>	W	Proceeding forward as part of core mission and WIB grants
Work with economic development organizations to develop a database of clean energy companies in the Valley.		
Serve as a clearinghouse of information on clean energy companies.		
<b>Objective B: Work with community colleges, trade unions and Workforce Investment Boards to ensure that there is an adequately trained workforce for the clean energy industry.</b>	W	Proceeding forward as part of WIB grant
Begin an inventory of clean energy training programs offered around the country.		
Advocate for the development of additional training capacity for clean energy jobs.		

**ENERGY WORK GROUP - ICWT (Energy-ICWT)**

Supporting Organizations:

International Center for Water Technology, California State University, Fresno

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<b>Objective C: Encourage and support public and private agencies to use and showcase clean energy technologies.</b>	IP	<b>A component of core mission of Fresno State Water entities</b>
Conduct outreach.		
Market the showcase sites.		
<b>Objective D: Develop and implement innovative cutting-edge clean energy demonstration projects.</b>		<b>A component of core mission of Fresno State Water entities</b>
Conduct outreach to universities, labs, CEC, DOE and research facilities.		
Convene meetings with universities, labs, CEC, DOE and research facilities to develop research partnerships and funding.		
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		<b>Bureau, DWR, PG&amp;E funds</b>

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**ENERGY WORK GROUP-GVC (Energy-GVC)**

Supporting Organizations: California State University, Fresno, Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 2: Increase efficient energy use in all sectors.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Establish a Clean Vehicle Information Exchange Program.</b>		
<i>Support CALSTART and Air Quality Work Group efforts on this objective.</i>		Provide e-blasts for Cal-Start Program
<b>Objective C: Develop and implement program to encourage EnergyStar standards for new buildings.</b>		
Inventory Valley case studies of Energy Star buildings.	C	Done - Summer 2009
Develop and execute communications plan to promote adoption of Energy Star buildings.		Dropped - superseded by new T-24
<b>Objective D: Support adoption of green building ordinances by all local jurisdictions in the Valley.</b>		
Collect model green building ordinances.	C	Done - 2009
Develop and execute communications plan to promote adoption of EnergyStar buildings.	IP	Ongoing - PG&E/SCE training promotions
<b>Goal 5: Promote the region as an international leader for clean energy research, development, and use.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Work with economic development agencies at local, state, and federal levels to incubate, grow and attract clean energy companies.</b>		
Work with economic development organizations to develop a database of clean energy companies in the Valley.	IP	Ongoing - with community college Centers of Excellence program
Serve as a clearinghouse of information on clean energy companies.		See <a href="http://www.gvc-energy.org">www.gvc-energy.org</a>
<b>Objective B: Work with community colleges, trade unions and Workforce Investment Boards to ensure that there is an adequately trained workforce for the clean energy industry.</b>		
Begin an inventory of clean energy training programs offered around the country.		Valleywide only with PG&E, SCE & COE programs
Advocate for the development of additional training capacity for clean energy jobs.		See 5-A above
<b>Objective C: Encourage and support public and private agencies to use and showcase clean energy technologies.</b>		
Conduct outreach.		Soliciting cities for greenhouse gas inventories
Market the showcase sites.		See <a href="http://www.gvc-energy.org">www.gvc-energy.org</a>

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**ENERGY WORK GROUP-GVC (Energy-GVC)**

Supporting Organizations: California State University, Fresno, Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective D: Develop and implement innovative cutting-edge clean energy demonstration projects.</b>		
Conduct outreach to universities, labs, CEC, DOE and research facilities.	IP	Working on clean jobs with University of California, Merced and California State University, Stanislaus as well as Community colleges through the COE outreach
Convene meetings with universities, labs, CEC, DOE and research facilities to develop research partnerships and funding.		
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		Funding
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		None - seeking grants for next quarter and negotiating with utility for PUC Green Communities program

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**HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP - HIGHER EDUCATION**

Lead Agency: Central Valley Higher Education Consortium

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Provide services to 1,000 targeted students	C	
Goal 2: Provide counseling, career coaching, and academic planning.	C	
Goal 3: Ensure students receive academic assessment plans and understand their interest areas and potential.	C	
Goal 4: Direct assistance to students with college applications	C	
Goal 5: Increase college enrollments	C	
Goal 6: Monitoring and Evaluation	IP	The Kremen School of Education at CSU Fresno provided an evaluation of the College Place initiative, Making College Happen. They found that of 50 post-tested trained college advocates, 100 percent of them knew the A-G requirements, the number of colleges and universities in the Central Valley, all the admission requirements for UC, CSU and community colleges. Seventy-five (75) percent of those who became Youth Ambassadors for Making College Happen went on to college -- of which sixty (60) percent are the first in their families to attend a college or university.
Goal 7: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley	IP	The CVHEC Board of Directors voted on May 3 to enhance regional collaboration by adopting the degree completion initiative -- an outcome from a February 2010 meeting with the California Legislative Analyst Office (LAO). The goals of the Degree Completion Initiative include: (1) region-wide articulation agreements and transfer agreements (2) common course numbering system (3) structured curriculum in selected majors that would articulate regionwide (4) disincentives to teaching courses outside of the pathway to degree or duplicated courses (5) freedom for colleges to provide incentives for students to take certain courses (6) allowing campus leadership to have more freedom in using new incentives and (7) elimination of education codes that create institutional barriers and limit or diminish access to college and college completion.

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**Lead Agency: Central Valley Higher Education Consortium**

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective A: Improving educational access</b>	IP	The community colleges and independent colleges from the region met to address how these two sectors can support one another and help to facilitate the transfer of students from the community colleges to independent colleges.
<b>Objective B: Increase availability of financial aid information</b>		
<b>Objective C: Organizational Development</b>		
<b>Objective D: Continue building and maintaining an effective governing board.</b>	IP	Brandman University (Chapman University) was welcomed as a new member of the CVHEC, growing membership to 29 colleges and universities.
<b>Objective E: Strategic Plan: Implementation and refinement</b>		
<b>Objective F: Sustainability</b>	IP	In January 2010, the CVHEC began a corporate partner initiative designed to bring financial support toward efforts to keep talented students in the Central Valley labor pool, prepare a workforce that makes Central Valley businesses more competitive and allow the region to advocate for progressive educational policies and programs. Regional corporations have demonstrated interest and are considering sponsorships. In addition, three grant proposals have been submitted written to enhance degree completion, adult learners and first generation college students respectively.

**HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Supporting Organizations:

Office of Community and Economic Development, Central California Workforce Collaborative

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Create a demand-driven workforce investment system that supports target clusters.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Align workforce development resources to support target industry clusters.</b>		
Target clusters have been adopted. Ensure follow up by WIBs and CCs.		C The Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) continues to target the expenditure of training funds toward the high-demand industry clusters. ARRA funds were used to fund courses at community colleges across the region that prepare individuals for jobs in the targeted industry clusters. CCWC obtained a National Emergency Grant that will provide additional resources to train Valley residents for jobs in these industries.
<b>Objective B: Occupational analysis of key jobs in target industries.</b>		IP Renewed employment studies have not been undertaken due to lack of funds and because the recession has skewed labor market demand projections. The receipt of the National Emergency Grant may provide resources for new occupational analysis to be conducted.
Secure the available \$1 million to support this and other actions.		C The National Emergency Grant may provide resources for this activity as well as other planning activities.
Develop consensus among WIBs and CCs about approach to completing occupational analyses.		C
Promote participation in occupational analyses.		C
Analyze data collected in surveys.		C
Dissemination of survey results to WIBs and community colleges.		C
<b>Objective C: Web-based inventory of vocational training and “gap analysis.”</b>		NP CCWC continues to target the expenditure of training funds toward the high-demand industry clusters. ARRA funds were used to fund courses at community colleges across the region that prepare individuals for jobs in the targeted industry clusters. The
<del>Develop survey instrument with CCs and ROPs.</del>		Discontinued
Implement survey and compile data.		
Promote training opportunities in the San Joaquin Valley.		

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Supporting Organizations:

Office of Community and Economic Development, Central California Workforce Collaborative

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective D: Regionwide business intelligence tool.</b>	C	Executive Pulse continues to be used as a tool to communicate among WIB, Education, and Economic Development Partners across the region.
No immediate action required.		
Evaluate status of this item in Q1, Year 3.		
<del><b>Objective E: Create a Just in Time Training Voucher Fund.</b></del>		Discontinued
<del>Follow up with Central Region Consortium and provide support to their efforts as needed.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Establish initial contract with ETP.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Once the fund is established, promote use of the training dollars to WIBs and EDCs.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Expand the fund once the initial contract objectives have been met.</del>		Discontinued
<b>Objective F: Address workforce supply on a regional basis.</b>	C	
Develop consensus among WIBs and CCs about process for establishing a regionwide workforce ready certificate.	C	Ongoing
Identify assessment tool(s).	C	Ongoing
Secure funding to implement new assessment tool(s), including training dollars.	C	Ongoing
Adoption and implementation of assessment tool(s).	C	Ongoing
Promotion of San Joaquin Valley work ready certificate.	C	Ongoing
<b>Objective G: Align career technical education with target industries.</b>	IP	Three new Career Pathway programs are being implemented at high schools across the Valley through the WIA 15% grant. These will serve as pilot projects, forming the model to be used for future expansion of programs across the Valley.
Recruit Valley ROPs leaders for participation in the Work Group.		
Invite input from Valley ROPs on all of Goal 1 objectives.		
Coordinate with K-12 on development of new career tech curriculum that aligns with target clusters.		

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective H: Establish the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium.</b>	C	Ongoing
<b>Objective I: Align the efforts of the San Joaquin Valley's economic development corporations, San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium, and Central Region Consortium.</b>	IP	Meetings between these entities continue to be held on a periodic basis in order to assure continued alignment.
Provide support to WIBs as they develop an MOU that outlines parameters for the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium.	C	
Schedule quarterly training sessions with Greg Newton; involve CCs and EDCs as needed.	IP	Ongoing
At least annually, convene strategic planning meetings with WIBs, community colleges and EDCs.	IP	
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>	IP	
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>	C	Received \$8M National Emergency Grant. Tulare WIB is lead.

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**LAND USE, AGRICULTURE & HOUSING WORK GROUP (LUAH)**

Lead Agency: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Foster regional consensus to support development and implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Assist development of regional consensus on values, goals, strategies and guidelines for the Regional Blueprint Plan.</b>	C	Scenario B+ adopted; implementation phase occurring
Coordinate with 8 Councils of Government (COGs) in the region to support Blueprint as the vehicle for achieving land use, transportation and air quality.	IP	Blueprint implementation ongoing
<b>Objective B: Develop a high-value parks and open space strategy.</b>	C	State Parks System and Valley Park Plan completed
Coordinate with 8 COGs through the Blueprint, engage community groups and conservation interests.		
<b>Goal 2: Promote adoption of community design guidelines that will ensure strong neighborhoods, improve mobility, improve air quality, increase energy efficiency in buildings and increase infrastructure cost-effectiveness through land use.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted Smart Growth Principles
<b>Objective A: Increase the overall average density of new development.</b>		
Blueprint to adopt framework for development including density average goals.	C	Blueprint adopted
<del><b>Objective B: Reduce urban run-off by decreasing the land covered by commercial and industrial parking.</b></del>		Discontinued
Review commercial industrial parking standards.		Discontinued
<del><b>Objective C: Promote the adoption and implementation of zoning ordinances that are form based and more flexible.</b></del>		Discontinued
Blueprint - local planners review zoning issues.		
<b>Objective D: Study and adopt a strategic concept for accommodating new growth by encouraging communities with the necessary elements and constraints to be cost-effective and self-sufficient in achieving the overall goals and objectives.</b>		
Research optimal (minimum) size of communities for fiscal and economic self-sufficiency.	IP	
<b>Goal 3: Determine requisite regional infrastructure and funding strategies to support implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Develop and implement a plan for the provision of regional infrastructure.</b>	IP	
Based on adapted Blueprint, assess regional infrastructure needs.	IP	
<b>Objective B: Develop and implement a process for monitoring the performance and adequacy of regional infrastructure and determining future needs.</b>	IP	
Develop an integrated process/forum through COGs to discuss regional infrastructure.		

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**LAND USE, AGRICULTURE & HOUSING WORK GROUP (LUAH)**

Lead Agency: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 4: Improve the planning and development process to be consistent with the Regional Blueprint Plan and provide incentives for smart growth.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Improve the sharing, access and use of planning and environmental resource data among state, COGs, local governments, business organizations, environmental groups, other stakeholders and the public for more informed decision-making.</b>		IP Sharing of information and collaboration continues to occur with discussions between the Partnership, the Policy Council and Blueprint implementors.
Distribute open space and valuable land maps to interested parties, COG planners and GIS modelers.		
<b>Goal 5: Develop a long-range strategy for agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley that ensures its viability and sustainability.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Develop a long range plan to maintain the viability of agriculture in the region.</b>		IP Consideration of an Ag plan for the San Joaquin Valley
CDFA to research and propose an AG Plan for the region.		IP
<b>Objective B: Minimize the proliferation of ranchette development on farmland.</b>		
COGs Model projects of alternative land use scenarios.		IP Blueprint awards provided to model projects
<b>Objective C: Reduce the loss of farmland attributable to General Plan amendments.</b>		IP Scenario B+
Work with COGs and Blueprint and legislature to consider "no net loss" policies.		
<b>Goal 6: Ensure safe and healthy communities that provide a variety of housing types affordable to all residents and more opportunities for home ownership.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP
<b>Objective A: Increase the number and availability of housing units for people of all income levels, especially working families.</b>		IP Subcommittee: San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative working on this issue, local government agencies (cities and counties) providing programs for first-time home buyers targeting low- and medium-income earners.
<del>Work with COGs and housing providers to organize and fund Regional Housing Trust.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Establish priorities and criteria that will provide incentives for local jurisdictions to establish trust fund accounts.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Work with COGs through Blueprint Process to 1) synchronize housing element and RHNA planning, 2) establish resources to COGs and local jurisdictions to complete housing elements, set aside land, and develop resources to meet housing goals within the General Plans.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Organize training and resource team for local jurisdictions.</del>		Discontinued

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Lead Agency: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<del>Objective B: Provide incentives for affordable housing that meets the needs of all income levels in the region.</del>		Discontinued
Establish Regulatory Reform targets and vehicles for local jurisdictions.		Discontinued
Education: Tours by officials to master planned and sustainable developments		Discontinued
Develop and expand tool box of resources for local jurisdictions to use in housing development including green building for energy efficiency and renewables.		Discontinued
<b>Goal 7: Identify legislative and regulatory changes necessary to facilitate the implementation of the adopted goals and strategies.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP
<del>Objective A: Use the San Joaquin Valley as a pilot for testing new permitting and environmental incentives that will facilitate infill and refill developments.</del>		Discontinued
GVC work with State Resources Agency and OPR to implement test for limited time.		Discontinued
<del>Objective B: Develop and innovative approach to establishing a voluntary high value open space conservation system.</del>		Discontinued
GVC work with State Resources Agency and OPR to implement test for limited time.		
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		

**PREK-12 EDUCATION WORK GROUP (PreK-12)**

Lead Organization: Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute (CVELI),  
California State University, Fresno

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Increase the achievement level of students, schools and school districts in the San Joaquin Valley.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	The 2nd Annual Exemplary Practices in Education Conference was held Jan 20 with over 300 attendees from across the region. The theme was Engaging Students in Their Learning, Grades 6-16, and featured keynote speaker, Dr. Bill Daggett, a panel of exemplary district superintendents, two exemplary high schools, and Jeff Edmondson from Strive Cincinatti, a model communitywide partnership effort.
<b>Objective A: Implement a school and school district support system through county offices of education.</b>		IP	<b>Fresno County Office of Education and the State Center Consortium were co-sponsors of this event along with the PreK-12 Education Work Group. We engaged higher education through various means, including outreach through the Higher Education Work Group (Central Valley Higher Education Consortium). The County Offices of Education supported the planning and outreach for this event as a function of their commitment to the Partnership.</b>
Organize regular PreK-12 Work Group meetings involving eight county superintendents and Partnership representatives.		C	
Gather information on achievement gap.			
<b>Objective B: Implement a curricular and instructional program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade level.</b>			This objective is a subset of the objective above; we will not focus on it as a separate objective without additional funding.
Focus all meetings, discussions, programs and services on ways to close the achievement gap in Valley schools. See program descriptions below.			<b>See above. This will relate to Exemplary Practices Conference planning, English Learners and Career Technology Education/Workforce Development.</b>
Expand the discussion to include Pre-Kindergarten in all facets of the work plan as feasible.			
Gather information about availability and quality of preschool programs in the region and conduct a conference related to preschool programs in the region			

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Objective C: Provide school choice, intra-district and inter-district options consistent with state and federal law.</b>	C	Much of this work is now embedded in county offices and/or CVELI functions. Without further funding, this will no longer be a focus.
Legal issues workshops on school choice and other timely issues.		Much of this work is now embedded in county offices and/or CVELI functions. Without further funding, this will no longer be a focus.
<b>Objective D: Establish an executive leadership academy to train principals of low-performing schools in “turn-around” educational and management services.</b>	C	CVELI continues to work with eight rural school districts on student achievement; support the State Center Community College District in developing future leaders; and hosting an Executive Leadership Center for Valley Superintendents. In all of these events, we try to incorporate the goals of the Partnership.
Expand Springboard leadership development programs from 13 districts to 25 districts in the San Joaquin Valley.	C	
Expansion of Superintendent staff development from 3 counties to 8 counties.		We also offered the following program: <b><i>The Relationship of Quality School Facilities to School Achievement Feb 4, 2010</i></b> , 9am – 11am. This session was open to all Valley educational leaders planning or considering building or remodeling school facilities. The session was conducted by architects and school facilities experts with the most current information about environmental design and the impact on student learning. <b>Location:</b> Clovis North High School <b>Cost:</b> FREE, to all attendees. <b>Facilitated by:</b> Claudia Lourido-Habib, doctoral student and architecture teacher at Fresno City College. <b>Sponsored by:</b> Darden Architects. The Partnership board often mentions its concern about the wise expenditure of public education dollars. This workshop addressed that concern as part of the program focused on how to create new schools to address changing Valley educational and employment needs in outdated facilities.

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Lead Organization: Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute (CVELI),  
California State University, Fresno

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Expand Best Practice Institutes.		Exemplary Practices Conference held in January. (See explanation above). CVELI continues to work with eight rural school districts on student achievement; support the State Center Community College District in developing future leaders; and hosting an Executive Leadership Center for Valley Superintendents. CVELI has hosted a series of interactive video conferences this year with national experts Rick and Becky Dufour from Professional Learning Communities. Approximately 150 educational leaders from Lamont (Kern County) to Sierra (Fresno County) have participated in the seven-part series. In all of these events, we try to incorporate the goals of the Partnership. We are planning a two-day workshop with the DuFours for 720 participants in April.
Establishment of the Superintendents Leadership Network.		Of special interest to the Partnership board should be the recently completed Aspiring Superintendents' Academy in partnership with the Association of California School Administrators. Thanks to our business partners, we were able to offer this program at greatly reduced cost to 38 aspiring Valley superintendents nominated by their own district superintendents.
Expand and continue English Learner Leadership Academy as developed under the SEED Grant.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 2.
Lead by the Fresno County Office of Education, develop a long-range (10 year?) regional plan to address needs of English Learners	C	
<b>Objective F: Coordinate and communicate regional positions regarding state and/or federal school reform.</b>	C	
Write a resolution to accept and recommend goals defined by Governor's reform initiatives.		
Write a position "white" paper on alignment of state and federal standards.		

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<b>Goal 2: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
<b>Objective A: Support collaborations between school districts and the community colleges, CSU and UC systems.</b>	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
<b>Objective B: Increase the rate of high school graduates completing courses for college admission.</b>	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Serve as liaison between PreK-12 Work Group and Central Valley Higher Education Consortium to help implement CVHEC action plan.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Disseminate curricula and success stories developed from existing school, community college, university collaboratives.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Develop a regional plan and pilot project concept proposal to enhance the college going culture.		
Align academic options for higher education with career/technology education options leading to greater post secondary opportunities for students in the region.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
<b>Goal 3: Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum and/or business criteria/ workforce assessments.</b>	C	
Disseminate information on AALF programs through work group and Superintendents Leadership Network.		
As requested, develop time lines, staff development programs, and funding plans for one-to-one computing.		We organized a March conference on this topic with Apple. However it was postponed due to limited enrollment.
Identify unique and/or exemplary technology projects in the region.		Corcoran's technology facilities and programs were highlighted with site visits of the Rural Districts Network.
<b>Goal 5: Align career technical education to target industry clusters.</b>	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 1.
Develop and review curricula and programs that support target clusters.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 1.
Disseminate curriculum and information about exemplary programs through PreK-12 Work Group, Superintendents Leadership Network and Higher Education & Workforce Development Work Group.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 1.

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<b>Goal 6: Develop a regional "Contract for Kids" concept.</b>		Discontinued (no funding)
Identify resources to incorporate into development of a regional "Contract for Kids."		Discontinued (no funding)
Draft a regional "Contract for Kids."		Discontinued (no funding)
<b>Goal 7: Examine data systems to meet needs of districts and higher education institutions in the region to enhance data collection, transference of information across institutions and more adequately monitor PreK-16 student achievement/progress.</b>		<b>The expansion of Cal-PASS is under way throughout the region. This data system is an important link between K-12 and higher education.</b>
Identify data needs of PreK-12 and higher education institutions that are not adequately being met.		Discontinued (no funding)
Develop a plan to access and implement a data collection system to better meet needs of educational institutions at all levels in the region.		<b>CVELI received a planning grant which allowed them to bring Strive Cincinnati to Fresno to present at the Exemplary Practices Conference; to the Fresno Compact; and a group of Fresno area leaders. The purpose of this effort was to explore the feasibility of developing a similar "cradle to career" school and community partnership to enhance academic achievement and student/family support systems. The Fresno Compact has embraced the concept and will continue to work with the University and the Fresno area school districts (Fresno, Clovis and Central) to more fully develop the model here. Common data sets and indicators are the foundation of this model.</b>

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<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		<p>We have continued communications with Larry Powell, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, who is our primary liaison with the county offices. Mr. Powell has done us a service by agreeing to communicate with the other county superintendents regarding our progress. The original concept of the eight county superintendents directing the work proved to be inefficient and unsupportable. We have not reconvened the work group due to the fact that five of our eight county superintendents have indicated that they will not be running for re-election this year and have limited staffing to allocate to projects. Additionally, the fiscal crisis in the state has significantly impacted schools, districts and county offices everywhere, thus leaving time and resources extremely limited for activities beyond the primary purpose of the entity. These factors will result certain changes in education in the near future.</p>
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		<p>CVELI has and is co-writing several grant proposals for federal funding through the various new programs available and will be eager to hear results when available. We were also fortunate to receive some funds from the Provost to continue the work of the rural network. State Center Consortium and Fresno County Office of Education continue to be strong partners and have promised support for next year's Exemplary Practices Conference. Hopefully, the Partnership will gain funding in the future to help support these efforts. In the interim, we will continue to include their objectives in our program offerings.</p>

**TRANSPORTATION WORK GROUP (TRANS)**

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Implement a universally accepted Route 99 Corridor Master Plan (Enhancement and Business Plan Elements) for the 274-mile section within the San Joaquin Valley as a leading economic development strategy.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	
<b>Objective A: Improve Highway 99 to freeway standards to increase safety.</b>			
Promote adoption of resolutions supporting the Master Plan for Route 99, by counties and cities along the Highway 99 corridor.		IP	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council has endorsed the SR 99 Master Plan; individual Councils of Government (COGs) also have acted on the Business Plan.
Work with Caltrans and the Council of Governments (COGs) to work toward implementation schedule for projects and additional funding.		IP	San Joaquin Valley COGs are working with Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 to identify potential cost savings from Proposition 1B projects on SR 99; selected new projects are scheduled to be presented to the California Transportation Commission in June 2010.
<b>Objective B: Increase Highway 99 capacity which will result in improved mobility and reduced congestion while protecting environmental resources and fostering economic vitality.</b>			
Work with Caltrans on progress of interstate negotiation.			Regional Policy Council has taken a position of not pursuing Interstate designation for SR 99.
Monitor development of report on funding needs and financing approaches for Master Plan implementation.			See response to Objective 1A above
<b>Objective C: Create a San Joaquin Valley Route 99 Corridor identity.</b>			
Provide oversight, input and act a catalyst to move forward recommendations.			No action has been taken on Objective C
<b>Objective D: Build an ongoing coalition of civic leaders to support improvements to the Highway 99 corridor.</b>			
Convene working sessions of Highway 99 Master Plan Advisory Committee to support Master Plan implementation.			See response to Objective 1A above
Provide educational opportunities for elected officials and staff on benefits of corridor-adjacent land use policies.			Regional Policy Council will hold its annual conference in Modesto in fall 2010.
<b>Goal 2: Improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors. (Assumes timing of Blueprint work is conducive to proposed action items according to the schedule outlined in the Partnership Strategic Action Plan)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<b>Objective A: Support construction projects to improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors.</b>		San Joaquin Valley COGs submitted a proposal to Caltrans in February 2010 to study east-west corridors focusing on goods movement. A favorable response is anticipated from Caltrans.
Work with COGs and Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) to discuss potential safety and capacity improvements vital east-west corridors.		
Work with Transportation Work Group to assist Caltrans in development of East-West Corridor Plan.		
<b>Objective B: Incorporate plans for improving east-west corridors into Regional Blueprint Plan.</b>		See Objective 2A above
With COGs, Work Group will develop appropriate east-west corridor land use patterns to address Blueprint land use goals.		
<b>Goal 3: Improve goods movement within the region to increase economic vitality, traffic safety, and mobility.</b>		See Objective 2A above
<b>Objective A: Increase benefits to the San Joaquin Valley from goods movement through a “goods movement enhancement system” specific to the region.</b>		
Engage Work Group in efforts by Business Housing and Transportation Agency (BTH) and CAL/EPA to develop the San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan.		
<b>Goal 4: Enhance goods movement capacity while increasing safety, decreasing congestion, improving air quality, and promoting economic development.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See Objective 2A above
<b>Objective A: Accommodate current and future goods movement needs while improving air quality and economic prosperity.</b>		
Working through BTH, analysis of projects to augment goods movement will be conducted.		
Identification of subgroup of interested stakeholders to identify and prioritize issues and projects to improve goods movement.		
<b>Goal 5: Develop a sustainable regionwide transit system.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Policy Council approved the San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study in June 2009 and incorporated its findings and recommendations into the Council's Regional Transportation Plan Element.
<b>Objective A: Implement a comprehensive and efficient alternative transportation system for intra-regional and inter-regional passenger trips.</b>		

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Engagement of COGs and Caltrans in planning process for development of a comprehensive and interoperable transit system.		
<b>Goal 6: Transform roadside rest stops into user-friendly amenities that benefit the overall region and host communities.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No action was taken on this Goal
<b>Objective A: Improve roadside rest stops amenities and facilities to benefit user safety, facilitate tourism, and educate users about the environment and local communities.</b>		
Monitor BTH progress on regulatory challenges regarding designer selection, commercial activity, and interagency partnerships.		
<b>Goal 7: Improve mobility through more efficient land use patterns that will reduce single-occupant trip generation and support use of alternative modes.</b>		San Joaquin Valley COGs have contracted for consultant services to prepare a Blueprint Implementation Plan scheduled for delivery in November 2010.
<b>Objective A: Encourage the Regional Blueprint Plan process to integrate land use and transportation planning to improve mobility.</b>		
Development of methodology and evaluation of impacts on mobility from alternative land use patterns and policies.		
<b>Objective B: Incorporate into regional transportation plans those actions that support and encourage implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.</b>	C	
Work with Caltrans to ensure COGs and local governments have assistance in incorporating complimentary land use and transportation plans into the Blueprint.		
<b>Goal 8: Improve understanding by public officials and public of the relationship between investments in transportation improvements and economic development.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Summit is scheduled for June. Local elected and planning commission officials are targeted for attendance and participation.
<b>Objective A: Develop and implement a system for tracking economic development that results from investments in transportation improvements.</b>		
Design and organize "Transportation: A Cornerstone of the Economy" workshop and identify "volunteer" communities for implementation.		
<b>Goal 9: Implement "intelligent transportation system" (ITS) technologies to assist the region in achieving mobility goals.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Policy Council did not act on this Goal
Caltrans and/or COG representative will provide status report to Work group on San Joaquin Valley ITS Strategic Deployment Plan.		

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<b>Goal 10: Assure the high-speed rail system, if implemented, supports the San Joaquin Valley in achieving its economic, environmental, land use, and mobility goals.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	San Joaquin Valley COG directors and Regional Policy Council receive regular status reports on high-speed rail; Regional Policy Council supports HSR implementation in the San Joaquin Valley including construction of the Heavy Maintenance Facility
<b>Objective A: Provide tangible benefits and mitigate impacts to the region while assisting the State in meeting transportation goals.</b>			
Facilitate updates for Work Group that present benefits and challenges that could result from implementation.			
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>			N/A
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>			N/A

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**WATER WORK GROUP (WWG)**

Lead Organization: California Water Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<b>Goal 1: Develop and implement an integrated San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan.</b>	C	Completed 4Q09
<b>Objective A: Develop San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan (management, technical and administrative support for plan development).</b>	IP	Groundwork being laid for Phase II. Awaiting approved funding from US Bureau of Reclamation
Quarterly meetings for Regional Water Plan Leadership and respective work groups.		
Converge plan development efforts with other local, state and federal allied agencies. DWR, SWRCB, Corps, Bureau and others.		
<b>Goal 2: Incorporate major levee enhancements in San Joaquin Valley river and tributary system and the Sacramento –San Joaquin Delta to safeguard regional water quality and quantity and provide for flood control.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP Moving forward as a component of Five Delta Counties - Partnership Water Policy Dialogue convened at Fritz Grupe's on April 1, 2010.
<b>Objective A: Significantly improve San Joaquin, Merced, Kings, Kaweah, Tule and Kern Rivers' and tributaries' and other Valley drainage systems' levee integrity to assist communities in meeting 100 year plus flood protection standards and FEMA levee certification standards.</b>	IP	<b>The Regional Work Group for the Upper San Joaquin has assisted in the completion of the Regional Conditions Report regarding flooding, levee conditions and potential management solutions and issues needing further discussion in the next phase of the Flood Plan.</b>
Quarterly liaison meetings with major San Joaquin Valley flood protection agencies, DWR & Corps.	NA	See Goal 2 comments
<b>Objective B: Significantly improve Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee system integrity.</b>		
Quarterly liaison meetings with Delta interests to insure progress on improving levee system integrity.	NA	See Goal 2 comments

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<b>Goal 3: Augment surface, groundwater banking and recycled water projects in the San Joaquin Valley.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	Proceeding forward as a component of Water Plan Phase II.
<b>Objective A: Complete the Upper San Joaquin Basin Project.</b>		NA	NOT a part of Phase II scope but will be supported by CWI to the maximum extent possible.
Quarterly liaison meetings with DWR, Bureau, DFG & project proponents on progress of San Joaquin Basin project.			See Goal 3 comments above
<b>Objective B: Actively support and promote six conjunctive-use projects that can be commissioned or enhanced by 2017.</b>		NA	
Bi-annual liaison meetings with conjunctive use project proponents and agencies on progress.			
<b>Objective C: Develop recycled and inland brackish water projects.</b>		NA	<b>NOT a part of Phase II scope but will be supported by CWI to the maximum extent possible.</b>
Bi-annual liaison meetings with project proponents and DWR on progress.			
<b>Goal 4: Improve water quality and expand salinity management infrastructure development.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	Proposal to EPA Region 9 RFP for San Joaquin River Water Quality Monitoring program. Partnership provided letter of support. Water Policy Working Group will support if funded.
<b>Objective A: Develop a Salinity Management Plan to be implemented as an update to the San Joaquin and Tulare Lake Basin Plans.</b>		IP	<b>Work group staff has followed CV Salts. A pilot project report on the salt conditions of groundwater in the Modesto and Tule River areas has been developed. Further review will be conducted to analyze the potential impact on the Valley Water Plan.</b>
CWI will work proactively with agencies, Water Boards, and public to lay groundwork for development of a Salinity Management Commission.			

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<b>Objective B: Ensure all communities in San Joaquin Valley have adequate sanitary sewage disposal facilities; proactively site, permit, finance, construct and commission five (5) regional wastewater treatment plants.</b>		IP	The California Water Institute is framing a larger effort this quarter and exploring it with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C., in the next quarter. Strategy development in Tulare County has been stalled due the lack of Bond funds.
Quarterly liaison meetings with wastewater treatment agencies and project proponents to ensure progress.			
<b>Objective C: Ensure all communities in San Joaquin Valley provide water that meets state and federal drinking water standards.</b>			See above.
<b>Goal 5: Promote riparian environmental restoration.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	NOT a part of Phase II scope but will be supported by CWI to the maximum extent possible.
<b>Objective A: Develop San Joaquin valley ecosystem restoration plan. (Coordinate with Economic Development Work Group to advance tourism component of strategic Action Plan)</b>			
CWI will serve in a liaison role to work with local interests in the development of sustainable riparian corridor restoration plans throughout the San Joaquin Valley.			
<b>Objective B.1: Restoration; San Joaquin River restoration.</b>		IP	Restoration flows commenced; CWI supervised the development of the seepage monitoring program.
<b>Objective B.2: Water Management: San Joaquin River restoration.</b>			CWI developed a Web-based communications platform to get information from the Restoration Program to landowners more succinctly.

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CWI will serve in a liaison and support role between the Partnership Water Work Group, the Board and restoration groups as the terms of the Settlement are worked out and implemented by NRDC and Friant Water Users Authority		
<b>Goal 6: Expand agricultural and urban water-use and energy efficiency programs.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> IP	Center for Irrigation Technology continues to administer Agricultural Pump Efficiency Program for PG&E. Also conducts numerous on-campus/field trainings.
<b>Objective A: Cost-effective, results-oriented, agricultural water use and energy efficiency diagnostic, repair, retrofit and education programs.</b>		
CWI will work with its sister entity, International Center for Water Technology at California State University Fresno, state agencies utilities and local energy partnerships to proactively forge the water-energy connection in agriculture, and with water agencies, in the implementation of California public policy.	IP	CWI will work with its sister entity, International Center for Water Technology at California State University, Fresno, state agencies utilities and local energy partnerships to proactively forge the water-energy connection in agriculture, and with water agencies, in the implementation of California public policy.
<b>Objective B: Cost-effective, results-oriented, urban water use and energy efficiency diagnostic, repair, retrofit and education programs.</b>		
CWI will work with ICWT and allied water-energy conservation specifically the California Urban Water Conservation Council CUWCC, to proactively forge the water-energy connection in urban water use and energy efficiency programs to steward these two valuable resources throughout the San Joaquin Valley.	IP	In progress
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		Same challenges as reported before.
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		1. Bureau funds expected momentarily for Phase II 2. Funds received for San Joaquin River restoration 3. PG&E funded program through 2011