



Board of Directors Meeting

FINAL

Friday, June 21, 2013

10am - 3pm

Hanford Civic Auditorium

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2013-2014 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2013

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March 15	San Joaquin
June 21	Kings
September 20	Kern
December 6	Stanislaus

2014 *(Tentative)*

<i>Date</i>	<i>County</i>
March 21	Merced
June 20	Tulare
September 19	Fresno
December 5	Madera

Please note this is a tentative schedule.

- *Meetings are typically scheduled on the third Friday of the month on a quarterly basis, with the exception of December which has been scheduled the first week of that month.*
- *Meetings are typically scheduled from 10am to 3pm.*

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Board of Directors Meeting **DRAFT**

Friday, March 15, 2013

10am - 3pm

Brookside Country Club

3603 St. Andrews Dr.
Stockton, CA 95219

MEETING MINUTES

I. Convene Meeting and Introductory Remarks

The meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order at 10:10 am by Co-Deputy Chair Diana Dooley who welcomed Partnership Board members and guests and initiated introductions around the table. Board members and applicants included: James Aleru, Judy Case, Vito Chiesa, DeeDee D'Adamo, Diana Dooley, Mike Dozier (Secretariat) Sharri Bender Ehler (representing BT&H) Dr. Carole Goldsmith, Fritz Grupe (Advisory) Corwin Harper, Jim Houston (Representing CDFA), Dr. Glenda Humiston (Advisory), Blake Konczal, Dr. Dorothy Leland, David Long, Sunne McPeak (Advisory), Michael Navarro, David Nelson, Larry Powell, Robert Tse (Advisory) and Peter Weber.

II. Recognition of Sponsors

Acting Chair Dooley thanked Mr. Ron Addington, President/CEO of the Business Council of San Joaquin County for hosting the meeting at the lovely Brookside Country Club and Mr. Frank Ferral of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the luncheon.

III. Public and Board Comment

Ms. D'Adamo provided handouts to the board and audience outlining next steps in the Air Resources Board (ARB) efforts for reduction of diesel pollutants through diesel engine retirement in the agriculture sector. "The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is in the early stages of developing strategies to further reduce air pollutant emissions from mobile agricultural equipment such as tractors, combines and harvesters. These strategies will include a continued reliance on financial incentives from United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), state, and local sources. These monies are expected to fund near-term equipment upgrades and replacements, and longer-term approaches, such as a trade-down program, to maximize the use of the cleanest advanced technologies available for mobile agricultural equipment".¹

Ms. D'Adamo also handed out a document titled, "Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Development of Investment Plan" describing the Administration's activities to develop investment plans and other materials to support California's use of the State portion of the proceeds from the auction of allowances under the Air Resources Board's (ARB or Board) Cap-and-Trade Regulation to support Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Ms. Case noted that the proposal seems to focus more on local or regional investment versus investment for a more global reduction.

¹ <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ag/agtractor/documents/aghandout.pdf>

In September 2012, the Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed into law two bills – [AB 1532](#) (Pérez, Chapter 807) and [Senate Bill \(SB\) 535](#) (De León, Chapter 830) – that together establish a framework for developing an investment plan for projects and programs to be funded with Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds. SB 535 further requires that 25 percent of the proceeds that will be expended benefit disadvantaged communities and at least 10 percent of the proceeds expended be invested in projects located within those communities.²

Ms. D'Adamo confirmed that the ARB is seeking co-benefits, realizing that many disadvantages communities' advocates are seeking pollutant reduction in those communities rather than the more global benefit.

Mr. Weber suggested the secretariat staff and board members attend the Cap-and-Trade hearings and support development of the investment plan.

Mr. Weber congratulated Ms. D'Adamo on her appointment by the governor to the State Water Quality Board³ effective April 2013. Adding her own congratulations, Deputy Chair Dooley asked how the Air Resources Board (ARB) will continue to be represented on the Partnership board. Ms. D'Adamo did not know for sure but suggested it may be Alexander Sherriffs, M.D the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Member. Mr. Weber interjected that the Executive Committee has asked Ms. D'Adamo to serve as a member so her expertise and support will continue to be a part of the Partnership board.

Acting Chair Dooley acknowledged Carol Whiteside, former Partnership board member, currently with California Strategies, LLC⁴. Ms. Whiteside added her own congratulations to Ms. D'Adamo, noting, "...when DeeDee talks about incentives being available for tractor replacement, it should be noted she was one of the greatest drivers of that funding effort and warrants appreciation for those efforts".

Acting Chair Dooley noted that board member attendance did not provide a quorum, thus preventing a vote on action items on the agenda unless a quorum is reached.

IV. Consent Calendar

In the absence of comments or objections, Mr. Powell moved to accept the minutes and secretariat report as provided. Mr. Harper seconded the motion; there were no objections.

V. CEQA Discussion

Mr. Weber initiated the discussion with the comment that with the resignation of Senator Rubio's resignation CEQA Reform is in trouble despite its numerous supporters. Ms. McPeak and Mr. Weber held meetings with several consultants highly placed in Sacramento; their consensus view is not much will happen with CEQA reform. At best there may be a list of 25-50 projects that can be granted a sort of waiver, subject to the projects meeting certain criteria, including the requirement that they be done under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA)⁵ (project which leaves out any private projects. A situation like that would be discouraging, especially for the San Joaquin Valley (Valley), we are not likely to have any projects that fit either the large infrastructure or infill project requirements. The

² http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120SB535&search_keywords=

³ <http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=17954>

⁴ <http://www.calstrat.com/People/CarolWhiteside/tabid/172/Default.aspx>

⁵ http://www.nrtw.org/neutrality/na_6.htm

situation is appalling considering all who want these projects which are being held up for reasons that have little to do with environmental protections.

Mr. Weber continued, noting that this means we have to redouble our efforts to get meaningful CEQA reform; the CEQA Reform Coalition is working hard to make it happen. Mr. Weber cited the recent City of Fresno CEQA tour which highlighted in which a project was noted where a “concerned citizens association” brought a lawsuit that held up an approved project for eight years. There is reason to believe the suit was brought by the developer’s competitor. The project, now moving forward, is estimated to employ 400 people. Another project in which a developer wants to do infill in an empty parcel in the middle of the city that is very unattractive to look at right now. But the locals are resisting development that would put 28 housing opportunities and they’re using CEQA to do it.

Mr. Long interjected that in Merced the proposed Wal-Mart distribution center has been mired for several years; a project that would have meant 900 jobs in Merced. Mr. Weber asked Mr. Long to provide the details to the coalition so they can further assess the impact.

Dr. Leland asked if there is no reasonable solution, commenting, “The state needs a long term fix for its budget issues and part of that fix is to attract businesses”. Mr. Weber agreed, noting the CEQA reform coalition is working hard but there is a strong opposition coalition that has formed that is adamantly opposed to any reform including the transparency reform.

Mr. Long interjected that the appeals process is used to delay projects.

Mr. Houston echoed the need to continue on, noting the Governor is engaged and leaders are engaged, “...folks need to continue to tell their stories”. The fact that attention is being paid to the issue is important, chatter in the background is now being brought to the forefront to help tell the story. It is important to aggregate the numbers and continue to illustrate the story that the law intended to protect the environment is being misused in cases and impeding the development of California and the Valley. Mr. Houston encouraged everyone to continue to push on; the legislative year is still young.

Mr. Aleru asked, “Since we know the individuals trying to stop the projects, is there any attempt to engage them in discussion?” Mr. Weber noted the law does not require transparency and when the judge hears the case he does not know who is bringing the suit. What is necessary is a change in the law; right now those folks have the upper hand in Sacramento. This is the most promising window of opportunity for CEQA reform we’ve had in 20 years.

Ms. Case referred to seeing good projects challenged and held up for myriad reasons; the same people who are opposing CEQA reform are also campaigning with disinformation about other environmental issues such as claiming the Valley air isn’t getting cleaner. This is an opportunity to launch a campaign of information about what the impacts really are; to focus on telling the story. Ms. Case suggested the Partnership do something strategic at this level to engage and get traction.

Ms. Goldsmith noted a number of Westside projects and improvements are also being stalled by the lack of CEQA reform.

Mr. Harper asked that the next board meeting include an action-oriented discussion that will result in specific next steps. That discussion should include the idea of reframing from strictly CEQA reform to CEQA and its impact on economic development for the Valley.

Mr. Weber advised the board that every member can help with this issue. “Put out the Op Eds, write letters to the editor, tell the story and we can change minds over time. We can influence the issue but it’s one that is much bigger than the Partnership”.

Ms. Whiteside stated that there is almost universal agreement on the need for change but not agreement on what the changes should be. Ms. Whiteside suggested the board decide which of the changes should be made and endorse those.

Mr. Weber concluded that there is agreement in the coalition as to what proposals should be endorsed. There is specific language to be introduced by Senator Steinberg that will fix this law that has been broken. Once that language is introduced the bill will be assessed for endorsement by the Partnership.

VI. Housing Issues and Updates

Mr. Rutherford introduced himself as Federal Reserve Bank Regional Manager, San Joaquin Valley. He provides technical assistance and training on community development initiatives and programs. His primary initiatives include rural community development, affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, asset building, small business development and access to financial services. The Federal Reserve Bank gives financial institutions, community-based organizations and government entities the tools they need to effectively address community development issues affecting low- and moderate-income individuals and communities.

Mr. Rutherford provided a slide presentation outlining Housing and Labor Market Trends for the nation and for California as of January 2013. Key data included:

- California’s unemployment rate declining but still well above national average
- California house prices appear to be stabilizing
- Housing markets in the Central Valley saw greatest drops with Merced and Stockton at 2000 values
- Number of delinquencies and properties in foreclosure remain steady
- California’s consumer debt delinquency rate trending down along with U.S.

Public funding for affordable homes helps with revitalizing communities, economic development and job creation while minimizing the risk to banks. According to the 2010 Census, the San Joaquin Valley is home to 10.66% of California’s population and received 9.14% of the award from Propositions 1C⁶ and 46⁷. With that funding, it was able to build 11.86% of the units in the state. For every dollar of state funds received, the San Joaquin Valley leveraged \$2.71. This demonstrates that Prop 1C and Prop 46 were able to have a substantial impact on the supply of homes affordable to lower-income San Joaquin Valley residents.

⁶ Proposition 1C is the \$2.85 billion affordable housing bond component of the Strategic Growth Plan.

⁷ Proposition 46 created a trust fund to: provide shelters for battered women; clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens; emergency shelters for homeless families with children; housing with social services for homeless and mentally ill; repairs/accessibility improvements to apartments for families and handicapped citizens; military veteran homeownership assistance; and security improvements/repairs to existing emergency shelters.

For the sake of comparison, Los Angeles County is home to 26.36% of the population, received 21.11% of the funds and produced 20.6% of the units. For every dollar of Housing and Community Development (HCD) funds received, Los Angeles County leveraged \$4.42, substantially more than had to be leveraged in the San Joaquin Valley.

Most parts of the state have similar ratios. The outliers are in the Bay Area, one of the highest cost areas to build in the state. In the Bay Area, the percentage of dollars received is generally higher than the population, as is the dollar amount leveraged (from private and public sources) per dollar received from HCD. For example, the North and East Bay, which is home to 10.32% of the population, received 18.27% of the funds, built 14.52% of the units, and leveraged \$4.67 in federal and private funds for every HCD dollar received. This indicates that HCD dollars actually stretch further in lower cost places like the San Joaquin Valley, producing more units per capita than in higher cost areas.

Mr. Shamus Roller introduced himself as Executive Director of Housing California, a statewide coalition of partners working for everyone in California to have a safe and affordable place to call home. Mr. Roller announced his presence here today to ask the Partnership to endorse the California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013 (SB 391 – DeSaulnier).

Acting Chair Dooley advised Mr. Roller that the absence of a quorum prevented the board from voting on the requested endorsement, but his presentation is of value and interest to the Partnership.

Mr. Roller related the story of his childhood experience with homelessness in which the family home burned down and they lived in an unimproved building while the parents struggled to rebuild. Citing this example, Mr. Roller pointed out that there are lots of things that happen in life that destabilize peoples' housing. Housing California works to ensure policies and funding to ensure that people have a safe and affordable place to live. California has a tremendous need with 130,000 people homeless on any given night. 500,000 people in California will be homeless at some time in their lives. Many people and families live in sub-standard conditions; many are paying more than 30% of their income in rent. Rental rates continue to go up at the same time that peoples' wealth is going down. The most vulnerable population, those who struggled to make rent before the foreclosure crisis, face even more uncertainty in today's rental market. An increasing challenge is determining how to meet the housing needs of an aging population that has lost much of its wealth due to the decrease in housing value.

Building affordable homes is a business imperative for California. Mr. Roller cited business groups including the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Orange County Business Council and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group saying California needs to increase the supply of housing options affordable to workers, so companies can compete for the talent that drives California's economy.

The handout provided by Mr. Roller states that the California Homes and Jobs Act will put tens of thousands of construction workers back on the job annually so they can provide for their families and boost local economies and will unlock billions in federal, local, and private funds to build homes and create jobs.

The Homes and Jobs Act proposes to levy a \$75 fee on the recording of real-estate-related documents - excluding home sales - and deposit the proceeds into a state housing trust fund. The trust will fund public-private partnerships modeled on California's current

affordable home programs. These programs have served a broad group of the state's residents: seniors and people with severe disabilities, working families with children, first-time home buyers, veterans, battered women and people experiencing homelessness. The \$500 million raised annually by the act will let California leverage another \$2.78 billion in federal, local and private capital to invest in meeting its housing needs.

Mr. Roller concluded by pointing out that funding from the successful state housing bonds Props. 46 and 1C are running dry and the complete elimination of redevelopment, the availability of state dollars that leverage federal and local funds and private investment is the lowest it has been in years. This threatens housing production and the jobs that go with it. Failure to act now will leave millions without an affordable place to call home and make it incredibly difficult for California business to remain competitive.

Acting Chair Dooley thanked Mr. Roller for his presentation and reminded the board that there is no quorum so no vote can be taken on whether or not to endorse the proposal and opened the floor to questions.

Mr. Grupe asked how the allocation process would work if the bill passed. Mr. Roller responded that this is being developed as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Ms. Case pointed out that this proposal is to add a "small fee" to real estate transactions, which sounds simple but the County of Fresno has just added its own charge to real estate transactions on top of the myriad other fees that are levied on real estate transactions. Ms. Case stated she is neither in favor of nor opposed to the proposal but is unsure that it is appropriate for the Partnership to vote without first hearing a presentation from anyone opposing the initiative. Ms. Case further pointed out she is unwilling to support a bill whose formal wording she hasn't read.

Acting Chair Dooley echoed the importance of having a balanced discussion, asking Mr. Roller who has come out in opposition to SB 391. Mr. Roller responded that there are no formal opponents to date.

Mr. Weber pointed out a related point of concern for the Partnership if SB 391 does pass is how to increase the likelihood of the Valley getting a larger share of funding. Ms. Dooley suggesting reviewing the materials from Ms. D'Adamo to help determine what "fair share" looks like.

Dr. Powell stated that stable housing equals stable families, stable housing equals stable school funding. This could have a big impact on school funding since for every \$100, \$20 comes from local funds and \$80 from the state. When the state is having trouble they defer money and under current conditions the school funding has been deferred as much as 30% of the state's commitment.

Dr. Goldsmith pointed out that state funding shortfalls impact beyond K-12 by hitting the community college systems as well.

Mr. Grupe asked Mr. Roller about the position taken by the California Real Estate Association. Mr. Roller replied they are in support.

Mr. Harper asked if the San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative is the element of the Partnership focused on real estate strategy and policy. Mr. Dozier responded that there isn't a single Partnership work group that deals specifically with real estate. Mr. Harper commented that this issue represents a junction where we may need to think the subject in a broader fashion. Some of the elements of SB 391 is about changing the tax code and some is about changing demographics. Mr. Harper noted his own concern about the baby boomer population. Retirees are going to leave California because they can't afford the taxes and/or the housing. It is important to take the time to look at housing up and down the valley as well as how we will support retirees. Mr. Harper pointed out that Kaiser-Permanente's volunteer retirement program is highlighting this issue through those who are leaving the state because they can't afford to stay.

Mr. Harper suggested taking a step back to add a few more variables to the conversation; does this represent an economic development strategy, a strategy for affordable housing or is it a tax strategy for the Valley. Pointing out the importance of considering a total strategy Mr. Harper suggested the Partnership commission a cross-section group to look at the issue.

Mr. Grupe noted, "This is really a big issue: the materials for a home cost \$75,000; the permits are \$50,000. 52% of peoples' budgets go to housing and transportation – and add 20% for health care in California - and this is an issue that is not being addressed as a whole".

Mr. Rutherford announced the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is currently planning an affordable housing summit for September 25 in the Valley. Mr. Rutherford further pointed out that the absence of public opposition to SB 391 does not mean opposition does not exist, pointing out that "...the housing folks are very good at messaging and getting voters out to support their own initiatives".

Mr. Harper used the illustration of Forbes Magazine and other publications saying we are "miserable" communities⁸. "We can't recruit or incentivize people to come here because of press like that", he stated. "We live in the symptoms of a problem; how do we figure out a new solution to the problem"?

Acting Chair Dooley asked Ms. Dabbs who on the Partnership Board is on the SJV Housing Collaborative⁹. Ms. Dabbs responded that there are no board members on the collaborative although there are vacancies that need people to fill them. The Collaborative is comprised of representatives from Valley cities, COGs, and a number of organizations.

Mr. Dozier reminded the board that the next Partnership meeting is in June. Mr. Roller stated the bill is expected to be out of the Senate at the end of May. Acting Chair Dooley stated the Partnership cannot officially weigh in on the matter prior to that next meeting or the Executive Committee can review and move to endorse prior to the next meeting. Mr. Dozier stated the Collaborative can also provide its own endorsement to the bill.

Mr. Weber suggested recommend this issue be delegated to the executive committee for action with the proviso that: a) there will be a full packet of info distributed based on housing

⁸ <http://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2013/02/21/detroit-tops-2013-list-of-americas-most-miserable-cities/>

⁹ <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/oced/collaboratives/sjvhc.html>

collaborative, and b) anyone who wants to may weigh in on the executive committee discussion.

Ms. Case stated she wants there to be a record of anyone who wishes to abstain from endorsement or objection if they are not being involved in the discussion. Acting Chair Dooley concurred, noting that if the executive committee moves forward with endorsement that endorsement must include mention of any abstaining members.

In the absence of a quorum this issue could not be delegated to the executive committee for action, so Mr. Weber recommend the executive committee review the matter and exercise its judgment to make a recommendation about supporting or withholding support of the motion as presented. There was no opposition to the recommendation.

VII. Regional Industry Clusters Initiative Update

Mr. Dozier opened his update by pointing out the red folders at each member's seat, stating, "This shows you some of what the Secretariat staff does outside immediate involvement with the Board meetings and directives".

The Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI) is the result of an analysis of the Valley's industry clusters, directed by the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) and its partners. The economic and cluster analyses and the partner/stakeholder engagement process provides a platform for the evolution of the Valley's cluster initiatives; a framework to align initiatives and resources to capture value chain opportunities; and articulation of the role for OCED, including the organization of the Partnership's New Valley Work Groups to lead or support the clusters.

The seven industry clusters identified in the analysis are: Agriculture, Energy, Health & Wellness, Logistics, Manufacturing, Public Sector Infrastructure, and Water Technology.

Since the initial cluster analysis was completed staff has been meeting individually with champions and their clusters to determine strategy and priorities and how to proceed with cluster development. OCED is responsible for logistics of all meetings moving forward.

Logistics Cluster

Logistics Cluster issues and priorities contained in the *Action Plan* were identified primarily through the goods movement planning process being conducted by the Regional Policy Council; other transportation and sustainable communities planning efforts underway throughout the Valley; the 2012 Regional Economic Summit on the Agriculture Value Chain; county logistics cluster initiatives; and other stakeholder input.

Logistics Cluster Priorities

- Existing short haul rail preservation/regional coordination
- Support for lower voter threshold (55%) for transportation projects; education for the public, funders, elected officials
- Possible new funding opportunities such as Cap and Trade Auction proceeds, the new SJV Economic Development District (identify funding priorities, could help leverage other federal funds), potential Health Impact Investment Bond, Homeland Security funding (including for port and food safety), USDA and other federal partners for rural infrastructure and financing
- Connect with the SJV Broadband Consortium. Broadband technologies will make agriculture and other sectors more efficient and increase revenues.

Public Infrastructure Cluster

The issues and recommended priorities were identified in an analysis of planned public infrastructure investments for the Valley, high demand occupation, workforce gaps, and training programs, and a workforce implementation strategy, led by the Central California Workforce Collaborative. A project inventory was prepared by type (transportation; rail transit including High Speed Rail; water, wastewater, and other resource-related; educational, health, correctional and other community facilities; energy; and broadband), county and funding source, with planned investments estimated at more than \$36 billion from 2010-2020.

Public Infrastructure Cluster Issues/Priorities

- Lack of awareness regarding aggregated impact of public sector investments
- Lack of trained workforce for certain industries in the clusters
- Need to update inventory of infrastructure projects and schedules on ongoing basis; identify lead
- Need coordination with economic development and planning partners to secure funding for project priorities
- RJI Construction Cluster not active
- Implement the CCWC Regional Workforce Plan as the cluster strategy for workforce
- Coordinate with the California Partnership for the SJ Valley to advocate for public infrastructure investments/local hiring
- Expand mentoring programs, build on model programs, improve access to jobs and services

Manufacturing, Energy, Water Technology and Agriculture (MEWA)

The purpose of the meeting was to review the key findings and recommended actions contained in the 2012 San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Cluster Analysis and Action Plan, which was developed in collaboration with many partners and stakeholders throughout the Valley; identify priority actions for 2013 - both cluster-specific and those shared across the clusters; and discuss how the partners would like to proceed. A summary is provided for breakout sessions for each of the four clusters, and for the discussion with all the meeting participants of cross cluster priorities and opportunities.

Manufacturing Cluster Priorities

- Workforce Training
- Policy Advocacy for Manufacturing
- Trade and Market Development
- Supplier Gaps
- Develop Centers of Excellence for manufacturing in the region

Energy Cluster Issues/Priorities

Priority Recommendation Area 1: San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) to lead action plan, connect additional stakeholders. The process is well under way. Efforts are focused on workforce training and improving facilities re: energy efficiency.

Priority Recommendation Area 2: Accelerate Technology Commercialization and Entrepreneurship. AB 32 will affect Ag and waste treatment requirements/processes.

Priority Area Recommendation 3: Permitting Issues - Group them together. Expedited solar permitting processes are being addressed, especially through strong state action, the APA.

Different solar technologies may have different issues. There are still issues for distributed solar.

Priority Area Recommendation 4: Workforce - Next generation for farming – people are not up to speed on technologies and the face of agriculture of the future. Need education and marketing.

Water Technology Cluster Priorities

- Water Sustainability (both industrial and municipal)
- Workforce
- Research & Development
- Technology & Innovation

Agriculture Cluster Priorities

- Food safety, an issue the Department of Homeland Security is also taking up. The SJ Valley, as the breadbasket of the world, must be able to ship our products safe, clean, and healthy – and import safe food to the Valley.
- Access to capital – fostering education to financial institutions is a start.
- Innovation
- Regulatory Environment

Health and Wellness Cluster Priorities

Do one thing under each heading:

- Leadership Education
- Workforce Development
- “Wellness and Prevention” Policy - Finance a policy plan as a community initiative and spend the next few months as a group to define.

Mr. Chiesa announced that at the recent Valley Voice trip everyone was talking about impending Cap-and-Trade dollars for which everyone will be fighting so it is important to be in the forefront of that to continue the work of the clusters.

VIII. Lunch

IX. Regional Policy Council Update

In the absence of a formal update from the Regional Policy Council Mr. Tischer provided an update on progress made by the water work group. Referring to the proposed water bond that has twice been delayed from public vote, Mr. Tischer cited several recent media reports that support for the \$11 million water bond has dropped since last March, when 51 percent of likely voters said they planned to vote “yes.” Today, 42 percent favor it and 51 percent are opposed, when read a summary of the 2009 water package that includes the bond. This is further complicated by the position of Senate Leader Darryl Steinberg who announced a proposal to take the issue of dams as water storage out of the bond, thereby reducing its cost. Ratepayers are expected to cover the cost of water use in the south, but state taxpayers would cover much of the cost of conservation efforts in the Delta through the bond. A fix of the water delivery system is essential for California’s economic growth and continued agricultural preeminence. Any effort to re-work the water bond must keep in mind the need to move the Delta Project forward to the benefit of people, agriculture, and industry while protecting the environment.

Ms. McPeak acknowledged the monumental job that was, and continues to be done, by Mr. Tischer, Mr. Grupe, Mr. Watson, Mr. Green and others. Referring to the recent invitation from the Delta Projects group present with them is a significant event. Ms. McPeak noted hearing privately and confidentially about growing concerns from members of the BDCP about the need for more actions. Ms. McPeak quoted Ms. Whiteside, "There is no silver bullet but there is silver buckshot" and averred that there is a certain constellation of limited actions that can be aligned and the Partnership should support those actions.

Ms. McPeak continued, noting Supervisor Allen Ishida is concerned that the emphasis from the current administration on only the isolated conveyance component of the water bond is causing increasing division. There is a lot of dissipation of focus in part due to the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) "portfolio" of proposals and is hopeful the Partnership and the BDCP can work together to minimize the dissipation of focus.

Mr. Grupe pointed out that the water work group is trying to find more recharge-based water storage but there is a lot of skepticism about the amount of that capacity. Mr. Tischer confirmed the comment, pointing out that when people think of storage they think dams and not underground storage and the related conveyances. Mr. Tischer reiterated the importance of maintain a holistic view of water management rather than slicing and dicing individual elements.

Mr. Grupe invited Chancellor Leland to weigh in on the conversation, noting the water work group has been working with UC Merced to understand the capacity of the Sierra. Mr. Grupe referred to a recent meeting with Sierra Conservancy and major donor to look at maintaining forests to protect the snowpack.

More than half of the water used in California for farming and drinking and other everyday uses comes by way of runoff from the Sierra Nevada, and gauging the amount of snow there and predicting how much runoff there will be is an annual rite that has a major trickledown effect of its own. UC Merced Professor Roger Bales has designed a system that uses wireless sensors to more accurately measure the snowpack and other hydrological factors in the Sierra Nevada and make it easier to predict seasonal runoff.

Chancellor Leland stated that traditionally water managers physically measured the snow depth at a series of index sites, comparing the results to those from past years to predict water availability and thus determine how much water will be allocated to farmers and communities.

UC researches are now using little tiny sensors continuously feeding data remotely for analysis by scientists to build predictive models.¹⁰ Fresno State and UC Merced are working on different areas of the issues of snowpack, water storage and predictive modeling, looking for ways to articulate and coordinate their efforts.

Dr. Humiston urged the board to review the November 2012 publication from the California Roundtable on Water and Food Supply, noting this to include very creative outstanding recommendations.¹¹

¹⁰ <http://www.ucmerced.edu/news/sierra-nevada-water-researchers-awarded-2m-grant>

¹¹ http://pacinst.org/reports/storage_to_retention/crwfs_full_report_nov_2012.pdf

Mr. Long announced the Hilltop Ranch recharge program is ongoing now but fears the BDC will probably reduce ten times more than is saved. Mr. Long concluded that there needs to be a more holistic solution than simply re-conveyance and more traditional storage.

Ms. D'Adamo pointed out that the San Joaquin River restoration project has hit a snag due to the issue of subsidence, especially in western Madera County bordering the eastside bypass. Severe over pumping has drawn the land down 2-5 feet. Farmers on the east side of the river in Madera County have been pumping more water from deep underground to support crop expansions and changes in the past several years. The farmers, who reportedly did not realize there was a problem, rely on groundwater. Area water districts are working with the farmers on a plan to limit the deep-water pumping. Ms. D'Adamo noted that Madera and Merced counties are working together to get ahead of the issue to preclude the state coming in to decide a solution for them. These multiple water issues may serve to pull the Valley together in another common issue.

Mr. Tischer thanked the board for its kudos to the Water Institute but noted this has been a team effort ranging up and down the Valley and across multiple agencies and individuals.

At this time a member quorum was attained; Mr. Powell moved to accept the Secretariat Report as provided and was seconded by Mr. Harper.

X. San Joaquin County Panel

Mr. Frank Ferral, Program & Public Policy Director for the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, kicked off the county panel discussion with a report on the March 13 Recycling Exposition (REXPO) IX "Economic Prosperity" which boasted a totally sold out crowd on the AB 32 Scoping Plan which identifies the cap-and-trade program as one of the strategies California will employ to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as well as California's goal of generating 33 percent of its power from renewable energy sources by 2020.

Noting, "With new regulations come innovation", Mr. Ferral explained the new Recycling BIN Coalition – which is composed of a diverse set of partners seeking to address these joint economic and environmental goals -- declares its intent to build upon Public Resource Code Section 42001 to develop, stabilize and expand domestic markets for recyclable materials generated in California, expanding economic activity and job creation in the process. "BIN" Initiative: Build Infrastructure Now.¹²

For the solid waste sector, potential strategies to achieve GHG emission reductions include landfill methane capture, mandatory commercial recycling (MCR), organic waste diversion alternatives, and product stewardship. The mandatory commercial recycling measure in particular is designed to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalents (5MMT_{CO₂E}). A recent study by the Tellus Institute found that processing this material alone in California has the potential to create more than 17,000 new jobs. And if we can manufacture these recycled materials in-state we can create another 25,000 jobs. When combined with increased job growth in the collection of recycled materials, the implementation of AB 341 has the potential to create a net total of nearly 60,000 jobs.

Currently, approximately 5-20% of the recyclable materials collected in California remain in the state for remanufacturing; the majority of the recycled materials are shipped to other parts of the United States or to global markets. 80-95% of our recyclable materials are

¹² <http://www.greenteamsanjoaquin.com/assets/docs/Recycling%20BIN%20White%20Paper%202-3-12.pdf>

leaving California, specifically to overseas markets. So too, are our jobs, tax revenue and commerce. Achieving the 5MMTCO2E emission reductions is dependent on ensuring that the recyclable materials are recycled into new products, which offers an enormous opportunity to existing and new businesses in California. The State energy grid is cleaner than Pacific Rim countries and than most states receiving California's recovered materials. So in-State manufacturing yields more GHG reduction now.

25 member coalition to focus on creating recycling-based jobs in Calif was put into place. The white paper states, "Implementation of the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Regulation will increase the availability of recyclable materials and provide potential increased feedstock for California recycled content value added product manufacturers. We see this opportunity as this generation's version of the We Can Do It campaign of World War II putting California and America back to work".

Mr. John Solis introduced himself as Director of the San Joaquin County Employment and Economic Development Department (EEDD) which provides employment, training, education, and economic development services throughout the county.

Mr. Solis told the board that an educated and well trained workforce is the key to economic development. Workforce development happens not only at the education level, it happens with veterans, the economically disadvantaged, displaced home workers and the incarcerated as well as at the youth level. Mr. Solis announced he is here to talk about a critical element to the development of the future workforce: youth employment. Opportunities for young individuals to develop appropriate work place skills are very limited. Due to child labor laws and adult contention for limited opportunities, 14 to 18 year olds have few options for workplace experience. On average, youth unemployment is three times that of adults with fewer than 50% of high school graduates and college freshmen who have ever worked and have no idea what the labor market is like. Employers are frustrated by the lack of maturity, work ethic, critical thinking skills and productivity experience they find in entry-level employees. Mr. Solis handed out a brochure for the "Hire Me First" Internship program which was established to promote youth employability through increased employment opportunities, internship and job shadowing experiences for the youth in our community.

By participating in the "Hire Me First" Program, employer input will help to develop the fundamental knowledge of work ethics, skills and proficiencies needed by the participant.

Each year hundreds of our brightest students leave our community to go to college believing that there are no career opportunities in our community. By participating in internships and job shadowing activities, businesses will expose those career opportunities and will help us hold on to our graduating students. We let them know that there are employment opportunities they can come home to.

The Internship program allows students the opportunity to work for a business and gain hands-on experience in an occupation. This experience will take place over a varying length of time to be determined by the employer based on the job requirements.

Job Shadowing provides students with first-hand experience as an "employee for a day" through job-site visits. Students receive fundamental knowledge of job tasks and an understanding of how learned skills can be applied on the job. The Job Shadowing experience is determined by the employer but usually involves a minimum of four hours.

San Joaquin County Chief Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Harry Mavrogenes provided a review of the Economic Development Vision and Implementation Plan as presented at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on March 12, 2013. Strengths and assets of San Joaquin County include: Land availability, lower costs (than Bay Area), a Pro-business environment, location 60 Miles from the Country's Strongest Economy (Silicon Valley), a growing agricultural sector (\$6.6 Billion economic impact), a skilled commuter labor force, ideal logistics location for rail, truck, seaport and airport and it is the gateway to Bay Area, the Pacific, and the Far East.

Challenges for the county include: Training and educating a commuting workforce (quality-of-life) and inadequate infrastructure.

Mr. Mavrogenes noted that San Joaquin County is uniquely positioned to take advantage of its proximity to the Silicon Valley, citing congestion and extreme costs of living in the South Bay area along with:

- Job Market Growth
- Reliance on Foreign Born Talent
- Start Ups Increasing
- Space Limited
- Pressure on Adjacent Areas

Key recommendations include:

1. Economic Development Focus
2. Economic Development Marketing
3. Business Climate/Talent
4. Site and Infrastructure
5. Entrepreneurship
6. Tourism
7. Quality-of-Life
8. Education & Workforce Development

Mr. Mavrogenes concluded his presentation with the recommendations made to the Board of Supervisors:

- ▶ Approve the San Joaquin County Economic Development Vision and Implementation Plan
- ▶ Direct the County Administrator and affected County departments to initiate implementation of the 8 key recommendations.

Acting Chair Dooley asked Mr. Grupe to provide his perspective on positive things going on in San Joaquin County.

Mr. Grupe acknowledged the volume of publicity around the city's declaration of bankruptcy, noting that the City of Stockton's finances aren't that much different from many other cities, Stockton has simply admitted the problem and is addressing it head-on. Of the general fund, 80% is in public safety (police and fire), Mr. Grupe noted, and the city has done about all the negotiations it can on wages and staff. The next work is renegotiating the bonds on the five projects they shouldn't have taken on. Mr. Grupe reflected that the City of Stockton's situation is analogous to the General Motors bankruptcy: they did what they had to do and there is reason to hope the city will prevail.

Executive Director Andy Chesley introduced himself and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOCG) which serves as the regional transportation planning agency, providing a forum for regional decision-making on issues such as growth, transportation, environmental management, housing, open space, air quality, fiscal management, and economic development. Making reference to road construction signs on most approaches to Stockton, Mr. Chesley noted they could realistically read, "construction, next 5 years" praising the wisdom of the voters whose renewal of the ½ cent sales tax to support transportation, combined with "ruthless leveraging of state bond money" resulted in the ongoing projects. Mr. Chesley noted that only about 4% of the funding on these projects is Federal but there are about 2300 jobs associated with them.

Mr. Konczal asked what percentage of those jobs are/were local hire. Mr. Chesley stated that none of the primes are from San Joaquin county but a large percentage of the workforce is from Alameda and San Joaquin counties. There aren't any hard statistics as to how many jobs went to local.

Mr. Konczal further inquired if there was ever any discussion about having local hire requirements as part of the bid. Mr. Chesley responded negatively and Mr. Grupe interjected that there are legal issues with mandating local hire.

Ms. McPeak acknowledged Mr. Chesley's strong leadership role in San Joaquin County and for the region, noting, "This is a great story of how the local community benefitted from working within the region. A lot of this is the result of 8 counties coming together such as on the Highway 99 Corridor".

XI. Executive Committee Update

Mr. Weber announced 2013 to be a year of transition for the Partnership. Founding members Mr. Watson and Mr. Ornellas left the board last year and Ms. McPeak has resigned, although all will be available to the board in an advisory capacity. Without Ms. McPeak there would be no Strategic Action Proposal (SAP) and her history with the Partnership proves that focused leadership.

Mr. Weber continued, the number of subject matters we address as a body is almost overwhelming there is so much going on. Smaller, focused groups can get a lot of done so during the last executive committee meeting we looked at the original SAP to ask what we should stop doing. Our answer was: none of it with the possible exception of K-12 except in the context of workforce development. Vicky Bradshaw was emphatic, asserting we must not abandon the effort to connect K-12 with workforce development in the Valley. But the challenge is how to keep people together when they can't, or don't want to be involved in the more broad issues. Our conclusion is we need a core group of people willing to engage on specific issues, and then meet with constituent subsets such as attaching ourselves to groups like mayors and cities and county Supervisors where we input 25% and ask 75% feedback: what can we do for you. Communicating is a challenge. Those of you who are members of local governments, we think you are taking our activities back with you but we understand that cities and Supervisors are focused on "right now".

Mr. Grupe is going to activate the Partnership Advisory Council to engage business partners to promote value in the membership and the activities of the Partnership.

Chair Swearingin and Secretary Dooley have proposed formation of a Valley Wide Business Council which could eventually replace the executive committee. The value of a

Valley Business Council would be identification and articulation of key issues which could then be escalated, through the Partnership, to the political process. This business council would be independent from the Partnership but could serve an advisory and advocacy role.

Mr. Weber described the formation and initial grant funding of the Partnership, noting that since the end of the WIA grant the organization has been self-funding largely through Fresno State and several grants through the James Irvine Foundation. This funding does not include specific initiatives such as the Water Institute; it is a bootstrap operation depending largely on grant funds being generated by OCED. Mr. Weber confirmed that he and Chair Swearingin will endeavor to influence the new Fresno State president on the importance of maintaining funding for OCED. However, it is important to seek other funding sources to include specific grants that support the Partnership agenda. "We need your help", said Mr. Weber, "Where you have relationships, please use them".

Mr. Weber continued by stating that Chair Swearingin, if she were here, would raise the question of the duration of the meetings. Should we shorten the meetings to less than full day affairs? The other issue is where we hold them. Chair Swearingin is proposing we keep the meetings Madera/Hanford/Fresno and hold the annual meetings at different more remote locations so we don't lose the connection with all the major cities in the valley.

Dr. Leland interjected that she is a member of the Silicon Valley leadership group; we pay a hefty amount to be a member and that's where it gets its funding for the staff that does the advocacy work. The Silicon Valley Group has been successful in a number of issues; the proposed Partnership advisory council might be able to provide some of the funding for that function. Dr. Leland encouraged the members to have a serious conversation about a truer partnership amongst educational institutions that should be a member of this group. What would be a good way to mobilize a coalition of higher education institutions that can mobilize for workforce development?

Dr. Leland concluded the thought that we can shorten our meetings but also need to find ways to allow for electronic access to the meetings. It's the travel that often impedes our ability to participate in person and to provide a quorum.

Mr. Weber agreed to consider all three suggestions as action items for staff and the executive committee. Mr. Weber noted that this body's status as a private/public organization its efforts are more about policy development than about advocacy, unlike the Silicon Valley Leadership group.

Acting Chair Dooley suggested the hybrid nature of this group supports development of a separate advocacy organization.

Mr. Konczal concurred that having a central location for meetings is a good idea. Dr. Goldsmith interjected that county offices of education have meeting and teleconference facilities.

Mr. Harper interjected that the original "Fresno centric" culture has changed and it's now appropriate to focus on being effective and efficient without as much concern about where meetings are held.

Mr. Dozier announced that the Secretariat, in its role as the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State is seeking to be the repository for positive

information about the San Joaquin Valley. With its newly-developed web site OCED will be able to link to or post directly any articles, facts and statistics that emphasize the positive aspects of the Valley.

Mr. Grupe mentioned the Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin as an example of good news with transferable concepts that can be shared.

Since 1998, the Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin has partnered with neighborhood groups, faith-based organizations, schools, businesses, and public and private health agencies-to improve the quality of life of families by working to end the vicious cycle of generational poverty that has plagued San Joaquin County¹³.

XII. Update: Board Meeting Survey

Ms. Allen provided slides summarizing feedback from the December 2012 board meeting.

XIII. Regional Economic Forum

Mr. Dozier invited board members to join other community and business leaders from throughout the San Joaquin Valley on Friday, April 26, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Fresno to discuss progress and growth opportunities for the region. Participation in the forum will result in specific recommendations elevated to the California State Economic Forum.

XIV. Discussion: Future Board meeting locations

Mr. Dozier announced the need for hosts and sponsors for the upcoming Partnership board meetings, confirming with Ms. Allen that the sequence will be Kings County in June and Kern County in September. Mr. Harper volunteered his organization to host the December 2013 board meeting in Stanislaus County.

XV. Public and Board Comment and Meeting Feedback

Ms. Ehlerth thanked Ms. McPeak for her part in Prop 1B, for putting the money to good work and for ensuring cost savings in the process.

Dr. Goldsmith added her thanks to Ms. McPeak for the funding brought to the Westside of the Valley; those funds are now supporting distance learning and attainment of college credits by many who could not otherwise achieve them.

XVI. Adjournment

Mr. Harper thanked all board members for their attendance and active participation in the day's discussions. In the absence of any further public or Board comments, Dr. Powell moved and Dr. Goldsmith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 2:59pm.

¹³ <http://www.cpfjs.org/>



Secretariat Report

June 2013

Message from Lead Executive

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Dozier

The attached Secretariat Report is intended to give you an update of the activity of the Partnership over the last three months. Staff has provided for you the following:

- Communication activities that include meetings, information distribution, and articles mentioning the Partnership.
- Smart Valley Places Update
- Rural Development Center Update
- Regional Broadband Consortium Update
- Housing Collaborative Update
- Regional Industry Clusters Update

Over the last three months, your staff has been busy working on the implementation of the Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI) and the Regional Economic Forum, which was held in Fresno on April 26, with more than 250 attendees. A full report on the Forum will be provided at the meeting.

Staff has been working with Community Colleges, Central California Workforce Collaborative, California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation, Central Valley Manufacture Council, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, and a number of private sector businesses to submit a \$150,000 Phase 1, EDA Innovation in Manufacturing grant. This grant will allow the Partnership and these partners to move forward with the implementation of RICI. Partnership staff and our partners will be working to address the second phase of the grant opportunity which is \$25 million and will only be given to five applicants. We feel very confident that our collaboration will make us strong applicants for both phases. Regardless, the application process has proven to be an excellent regional capacity-building exercise.

The Executive Committee met in a three-hour meeting on March 5 to discuss the future of the Partnership. Funding, engagement and focus were the main topics of discussion.

Many thanks to John Lehn, Kings County EDC/WIB, for his assistance in setting up the Hanford venue and County Panel, and to Randy Dodd, Adventist Health, for sponsoring lunch and refreshments.

As always, staff is here to provide you with information as desired. If there is any way that we can assist you, please feel free to contact us. I look forward to seeing everyone in Hanford.

Communications Update

Outreach Efforts

Date	Event
25-Jun-12 - 6-Jul-12	USDA E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship. Washington, DC. Ismael Herrera.
7-Jul-12	Central Valley Focus Group on the State Economic Plan, Castle AFB. Atwater. Mike Dozier.
10-Jul-12	San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization. Fresno. Ismael Herrera.
18-Jul-12	Goods Movement Meeting, Tulare Ag Center. Tulare. Mike Dozier.
23-Jul-12	Local Government Commission. Sacramento. Ismael Herrera.
8-Aug-12	Kings Canyon Unified School District. Reedley. Ismael Herrera.
16-Aug-12	Kings Basin Disadvantaged Community Water Meeting. Caruthers. Ismael Herrera
21-Aug-12	Kings Basin Disadvantaged Community Water Meeting. Kerman. Ismael Herrera.
5-Sep-12	Southwest Tulare County Roundtable, Alpaugh, Ismael Herrera
6-Sep-12	Presentation to Fresno County of Governments Directors Meeting, Fresno, Stacie Dabbs
6-Sep-12	Fresno Council of Governments, Fresno, Ismael Herrera
11-Sep-12	Presentation to San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, Stockton, Rachel Audino
12-Sep-12 - 14-Sep-12	HUD Sustainable Communities Capacity Building Workshop: Fostering Partnerships in Rural Areas and Smaller Places, Omaha, Neb., Eduardo Gonzalez
14-Sep-12	Entrepreneurship in Education Conference, Fresno, Stacie Dabbs
17-Sep-12- 18-Sep-12	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, site visit for Smart Valley Places, Fresno, Stacie Dabbs
18-Sep-12	Presentation to Kings County Board of Supervisors, Hanford, Rachel Audino
18-Sep-12	Presentation to Kern County Board of Supervisors, Bakersfield, Rachel Audino
18-Sep-12	Get Connected! Central Valley Roundtable, Fresno, Ismael Herrera
19-Sep-12	Corporate America Lending, Fresno, Ismael Herrera
25-Sep-12	Presentation to Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Visalia, Rachel Audino
25-Sep-12	City of Parlier, Grand Opening of Youth Center, Parlier, Ismael Herrera
27-Sep-12	Telehealth Work Group Meeting with Valley Vision, <i>Sacramento Broadband Consortium</i> , Fresno, Rachel Audino/Phil Siegrist
5-Oct-12	Friant-Kern Canal Water Issues Meeting, Orange Cove, Ismael Herrera
9-Oct-12	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative Board Meeting, Stacie Dabbs
10-Oct-12	Building the Local Economy: A Strategy for Taft, Taft, Ismael Herrera
11-Oct-12	Regional Policy Council Fall Policy Conference, Lemoore, Stacie Dabbs

Date	Event
11-Oct-12	Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council Annual Meeting, Clovis, Ismael Herrera
16-Oct-12	Presentation to Merced County Board of Supervisors, Merced, Rachel Audino
19-Oct-12	IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Interview, Fresno, Rachel Audino/Phil Siegrist
25-Oct-12	Kings County Economic Development Corporation Annual Dinner, Hanford, Stacie Dabbs
29-Oct-12	5 Cities Small Business Event Planning Meeting, Fowler, Ismael Herrera
2-Nov-12	Regional Industry Clusters Initiative presentation, Merced County Association of Governments Directors Meeting, Stacie Dabbs
2-Nov-12	Public Policy in Wireless Symposium, Silicon Valley Wireless Symposium, Santa Clara, Rachel Audino
2-Nov-12	Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium Meeting, June Lake, Phil Siegrist
6-Nov-12	Regional Industry Clusters Initiative presentation, Central Valley Business Incubator, Fresno, Stacie Dabbs
8-Nov-12	Regional Industry Clusters Initiative presentation, Community College Consortium, Fresno, Stacie Dabbs
8-Nov-12	Upper Kings Basin Disadvantaged Community Water Meeting, Raisin City, Ismael Herrera
9-Nov-12	Regional Industry Clusters Initiative presentation, Central California Workforce Collaborative, Madera, Stacie Dabbs
13-Nov-12	West Valley Health Care Task Force, Gustine, Rachel Audino
13-Nov-12	Westside Health Care Network, Gustine, Ismael Herrera
16-Nov-12	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative Forum on Foreclosure Mitigation, Fresno, Stacie Dabbs
29-Nov-12	Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium Telehealth Workshop, Ridgecrest/Lone Pine, Rachel Audino/Phil Siegrist
30-Nov-12	North Fork Forest Biomass Project Public Meeting and Field Trip, North Fork, Ismael Herrera
3-Dec-12 to 5-Dec-12	San Joaquin Valley U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Convention, Washington, D.C., Stacie Dabbs
7-Dec-12	Southwest Tulare County Roundtable , Earlimart, Ismael Herrera
11-Dec-12	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative Board of Directors Meeting, Clovis, Stacie Dabbs
10-Sep-12 - 14-Sep-12	Association of Small Business Development Centers, New Orleans, La., Ismael Herrera
12-Dec-12	Solar Transformation Initiative Workshop, Fresno.
13-Dec-12	Presentation - Get Connected! grant. California Emerging Technology Fund, San Francisco.
20-Dec-12	Telehealth access for Allensworth residents. Conference call with stakeholders.
8-Jan-13	Riverdale Public Utilities District Meeting, Riverdale.

Date	Event
10-Jan-13	City of Chowchilla, meeting with director of Community and Economic Development, Chowchilla.
15-Jan-13	City of Livingston Council Meeting, Livingston.
15-Jan-13	Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy, New Orleans.
16-Jan-13	City of Orange Cove, Economic Development meetings, Orange Cove.
18-Jan-13	Fresno Food Summit Steering Committee, Fresno.
22-Jan-13	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, Fresno.
22-Jan-13	Greater Taft Economic Development Authority, Taft.
23-Jan-13	Fresno Regional Foundation, Fresno.
23-Jan-13	Gazarian Symposium- Ag Valuation: Bubble or Just the Beginning, UBC Auditorium, Fresno State.
23-Jan-13	Northern California Community Loan Fund, Community Challenge, Fresno.
24-Jan-13	Merced County Association of Governments, Governing Board Meeting, Livingston.
25-Jan-13	State Center Community College District, Regional Industry Clusters Initiative Roundtable, Clovis.
25-Jan-13	Lawrence Livermore National Labs, Livermore.
28-Jan-13	City of Ridgecrest City Manager, Fresno.
28-Jan-13	George Washington Carver Center, South Dos Palos.
28-Jan-13	Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program and Craig School of Business, Fresno State, Fresno.
29-Jan-13	Exemplary Practices in Education Leadership Conference presented by Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute, Clovis.
29-Jan-13	Regional Prosperity Project, Philadelphia, Penn.
30-Jan-13	Telehealth access for Allensworth residents. Conference call with stakeholders.
31-Jan-13	Relational Culture Institute and Firebaugh Padres Promotores, QuickBooks Training Course, Firebaugh.
6-Feb-13	Fresno Food Summit, Program Sub-Committee, Fresno.
7-Feb-13	Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program and Craig School of Business, Fresno State, Fresno.
11-Feb-13	City of Dos Palos, meeting with City Manager, Dos Palos.
12-Feb-13	Fresno USDA RBEG and Food Commons, Fresno.
12-Feb-13	Greater Taft Economic Development Authority, Taft.
12-Feb-13 - 14-Feb-13	Tulare World Ag Expo. San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium, outreach efforts for broadband in rural areas, survey of farmers regarding relationship between broadband technology and Ag practices.
13-Feb-13	Meeting with City of Farmersville and Quad Knopf, Fresno.
13-Feb-13	City of Livingston Economic Development and Housing Workshop, Livingston.
13-Feb-13	Economic Development Strategy, City of Livingston.

Date	Event
15-Feb-13	University of California, Berkeley regarding New Business Counseling Practicum, Fresno.
19-Feb-13	Fresno Business Council, Fresno.
21-Feb-13	Corona Real Bakery, Kerman.
21-Feb-13	Leadership Fresno, Planning and the Environment Workshop, Fresno.
26-Feb-13	Greater Taft Economic Development Authority, Taft.
27-Feb-13	Biola Chamber of Commerce and local farmers, Biola.
27-Feb-13	Dr. Rucker's Wellness Center, Visalia.
27-Feb-13	Community Water Center and Self-Help Enterprises, Prop 84 Emergency Funding for Interim Drinking Water Solutions Workshop, Visalia.
28-Feb-13	California Go Biz Brown Bag It Event.
4-Mar-13	Educational Outreach Partnership, Dos Palos.
6-Mar-13	Biola Chamber of Commerce and local farmers, Biola.
6-Mar-13	Five Cities Trade Faire Planning meeting, Fowler.
12-Mar-13	Greater Taft Economic Development Authority, Taft.
13-Mar-13 - 14-Mar-14	California Public Utilities Commission and California Emerging Technology Fund Policy Summit, Sacramento.

Electronic Information Distribution

Date	E-Blast
3-Jul-12	Kern No. 2 in Private Sector Jobs
11-Jul-12	Save the Date: Partnership 3 rd Quarter Board Meeting, Fresno County, Sep 21, 2012
11-Jul-12	SJV Regional Broadband Consortium – Meeting Reminder: July 20, 2012
12-Jul-12	Foreclosure Assistance & Recovery Workshop – Modesto
31-Jul-12	Foreclosure Assistance & Recovery Workshop – Fresno
7-Aug-12	San Joaquin Valley Greenprint Survey
7-Aug-12	Save the Date: Partnership 3 rd Quarter Board Meeting, Fresno County, Sep 21, 2012 – Location Announced
8-Aug-12	San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium Newsletter
9-Aug-12	Tax Foreclosure Reform & Land Banking: A New Approach for Creating Strong Neighborhoods Webinar
15-Aug-12	Foreclosure Assistance & Recovery Workshop Reminder – Fresno
25-Sep-12	Lyles Center announces business development opportunity for the community, Oct 9, 2012

Date	E-Blast
26-Sep-12	Save the Date: 2013 Exemplary Practices in Education Leadership Conference: Leading World Class Learning for Our Valley Schools, Jan 29, 2013
19-Sept-12	San Joaquin Valley Air District's Technology Advancement Program
2-Oct-12	Fall Manufacturing Conference presented by the University Center to Advance Manufacturing at Fresno State, Oct 12, 2012
4-Oct-12	Lyles Center announces business development opportunity for the community, Oct 9, 2012
9-Oct-12	2013 Exemplary Practices in Education Leadership Conference: Leading World Class Learning for Our Valley Schools, Jan 29, 2013
11-Oct-12	New York Times article, Oct 10, 2012: "Everyone eats there California's Central Valley is our greatest food resource. So why are we treating it so badly?"
14-Nov-12	California Asset Building Symposium, Dec 4, 2012
15-Nov-12	Want to Work on the High Speed Rail Project? Nov 30 and Dec 1, 2012
15-Nov-12	Capturing the Solar Potential in the Valley, Dec 12, 2012
20-Nov-12	CVBI-SBDC Seminar: So you want to start a business? Dec 6, 2012, 2pm
26-Nov-12	High-Speed Rail Workshops, Nov 30 and Dec 1, 2012, Fresno
4-Dec-12	Joint Cluster Event: Clean Energy, Manufacturing and Water, Dec 20, 2012, Fresno
6-Dec-12	Public Announcement: California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley 4 th Quarter 2012 Board of Directors Meeting, Dec 14, Madera
9-Jan-13	New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Feb 7-9, 2013, Kansas City, Mo.
16-Jan-13	State Assembly to hold Rural Caucus Briefing Jan 18, 2013
17-Jan-13	New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Feb 7-9, 2013, Kansas City, Mo.
23-Jan-13	Stanislaus Business Forum, Jan 31, 2013, Modesto
24-Jan-13	REXPO IX, Mar 13, 2013, Stockton
29-Jan-13	REXPO IX, Mar 13, 2013, Stockton
31-Jan-13	Invitations: SJV Regional Industry Clusters Initiative Champions meetings, Feb 19,20,21
4-Feb-13	CALED's 33 rd Annual Conference, Apr 10-11, 2013
5-Feb-13	Brown Bag It: A Working Lunch for Small Businesses, Feb 28, 2013, Fresno
13-Feb-13	Upcoming RICl Events of Interest
19-Feb-13	Brown Bag It: A Working Lunch for Small Businesses, Feb 28, 2013, Fresno

Communications Tools

New Partnership Website

The Partnership website is fully operational with just some tweaking left to do. Visit www.sjvpartnership.org to find out the new features. Upcoming board meetings are now highlighted in the top section of the homepage (when you click Learn More, it takes you to an event page that includes a map of the location!). An interactive directory of board members includes bios and photos (if available) that pop up when you hover over their name - the same goes for staff bios and photos. A full listing of all board meetings, from the first one on Feb. 2, 2007, includes agenda packets for each. Work group pages are refreshed and simpler while pages have been added for the Regional Industry Clusters Initiative. A full directory of Valley electeds has been added to the Government Affairs section. State and federal sections include links to each elected's website. The Local section is listed alphabetically by county. PDFs have been made available to download contact information for boards of supervisors, mayors and city councils.

We hope you enjoy the new website!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. The header features the organization's logo and tagline: "A public-private partnership focused on achieving a prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equality throughout California's great San Joaquin Valley." A navigation menu includes links for About Us, Board, Work Groups, Collaboratives, Gov Affairs, Staff, Contact, and Events. The main content area is divided into three columns: "FEATURE" (highlighting the 2013 San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum and the 2012 Annual Report), "EVENTS" (announcing the 2nd Quarter Board Meeting on 06.21.2013), and "NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS" (listing recent news items with dates). A "JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST" section on the right includes a form for name, organization, and email, along with checkboxes for "Quarterly E-News" and "Interest Areas" such as Air Quality, Economic Development, and Water Quality. A "SUBSCRIBE" button is located at the bottom of the email list section. The footer contains the copyright notice: "© 2013 California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley".

Annual Report

The 2012 Partnership Annual Report won a 2013 Gold ADDY Award*. Bertz-Rosa Strategy & Creative submitted our 2012 Partnership Annual Report for the category Collateral Material, Annual Report, Four-Color of the ADDY Awards, which are presented by the Fresno Advertising Federation. You may [download an electronic copy](#) from the Partnership website located under About Us/Document Library.

The report has more than just an award-winning design. It is a comprehensive communications piece which discusses activities of the initiative, its accomplishments and future plans. Kudos were given to our partners across the San Joaquin Valley. Each external stakeholder and community partner was represented and acknowledged for their contribution to the collaborative. The annual report was disseminated throughout the Valley to community leaders, academic leaders, and public elected officials, and private and public agencies.

**ADDY Awards is a national program conducted by the American Advertising Federation, of which Fresno Advertising Federation is a member. The ADDYs comprise 15 districts. Fresno is part of District 14, which includes Northern California and Northern Nevada. There are three tiers: Local level (Fresno), Regional (District 14), and National. The Gold ADDY Awards are elevated to the Regional level; judging was in April. Though the Partnership Annual Report did not receive any further commendation, we are very proud of this communications piece, its quality and its message.*

The 2012 Partnership Annual Report is available in electronic and print form.. Requests for a printed copy may be made by calling 559-294-6021.

e-Newsletter

The newsletter has been on hold during the development and implementation of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI). Distribution will occur quarterly one week prior to the next scheduled board meeting. The latest issue was distributed on June 13. Format of the newsletter will be a report on the Partnership's initiatives and collaboratives. It will be sent to all Partnership stakeholders (2,547).

Daily News Briefing

The Maddy Daily continues to be distributed by The Maddy Institute on a daily basis to more than 11,000 contacts including Partnership board members and work group consultants, business and community leaders, and other government and legislative contacts throughout the Valley. It is available in Spanish. (www.maddyinstitute.org)

Media

Traditional methods of communication efforts with the media include press releases, media advisories, and editorial content and interviews. In addition, Partnership activities have been picked up by Valley news agencies. See following table for recent activity.

Date	Description
2-Jul-2012	Historic first-ever California Economic Summit releases its action plan. <i>PR Newswire</i> .
30-Jul-2012	California county tries to roll out wireless broadband to farms. <i>Government Technology</i> . Article regarding participation in regional broadband efforts. Interview

Date	Description
	with Rachel Audino on May 24, 2012.
3-Aug-2012	Article about Fresno and the San Joaquin Valley, Adam Liptak, <i>New York Times</i> . Interview with Mike Dozier.
9-Aug-2012	Aligning University resources in support of competitiveness and prosperity. <i>California Business Minute, CaEO Corner</i> . Interview with Mike Dozier.
23-Aug-12	Why farms need wireless broadband. <i>Government Technology</i> . Wayne Hanson.
28-Sep-12	San Joaquin's collaborative approach to California water issues. <i>California Forward</i> . Niki Woodard.
10-Oct-12	Everyone eats there: California's Central Valley is our greatest food resource. So why are we treating it so badly? <i>The New York Times</i> . Mark Bittman.
11-Oct-12	Experts say densely settled Modesto is way of future. <i>The Modesto Bee</i> . J.N. Sbranti.
23-Oct-12	News Release: "USDA Rural Definition extended to March 2013"
9-Nov-12	Opinion: Presidents do not improve economic competitiveness – you do. <i>The Business Journal</i> . Christian Wandeler.
Dec 2012/ Jan 2013	Regional industry clusters in the San Joaquin Valley. <i>Kern Business Journal</i> . Mike Dozier
14-Nov-2012	Kern County third most competitive metro in United States. <i>Bakersfield Convention & Visitors Bureau</i> . David Lyman.
26-Nov-2012	San Joaquin joins 11 other counties in support of Delta/Valley water projects. <i>The Stockton Record</i> . Zachary K. Johnson.
6-Dec-2012	Where are the jobs? Clean energy jobs workshop held in Fresno, Friday, Dec 14. Sponsored by: California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, Central California Community Colleges Committed to Change (C6), San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, and California Small Business Development Center-UC Merced Regional Network
11-Dec-2012	Kern home prices bouncing back. <i>Bizjournals.com</i> .
11-Dec-2012	Building fuels inland boom. <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> . Jim Carlton.
30-Dec-2012	Work's never done. Not the type to shy away from a task, an always concerned Ornellas reflects on progress, future business in San Joaquin County. <i>The Stockton Record</i> . Zachary Johnson.
8-Mar-2013	Media Advisory: California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors Meeting, March 15, Stockton, San Joaquin County.
19-Mar-2013	News Release: "D'Adamo appointed to State Water Resources Control Board"
21-Mar-2013	News Release: "Fresno State, regional partners awarded \$600K broadband grant: Closing the Digital Divide in the San Joaquin Valley"
27-Mar-2013	"San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative endorses Senate Bill 391"

Partnership social marketing efforts include Facebook and Twitter accounts. The Partnership Facebook page now has 464 “fans” (up from 456), and is linked to Facebook pages of several partner organizations.

Legislative Affairs Update

SB 391 (DeSaulnier): THE CALIFORNIA HOMES AND JOBS ACT

Following the presentation by Housing California to the Board at the March 2013 meeting in Stockton, staff was directed to take the request for endorsement along with additional background material to the Executive Committee for consideration once the San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative (the Housing Work Group) took action. The Housing Collaborative ultimately endorsed the bill and after discussing the legislation on several occasions, the Executive Committee voted to submit the Partnership's endorsement of SB 391.

During the Executive Committee's discussions, it was determined that support was based on the great need for stable funding for affordable housing programs in the Valley, and the need for the Valley to be at the table for distribution of funds that will be generated through the collection of a \$75 recordation fee on real-estate related documents (except home sales). Considering the strong support of the bill throughout the state and region from a broad range of stakeholders including Chambers of Commerce, Business Councils, the BIA, private developers and more, the bill has a strong likelihood of passing and it was deemed essential that the Valley show its support and be part of the process to determine how the funds will be distributed to ensure we receive our fair share.

In May, staff sent an email to the full Partnership board with an update and a request for any board member wishing to recuse themselves from supporting the bill to submit their position via email by Friday, May 17th. All board members representing the administration, including the Cabinet secretaries, their representatives, and other agency representatives were automatically recused based on their ex-officio status; however, no additional board members requested to be excluded from the endorsement.

Bill Summary

This bill imposes, beginning January 1, 2013 a fee of \$75 on the recording of each real estate-related document, except for those documents recorded in connection with home sales, and directs the money to the California Homes and Jobs Trust Fund. The Legislature may then appropriate these funds for the development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of homes affordable to low- and moderate-income households, including emergency shelters, transitional and permanent rental housing, foreclosure mitigation, and homeownership opportunities.

Status

- May 29 – Passed out of the Senate with a vote of 27 ayes and 12 noes. The bill now heads to the Assembly for consideration. Note: Senator Galgiani voted against the bill and was the only Senator in her party to do so.
- May 23 - Passed out of Senate Committee on Appropriations
- April 10 - Passed out of Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing



Initiative: Smart Valley Places

June 2013

Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2013

Staff Lead: Stacie Dabbs

Update:

Smart Valley Places is currently in its third and final year of its original funding award. There are three major buckets of activity for the rest of 2013: 1) Create a legacy document that articulates the impact of Smart Valley Places, and its lasting contributions to the region, as well as, opportunities for partners to leverage the work and continue to support the implementation of smart growth principles in Valley cities; 2) the completion of a Fair Housing and Equity Assessment for the eight county region; and 3) plan a final regional convention to highlight the program and its contributions, as well as future opportunities to continue the work (November 2013, Visalia).

The final deliverables for the Smart Valley Places grant also include:

- A demonstration of enhanced coordination of regional planning efforts with the Valley's Councils of Governments and generate increased support for the Valley Blueprint throughout the region. Including engagement with and connection to smart growth efforts in the non-urban areas of the Valley and efforts to coordinate Smart Valley Places with existing regional efforts in areas such as economic development, housing, and energy.
- A tool to promote valley-wide sharing of best planning practices, consolidation of planning work products from various cities in one easily accessible location with staff available to provide related information.
- A final Smart Valley Places report prepared as an engaging and highly graphic color document that will generate interest and propose opportunities for continued cooperation among Smart Valley Places partners and other stakeholders. This report will capture the legacy of Smart Valley Places and highlight current activities in the region that have leveraged the Smart Valley Places investment and continue to build from the Smart Valley Places momentum.

Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center

June 2013

Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2013

Staff Lead: Ismael Díaz Herrera

Update: This past quarter, the SJVRDC provided assistance to 20 different rural entities and participated in 24 community events.

Small Communities Network

The SJVRDC continues to distribute a weekly newsletter (Mondays) of resources and information to the stakeholders of the region's rural communities. A grant writing workshop was also conducted in Stockton, Calif., on April 25.

USDA Pathways to Rural Economic Progress – San Joaquin Valley

The SJVRDC and California Coalition for Rural Housing are conducting trainings and facilitating resources for economic development and housing for staff in 14 rural communities within 6 counties in the region. The Tule River Indian Housing Authority was added as a recipient, and a housing assessment site visit was conducted on April 29. An economic development/housing workshop was conducted in the City of Corcoran on April 18. A free 1-year subscription to the Central Valley Business Incubator's Virtual Incubator Program was provided to the City of Taft-Taft Area Chamber of Commerce partnership.

Grant Applications

USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant: in partnership with the municipal staff, will provide technical assistance and technology integration training to small business owners in the City of San Joaquin.

City of San Joaquin Economic Development Program: submitted proposal to provide economic development grant writing services.

Service Agreements

Economic Development: conducted 6 Economic Development Strategy sessions with the Greater Taft Economic Development Authority, and will continue onto 3rd Quarter 2013.

Grant Writing: completed U.S. Department of Homeland Security FY 2013 Citizenship and Integration Direct Services Grant Program: Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services funding application on behalf of Lao Khmu Association, Inc.

High School Mentorship: conducted 17 college/career preparation sessions with Parlier HS students in partnership with Youth Centers of America. Activities will continue onto 2nd Quarter 2013.

Water: conducted water infrastructure surveys of 85 households in the unincorporated community of Cameron Creek Colony in Tulare County. Survey results were tabulated and provided to the City of Farmersville.

Communications

The launch of the SJVRDC website has been rescheduled to 3rd Quarter 2013.



Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium

June 2013

Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2013

Staff Lead: Rachel Audino

Update: SJVRBC staff continues to meet with a variety of stakeholders to develop the Broadband Deployment Plan. With the telehealth and rural broadband portions already completed, staff has been meeting with private sector firms to integrate their future business plans (that are public information) into the study. For the digital literacy portion of the consortium, SJVRBC and several regional partners received a three-year, \$600,000 CETF Get Connected! grant aimed at increasing first time broadband subscriptions via increased digital literacy trainings.

In addition, staff is working with USDA and city of Fresno staff on a variety of initiatives. The city's IBM Smarter Cities team was in Fresno in late April/early May and developed a series of recommendations on utilizing technology to increase the city's economic competitiveness. Staff participated in stakeholder interviews and will continue to assist the city in whatever way is possible. In addition, staff is working with the SC2 team to flesh out an agricultural pilot site concept in the hopes of submitting an application for the USDA Community Connects opportunity. At this point in time, that could include connecting to middle mile institutions and agricultural sites in the Reedley/Parlier area.

Staff is also working with Lawrence Livermore Labs, USDA, the Central Valley Business Incubator, ARS Labs, and the city of Fresno on an agricultural technology showcase on August 13, 2013 at Fresno City Hall. This would include a "shark tank" style event where researchers pitch their technologies to prospective investors and venture capitalists.



Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative

June 2013

Quarter: 2th Quarter 2013

Staff Lead: Stacie Dabbs, Tim Ng

Update:

- **SB 391 - California Homes and Jobs Act**

- The bill was approved through the Transportation and Housing Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee before moving to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- The Collaborative voted to endorse the bill and is advocating for the Valley by demonstrating the region's need for affordable housing and actively engaging in discussion with the office of Senator Galgiani, who has opposed the bill.

- **Planning for Affordable Housing Summit**

- The 2nd Annual San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit will be held on September 25, 2013 in Fresno.
- The Summit will consider topics such as rural perspectives on affordable housing, innovative funding opportunities, and means for expanding the role of the Collaborative and relationships with other organizations and individuals.
- A planning committee of Collaborative board members and supportive staff will fundraise and solicit sponsorships, select and create content for workshops, invite speakers, and arrange for accommodations and handle logistics.

- **Board of Directors March 20th conference call**

- The Board approved its current roster and amended bylaws to eliminate the requirement of Universal Design for a board member category.



Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters

June 2013

Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2013

Staff Lead: Silas Cha

Update: The 2nd Quarter of 2013 picked up from the Champions Meetings on Feb 19, 20, and 21. From the Champions Meetings, advisory committees were formed to explore Next Steps. The two advisory committees formed were the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee and Manufacturing, Energy, Watch Technology, and Agriculture (MEWA) Advisory Committee respectively. The Health and Wellness Advisory Committee met on March 29, 2013, resulting in four (4) Work Groups being formed. Work Groups: (1) Healthy Communities, (2) Leadership Education, (3) Workforce, and (4) Affordable Care Act. These four Work Groups had also met at least once in late April and early May.

- Healthy Communities Work Group met on 4/16/2013
- Leadership Education Work Group : 4/23/13
- Workforce Work Group: 4/30/2013
- ACA Work Group: 5/3/2013

All Work Groups had produced tangible work plan to achieve their respective goals. There is consensus among the Work Groups that each of them will meet once a month. The results of each Work Group's efforts will be reported to the overall Health and Wellness Cluster in the quarterly meeting this cluster had agreed on. There are discussions among the Work Groups to explore funding opportunities from The California Endowment and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to educate small businesses transition to the challenges of ACA being implemented in 2014. There are also plans to provide health policy education specifically to elected officials and individuals in position of authority or influence.

The MEWA Advisory Committee met on April 29, 2013, and formed three Work Groups: (1) Technology, (2) Workforce, and (3) Advocacy. The MEWA Clusters as a whole will meet biannually. The Work Groups will be convened late in May and early June to define their respective purposes and goals.

The Public Sector Infrastructure and Logistics will embark on forming an advisory group in mid June 2013 in alignment with the release of the Goods Movement Study by the Fresno Council of Governments.

Networking

Date	Event
3/5/13	Meeting with Don Austin and Walter Mizuno regarding University Center for Advanced Manufacturing. Mike Dozier, Silas Cha
3/5/13	Meeting with Ken Smith. Mike Dozier
3/6/13	Meeting with Christian Wandaler, CWC Consulting. Mike Dozier
3/7/13	Meeting with Bob Murray. Mike Dozier
3/7/13	City of Livingston. Conference Call. Mike Dozier
3/8/13	Meeting with Virginia Madueño, City of Riverbank. Mike Dozier
3/8/13	Meeting with SBDC-CVBI. Mike Dozier
3/11/13	Milken Institute Conference. Mike Dozier
3/12/13	Economic Development Strategy. Conference call with cities of Taft and Corcoran. Mike Dozier
3/13/13	CVBI Board Meeting. Mike Dozier
3/13/13	Darryl Rutherford, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Mike Dozier
3/14/13	Meeting with Glenda Humiston, USDA. Mike Dozier
3/14/13	Hope Incubator, Fresno Convention Center. Mike Dozier
3/15/13	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Partnership Board Meeting
3/18-20/13	Meeting regarding University Center Conference and UEDA Meeting. Mike Dozier
3/18/13	Meeting with Steve Bass. Mike Dozier
3/20/13	Conference Call meeting with Barbara Rodiek. Mike Dozier
3/21/13	San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum planning meeting. Mike Dozier
3/22/13	Community Scorecard meeting. Mike Dozier
3/22/13	Innovation and Economic Prosperity Award. Mike Dozier
3/22/13	Meeting with Provost Covino. Mike Dozier
3/26/13	Economic Development Strategic Action, City of Taft. Mike Dozier
3/27/13	Hmong National Farmers Conference, Fresno. Silas Cha
3/27/13	Meeting with Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Mike Dozier
3/28/13	Energy Workforce Sector Strategy Advisory Council Meeting
3/29/13	Health and Wellness Advisory Committee meeting. Silas Cha
4/3/13	Meeting with Janet Hammer regarding triple bottom line of economic, environmental and social sustainability. Mike Dozier
4/3/13	Chico State University Center. Conference Call. Mike Dozier
4/3/13	Meeting with Benjamin Duran, executive director, Great Valley Center. Mike Dozier
4/3/13	Conference Call meeting with Bill Fulton, The Planning Center. Mike Dozier
4/4/13	Meeting with Alyssa Rosen, SC2. Mike Dozier
4/4/13	High-Speed Rail Meeting, Fresno City College. Mike Dozier
4/4/13	Meeting with Florence Dunn, et al. Mike Dozier

Networking

Date	Event
4/4/13	BlueTech Valley. Conference Call. Mike Dozier
4/5/13	San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum planning meeting with Kristine Walter. Mike Dozier
4/5/13	Hmong National Development Conference, Fresno. Mike Dozier
4/5/13	Meeting with Jeff Witte regarding board and planning training for rural areas. Mike Dozier
4/8/13	Economic Development Strategic Action, City of Taft. Mike Dozier
4/9-11/13	California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) Conference. Mike Dozier
4/9/13	Fresno Business Council. Mike Dozier
4/9/13	California Economic Summit Advisory Committee. Conference Call. Mike Dozier
4/9/13	Go-Biz/CALED Meeting, Long Beach. Mike Dozier
4/11/13	California Advanced Services Fund Consortia. Conference Call monthly meeting. Mike Dozier
4/12/13	Visit to Lawrence Livermore Lab. Mike Dozier
4/15/13	Conference Call meeting with Garrad Marsh, Mayor of Modesto. Mike Dozier
4/15/13	Meeting with Steve Haze, subject: Bio Mass. Mike Dozier
4/15/13	Conference Call meeting with Pauline Hershey and John Capitman. Mike Dozier
4/15/13	Meeting with Angel Sanchez. Mike Dozier
4/16/13	WET Incubator Meeting. Mike Dozier
4/16/13	Great Valley Center interviews. Modesto. Mike Dozier
4/16/13	Healthy Communities Work Group (Health & Wellness Cluster), Darryl Rutherford, chair. Silas Cha
4/17/13	Conference Call meeting with Paul Johnson and George Burmeister. Mike Dozier, Stacie Dabbs, Silas Cha.
4/17/13	UEDA Board Meeting. Mike Dozier
4/18/13	Healthy Corner Stores Campaign, sponsored by Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program. Silas Cha
4/18/13	City of Corcoran Economic Development Kick-Off. Mike Dozier
4/19/13	Manufacturing C6 Meeting. Tulare. Silas Cha
4/19/13	Meeting with Kristin Ekwel. Mike Dozier
4/23/13	Conference Call meeting with Kish Rajan, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Mike Dozier
4/23/13	Leadership Education Work Group (Health & Wellness Cluster), chaired by Dr. John Capitman. Silas Cha
4/23/13	IBM Smart Cities Press Conference. Mike Dozier
4/23/13	Economic Development Strategic Action, City of Taft. Mike Dozier
4/24/13	Meeting with Tim Thiesen, regarding San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum. Mike Dozier
4/26/13	San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum.
4/29/13	Small Business Advisory Committee meeting. Mike Dozier

Networking

Date	Event
4/29/13	Meeting with Darrell Stamps. Mike Dozier
4/29/13	MEWA Cluster Meeting regarding next steps for the four clusters. Silas Cha
4/30/13	Workforce Work Group (Health & Wellness Cluster), chaired by Pam Lassetter. Silas Cha
4/30/13	Community Scorecard meeting at Wells Fargo. Mike Dozier
5/1/13	Meeting with Lee Ann Eager, Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno County. Mike Dozier
5/2/13	Affordable Care Act Work Group (Health & Wellness Cluster), chaired by Deborah Wigely
5/7/13	Merced Economic Roundtable, Merced. Mike Dozier
5/8/13	Central Valley Business Incubator Board Meeting. Mike Dozier
5/8/13	Meeting with Darrell Stamps. Mike Dozier
5/8/13	Meeting with Geri Yang. Mike Dozier
5/8/13	Meeting with Christine Nutting, regarding CVBI/SBDC. Mike Dozier
5/9/13	Meeting with Amy Dominguez-Arms, Irvine Foundation. Mike Dozier
5/9/13	Meeting with Ronald Addington, San Joaquin County Business Council. Mike Dozier
5/9/13	Meeting with Craig Scharton, City of Fresno Downtown & Community Revitalization. Mike Dozier
5/9/13	Meeting with Fresno Councils of Government regarding green jobs grant. Mike Dozier
5/10/13	Meeting with Henry Perea, Fresno County Board of supervisors. Mike Dozier
5/10/13	Conference Call meeting with Kara Lang regarding Health & Wellness Cluster. Silas Cha
5/10/13	Innovation & Economic Prosperity. Mike Dozier
5/10/13	Meeting with Mike Taylor. Mike Dozier
5/10/13	Meeting with Silke Knebel. Mike Dozier
5/10/13	Meeting with Tim Rios. Mike Dozier
5/11/13	Fresno Business Council. Mike Dozier
5/14/13	Clean Energy Cluster Conference Call with Srida Moua and Daryl Baltazar. Mike Dozier, Silas Cha
5/14/13	Follow-up: Merced Economic Roundtable, Merced. Mike Dozier
5/16/13	Clean Energy Conference in collaboration with Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno County. Silas Cha
5/17/13	Conference Call meeting with John Capitman, Pauline Hershey, Pam Lassetter. Mike Dozier, Silas Cha



Work Group Consultants Reports

The attached reports summarize the 1st quarter 2013 activity from January through March for seven* of the Partnership's 10 work groups.

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ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (ACS)

Lead Organization: Office of Community & Economic Development

C = Completed

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 -Mar 31)
Goal 1: Expedite the provision of broadband access in all areas of the San Joaquin Valley.	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	
Objective A: Create an organizational infrastructure w/ a goal to "Facilitate the deployment and utilization of advanced communications services and information technology throughout the region."		IP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium, staff continues to convene the RBC on a quarterly basis, with the fourth quarter meeting happening on February 6 in Fresno. • 3 work groups (infrastructure, Telehealth, education), and 2 internal task teams continue to meet. • OCED provided a newsletter to their distribution list (1300 for OCED) regarding the status of projects and key informational updates. • Several emails were distributed to stakeholders regarding key broadband topics. • OCED continues to maintain a section of their website to communicate Consortium information. http://sjvpartnership.org/static_pages.php?static_page_id=88&mn_id=163 • Updated SJVRBC website was launched as part of a larger communications update for the office.
Objective B: Develop a strategic plan for broadband infrastructure aimed at increasing access to broadband.		IP	<p>Staff has begun developing the SJV Broadband Deployment plan based on research and outreach conducted in the first year of the SJVRBC. We are exploring TV white space technology and its potential applications throughout the valley, particularly in rural mountainous and agricultural regions.</p>

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 -Mar 31)
Objective C: Inform over 300 elected officials from the 8 county region about the benefits of ubiquitous access to broadband and provide model policies and other tools to help facilitate deployment.		C	
Objective D: Identify communities and neighborhoods w/ out affordable connections to delivery of Broadband.		IP	Staff continues to update our research on affordable connections to broadband and integrate this data into our planning efforts.
Objective E: Increase deployment of broadband by current and prospective service providers.		IP	Through technologies like TV white space ,staff has been researching ways curren and prospective service providers can increase deployment in cost effective ways.
Objective F: Identify and seek all available funding for deployment of broadband.		IP	Staff continues to work with the city of Fresno's SC2 team to flesh out the concept of an agricultural pilot site and seek funding to launch it.
Objective G: Leverage unused bandwidth for the benefit of the greatest number of users.		IP	Staff has reached out to TV white space manufacturers and others on the technology to better understand the logistics and technical appliations in our region.

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 -Mar 31)
<p>Objective H: Increase utilization of Broadband by all residents.</p>		IP	<p>SJVRBC has received a CETF Get Connected! grant in March 2013, with work starting in Summer 2013. This will provide targeted digital literacy training with a focus on first time broadband adoption in rural and urban parts of the valley.</p>
<p>Goal 2: Promote accessibility and utilization of broadband in targeted underserved communities and populations.</p>		IP	
<p>Objective A: Increase availability of affordable broadband in unserved and underserved areas of the San Joaquin Valley, including rural communities.</p>		IP	<p>Staff is working to facilitate the deployment of technologies like TV white space in addition to empowering local governments and/or co-ops to provide broadband access as a break even utility.</p>

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 -Mar 31)
Objective B: Foster demand for broadband access in underserved and disadvantaged communities, w/ a focus on the rural areas.	IP	The CETF Get Connected! grant will provide digital literacy training to individuals who have not previous subscribed to the Internet, thereby fostering demand in underserved & disadvantaged communities.
Objective C: Develop and implement plan to ensure high school students graduate w/ the basic computer literacy skills.	IP	Staff continues to engage the schools and is working with the community colleges on a grant project for technical business development.
Objective D: Assist in the expansion of public locations for access to broadband to help disadvantaged residents and businesses to bridge the digital divide.	IP	Staff continues to research and disseminate information on grant opportunities for middle mile institutions.
Goal 3: Expand and replicate successful model programs through 2 regional forums to increase access to broadband and information technology to bridge the digital divide	IP	
Objective A: Develop and implement a plan to expand and replicate the most successful strategies and programs to bridge the digital divide.	IP	Staff developed the rural broadband and telehealth component sections of the Deployment Plan in Q1 and will continue to develop plan components throughout the year.
Goal 4: Accelerate deployment of broadband infrastructure through telemedicine and Telehealth technology.	IP	

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 -Mar 31)
<p>Objective A: Develop and implement a telemedicine and Telehealth plan to connect health clinics w/ medical centers.</p>		IP	<p>Staff developed the telehealth component of the Deployment Plan, which is available on the SJVRBC website.</p>
<p>Goal 5: Work w/ neighboring regional consortia, such as Valley Vision and the Eastern Sierra Connect, to ensure the development of a cohesive infrastructure.</p>		IP	<p>Staff provides information to neighboring consortia on projects of shared or mutual interest as appropriate.</p>
<p>Objective A: Share Plans Among Neighboring Regional Consortia as Developed.</p>		IP	<p>Staff provides updates on a monthly CPUC phone call and has had individual 1:1 conversations with other consortia where applicable.</p>

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) continues to implement valuable incentive programs for heavy duty truck operators. Incentive funding is currently available for small businesses and fleets through the District's truck voucher programs. Applications for the next phase of the Prop 1B funding will be accepted in Summer 2013.
Objective A: Negotiate with U.S. EPA to address federal constraints on alternative compliance emission reduction programs.		IP	
Monitor negotiations between SJVAPCD, ARB, and EPA and intervene as necessary to help facilitate a successful outcome.			
Objective B: Negotiate with U.S. EPA allowance of SIP credits for incentive programs.			
Monitor negotiations between the SJVAPCD, ARB and EPA and intervene as necessary to help facilitate a successful outcome.			
Objective C: Work with ARB to identify appropriate criteria for incentive programs in the Valley.			
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.			
Goal 2: Encourage EPA adoption of tighter federal emission control standards.		IP	The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) District continues to implement valuable incentive programs for heavy duty truck operators. Incentive funding is currently available for small businesses and fleets through the District's truck voucher programs. Applications for the next phase of the Prop 1B funding will be accepted in Summer 2013.

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
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.		
Build consensus among Work Group on changes needed in current programs and proposed strategies for implementation.		
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.		Money has been awarded for the Air District to give out grants to upgrade locomotives that are used in the Valley.
Act as a catalyst to encourage timely and effective action by EPA and railroads.		
Goal 3: Implement incentive mechanisms to accelerate adoption of air quality mitigation technologies.	IP	Created San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization: Has created incentives to accelerate adoption of stationary-emission reduction technology and encourage investment in clean energy and alternative fuels.
Objective A: Establish Air Quality Mitigation Zones (state level designation).		
Work with all relevant stakeholders to design the Air Quality Mitigation Zone and enabling legislation.	IP	Constructive input from San Joaquin Valley (Valley) air quality organizations is important to the development of good air quality planning. Because Valley organizations are generally underfunded, they have come to rely on non-Valley organizations for technical advice and support. The interests of these non-Valley organizations are sometimes misaligned with Valley interests. The Air Quality Work Group (AQWG) will try to identify funding sources to help develop more local technical competence.
Conduct campaign to educate local and state leaders on the importance of this vehicle for emissions reduction.		
Monitor implementation.		

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective B: Establish Air Quality Empowerment Zone (Federal level designation).		IP	H.R. 6378 (112th): Air and Health Quality Empowerment Zone Designation Act of 2012 introduced by Rep. Jerry McNerney and Congressman Jim Costa was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
Work with all relevant stakeholders to design the Air Quality Empowerment Zone and enabling legislation.			Constructive input from Valley air quality organizations is important to the development of good air quality planning. Because Valley organizations are generally underfunded, they have come to rely on non-Valley organizations for technical advice and support. The interests of these non-Valley organizations are sometimes misaligned with Valley interests. The AQWG will try to identify funding sources to help develop more local technical competence.
Conduct campaign to educate local and Federal leaders on the importance of this vehicle for emissions reduction.			
Monitor implementation.			
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.		IP	
Work with SJVAPCD and ARB to design program and enabling legislation (if required).			

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Work with Valley's Federal and state legislative delegation and the SJVAPCD to identify sources of funding.		
Monitor program implementation.		
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.	IP	
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.		
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.	IP	
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.		
Objective F: School Bus Fleet Modernization.		
<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.		During fiscal year 2011-2012, the Valley Air District expended its entire allotment of LESBP funds – more than \$39 million -- to retrofit 899 school buses and replace 219 high-polluting school buses in the Valley.
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.		
Monitor program implementation.		
Goal 4: Promote clean energy projects (with Energy Work Group).		Ongoing. See explanation at Goal 1.
Objective A: Establish a San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization	C	Has been established and continues with leadership by Energy Work Group.

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
<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.		
Objective B: Establish San Joaquin Valley Clean Vehicle Information Exchange.		
<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.		
Objective C: Implement Community Choice Aggregation Project.	IP	
<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 Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested by KRCD.</i>	IP	
Collaborate with Energy Work Group to implement Community Choice Aggregation Projects.		
Objective D: Net metering within same agricultural operation or water district.	IP	
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.		
Objective E: Incentivize use of agricultural biomass for fuel and energy production.	IP	
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.		
Goal 5: Improve transportation mobility and goods movement (with Transportation Work Group).		Ongoing. See explanation at Goal 1.
Objective A: Evaluate Highway Tolling Option (joint recommendation with Transportation Work Group).		

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
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.		
Objective B: Urban Traffic Synchronization Pilot.	IP	
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.		
Objective C: Evaluate/implement short sea shipping.	IP	In 2011-12, the Air District provided \$750,000 to the Port of Stockton to complete the Short Sea Shipping project, which will reduce emissions from trucks traveling between the Valley and the Port of Oakland.
<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.		
Objective D: Evaluate/implement multi-modal facilities.	IP	
<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.		

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective E: Evaluate/implement rail improvements.	IP	
<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</i>		
Collaborate with Transportation Work Group to encourage and implement rail improvements.		
Objective F: Evaluate/implement mass transit options.	IP	
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Sustainable Communities 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.		
Goal 6: Encourage green local government.		
Objective A: Accelerate use of clean energy technology in municipal and state operations.	IP	
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.		
Objective B: Include air quality scoring criteria in all municipal and state procurement contracts.	IP	
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.		
Objective C: Adopt Green Building standards.		
<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.		
Objective D: Adopt new land use guidelines.	IP	
<i>Note: Implementation of this recommendation will be led by the Sustainable Communities Work Group. The Maddy Institute, on behalf of the Air Quality Work Group, will provide support as requested.</i>		

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Collaborate with the Sustainable Communities Work Group to encourage adoption of new land use guidelines that benefit air quality.	IP	
Goal 7: Accelerate research of critical emissions.	IP	The AQWG is committed to continuous improvement of the Valley's air quality for the benefit of Valley residents, but this goal is not necessarily synonymous with attainment of federal air quality standards. The promulgation of new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone has raised questions about achievability given background concentrations from biogenic (natural) sources and from transboundary ozone entering the Valley from Asia. The AQWG will support research to better understand if there is a need for Valley waivers and/or federal assistance in consideration of these factors.
Objective A: Agricultural PM10, PM2.5 and ROG emissions research.	IP	
Convene interested stakeholders to evaluate the need and set priorities for research on agricultural equipment and agricultural operations that will help obtain emission reductions.		EPA standards currently use a single measure for particle pollution without recognizing that some particles are far more damaging to health than others. Similarly, EPA uses a single standard to measure ozone pollution, without recognizing differences in reactivity among ozone precursors. The Partnership will encourage EPA to define measures based on health risks.
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.		
Objective B: Research of dairy emissions sources and best available control technology (BACT).	IP	
Work with the SJVAPCD to convene interested stakeholders to define priorities and funding requirements for dairy emissions research and projects.		

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Assist stakeholders in securing funding.			
Monitor program implementation.			
Goal 8: Improve public understanding of air quality issues and solutions.		IP	Ongoing: Creating a database of "green" industry. Help link educational leaders with businesses that will provide guest speakers, internship opportunities, and field trip sites.
Objective A: Conduct Public Education Campaign.		IP	"Tune In-Tune Up," the program established by Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN), was developed to reduce mobile source pollutants generated by older "out of tune" cars for all three communities. The initial data from the first two events reported 683 cars tested with 81% failure rate - 550 cars. The total approximate cost of repairs is \$202,987. Early results indicate a cost effectiveness of \$1,524 per ton of reduced exhaust emissions. Later events have seemed to be equally successful, with the most recent event at Bakersfield showing a cost effectiveness of \$2,054 per ton of reduced exhaust emissions.
Enlist the involvement of representatives from regulatory agencies, public interest organizations, public sector institutions and the private sector to join a public education task force.			
Solicit funding to retain a public relations/marketing/polling firm to develop a comprehensive public education strategy (or develop a scaled down strategy using Maddy "in house" resources).			
Define the content of a possible public education campaign and its potential ROI (cost per unit of emissions reduced). Make a go/no-go recommendation to the SJVAPCD, ARB and Cal/EPA.			
If campaign is recommended and approved, provide implementation support.			

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AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP (AQ)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective B: Publish and distribute "user-friendly" air quality improvement plan and annual progress report.		IP	The Air Districted has published the 2012-2013 Annual Report to the Community, available in its offices or online. In addition, the Air District released an iPhone app, a free service which delivers real-time air quality data, forecast information, links to important Air District interfaces such as complaints hotlines, and other features.
Assist the SJVAPCD in publishing a "user-friendly" report. Conduct focus groups to evaluate readability, clarity, visual appeal and effectiveness of the materials.			
Assist with dissemination of materials, public service coverage and presentations to civic groups and other Valley stakeholders.			
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter			
New funds leveraged during the quarter.			

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP (ECON)

Lead Organization: California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation

REVISED ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Facilitate investments in infrastructure and incentives that support the economic vitality of the region.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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.		
Prepare a San Joaquin Valley (SJV)-wide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). 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.		Working with the EDA to finalize the CEDS.
Establish the regional Economic Development District (EDD) for the San Joaquin Valley.		
Once the EDD is established, seek federal funding to help the cities and counties of California’s Central Valley facilitate projects.		
Objective B: Establish and promote regionwide incentives		
Update and compile information on all incentive zones in the region.	C	
Update regionwide promotional material to promote the incentive zones. Incorporate into marketing efforts.	C	
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	An issue paper was developed for the CCVEDC Legislative mission to Sacramento in March. Central Valley representatives discussed retaining the full value of the Enterprise Zone program, new Manufacturing Jobs Legislation, Regulatory reform and Tax Increment Financing.
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.		
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.		

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP (ECON)

Lead Organization: California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation

REVISED ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Provide guidance, develop and communicate resources on industry clusters	IP	Researched and posted 55 new industry-related articles and press releases by sector on www.centralcalifornia.org . Marketing Missions were conducted in Sacramento with site selectors and tenant representatives. Also, CCVEDC marketed the valley at WestPack Anaheim in February 2013 , a food processing, plastics, medtech and packaging trade show.
Help identify sector-based needs for both industry and students within respective targeted industry	C	CCVEDC members have ongoing relationships and meetings with companies in their individual counties. Many are working jointly with their WIB's on cluster growth.
Inventory university programs in the region that support the clusters.	C	
Work with the three demonstration projects to provide resources and industry stakeholders to develop internships and job placement programs	C	
Goal 3: Create a dynamic, entrepreneur-producing economic climate in the San Joaquin Valley.		
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.		
Provide guidance and act as an industry resource.	C	
Help communicate industry information.	IP	CCVEDC communicates to site selectors and industry through a marketing program based on the valley clusters. This includes the web site centralcalifornia.org , a quarterly Enewsletter, a 2013 Real Estate Update and inventory and individualized real estate and demographic packets to prospective companies.
Develop target industry information.	C	
Communicate and leverage valley industry stakeholders for demonstration projects.		
Goal 4: Accelerate the deployment and adoption of renewable and clean energy in the San Joaquin Valley.		

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP (ECON)

Lead Organization: California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation

REVISED ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective A: Continue to work with sitting Renewable Energy Companies and cluster industries		IP	A revised list of Renewable Energy projects was developed for marketing efforts.
Objective B: Work with state officials to remove administrative barriers to clean energy deployment.		P	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation (CCVEDC) board members recently completed their annual Legislative mission to Sacramento in March. In meetings with over 25 Legislators, State Officials and consultants, CCVEDC members outlined issues vital to the economy and the business climate in California.
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter			
New funds leveraged during the quarter.			

ENERGY WORK GROUP - SJVCEO (Energy-SJVCEO)

Supporting Organizations:

California State University, Fresno, Paul Johnson and Associates, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Develop a comprehensive regional plan and implementation structure for efficient energy use and clean renewable technologies.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Objective B: Develop a comprehensive regional clean energy plan for the San Joaquin Valley.			Staff from several interested organizations continued their efforts to support regional energy planning efforts in the Valley. We held a conference call with John Butler and others from the from the California Energy Commiission in January 2013 to further review oppourtunities to support regional alternative transportation planning in the Valley and a planned rfp to support regional planning through AB-118 .
Develop work plan.			
Completion of the regional clean energy plan.			
Objective C: Seek an “increased share of “public goods charges revenue” for funding energy efficiency programs from CPUC in portion to regional population.			
Complete assessment of public goods funding returning to the Valley.			
Implement strategies to increase public benefit funding.			
Goal 2: Increase efficient energy use in all sectors.			
Objective B: Increase efficient energy use in rural communities.			
Conduct pilots.			
Expand to additional locations.			
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.			
Pursue and secure grant funding to develop school programs.			

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ENERGY WORK GROUP - SJVCEO (Energy-SJVCEO)

Supporting Organizations:

California State University, Fresno, Paul Johnson and Associates, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 3: Advance energy self sufficiency and grow the economy through development of clean, renewable technologies.			
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.			Work continued under the (SSTI). During the quarter the SSTI Team focused in large part in wrapping up the project and exploring the potential and interest within jurisdictions to pursue solar aggregation. A conference call was held on February 6 to explore the interest and potential tfor this collaborative solar aggregation primarily in the municapl sector. DOE granted to an extension to enable SSTI work to contiunue through April 2013. The SSTI team continues to explore opportunities to expand and deepen SSTI work after current funding expires in 2013.
Assess and rank opportunities.			
Develop and introduce new approaches.			
Objective E: Implement community choice energy aggregation projects.			
Provide technical assistance to KCRD and participating government entities on clean energy as needed.			
Goal 5: Promote the region as an international leader for clean energy research, development, and use.			
Objective A: Work with economic development agencies at local, state, and federal levels to incubate, grow and attract clean energy companies.			
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.			

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ENERGY WORK GROUP - SJVCEO (Energy-SJVCEO)

Supporting Organizations:

California State University, Fresno, Paul Johnson and Associates, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
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.			
Begin an inventory of clean energy training programs offered around the country.			
Advocate for the development of additional training capacity for clean energy jobs.			
Objective D: Develop and implement innovative cutting-edge clean energy demonstration projects.			
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.			
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter			
New funds leveraged during the quarter.			

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HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP - HIGHER EDUCATION

Lead Agency: Central Valley Higher Education Consortium

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Provide services to 1,000 targeted students	C	This goal is fully completed.
Goal 2: Provide counseling, career coaching, and academic planning.	C	This goal is fully completed. Counseling, career coaching, and academic planning services for students at CVHEC member institutions are on-going activities. The Department of Labor TAA/CCCT grant provides additional job training with embedded counseling, career coaching, and academic planning services.
Goal 3: Ensure students receive academic assessment plans and understand their interest areas and potential.	C	This goal is fully completed.
Goal 4: Direct assistance to students with college applications	C	This goal is fully completed.
Goal 5: Increase college enrollments	C	This goal is fully completed. Access and enrollment are ongoing objectives at all CVHEC member institutions. As previously reported, there is more enrollment demand than the colleges and universities can accommodate financially. The Department of Labor grant has provided funding for expanded offerings and career pathways, as previously reported. Current efforts focus on improving college readiness, more accurate assessment and placement of incoming students into math and English courses, and a streamlined pathway to degree completion which will result in students completing their programs faster, leading to more room for new students.
Goal 6: Monitoring and Evaluation	C	This goal is fully completed. Transfer degree development, in compliance with SB 1440, is institutionalized within the CVHEC member institutions. CVHEC continues to facilitate workshops for member institutions, with the next workshop being scheduled for March 8, 2013.

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HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP - HIGHER EDUCATION
Lead Agency: Central Valley Higher Education Consortium

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 7: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley	C IP	This goal is ongoing and part of the CVHEC mission. Thus efforts continue, and previous reports are accurate. The CVHEC website is being changed and updated to ensure that timely and accurate information regarding higher education opportunities is easily available. A strategic planning retreat has been planned for Fall 2013 to assess current progress, validate the organizational mission, and develop/update the strategic plan.
Objective A: Improving educational access	C IP	Website updates will ensure that access continues to be a main focus of CVHEC. The strategic planning retreat described above will reinforce and validate the commitment to access.
Objective B: Increase availability of financial aid information	C IP	Website updates will ensure that accurate links to member college's accurate financial aid information are available. The strategic planning retreat described above will reinforce and validate the commitment to providing financial aid information.
Objective C: Organizational Development	C IP	An assistant director was hired in February 2013 to assist with the day-to-day operation, as well as the CEPF & DOL grant projects, and on-going activities. The hours of support staff have been increased. These staffing changes will allow CVHEC to pursue additional funding opportunities and appropriate new projects.
Objective D: Continue building and maintaining an effective governing board.	C IP	Meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors are held as per the organization's bylaws.
Objective E: Strategic Plan: Implementation and refinement	IP	The current strategic plan is in the process of being evaluated to determine progress. A strategic planning retreat has been scheduled for Fall 2013 to review current progress and developed a new strategic plan.

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HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP - HIGHER EDUCATION

Lead Agency: Central Valley Higher Education Consortium

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective F: Sustainability	C IP	The expansion of CVHEC staff will enable the organization to pursue additional funds, as well as engage in additional activities and projects.

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HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Supporting Organizations:

Office of Community and Economic Development, Central California Workforce Collaborative

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Create a demand-driven workforce investment system that supports target clusters.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Objective A: Align workforce development resources to support target industry clusters.			
Target clusters have been adopted. Ensure follow up by WIBs and CCs.		IP	In part to support the National Targeted Hiring Program, the FRWIB secured a Governor's discretionary grant to train public infrastructure construction workers in Fresno County, Stanislaus County and Kern/Inyo/Mono counties
Objective B: Occupational analysis of key jobs in target industries.			
Secure the available \$1 million to support this and other actions.		IP	
Objective C: Web-based inventory of vocational training and "gap analysis."			
Objective D: Regionwide business intelligence tool.		IP	Executive Pulse continues to be used by CCWC partners as well as education and economic development partners across the region
Objective F: Address workforce supply on a regional basis.		C	
Develop consensus among WIBs and CCs about process for establishing a regionwide workforce ready certificate.		IP	
Promotion of San Joaquin Valley work ready certificate.		IP	Continued use of WorkKeys in collaboration with workforce readiness certificates
Objective G: Align career technical education with target industries.		IP	Expansion of Fresno County "Jump Start" program to Stanislaus and Kern/Inyo Mono counties in order to implement public infrastructure grant
Objective H: Establish the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium.		C	
Objective I: Align the efforts of the San Joaquin Valley's economic development corporations, San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium, and Central Region Consortium.			
Provide support to WIBs as they develop an MOU that outlines parameters for the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium.		IP	Meetings with San Joaquin Valley Community College Constortium to better integrate WIB/CC efforts

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HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Supporting Organizations:

Office of Community and Economic Development, Central California Workforce Collaborative

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
At least annually, convene strategic planning meetings with WIBs, community colleges and EDCs.			
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter		IP	
New funds leveraged during the quarter.			\$1.5 million Public Infrastructure Gov. discretionary grant is outweighed by massive sequestration cut, coupled with new state 25% training set aside law

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PREK-12 EDUCATION WORK GROUP (PreK-12)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Increase the achievement level of students, schools and school districts in the San Joaquin Valley.	IP	The 5th annual Exemplary Practices in Education Leadership Conference was held January 29. Over 370 participants attended the event which featured Dr. Richard Elmore from Harvard, Dr. Yong Zhao from U of Oregon and about 30 presenters from the region. Three events were also conducted this quarter for the Rural Schools Network which reaches 20 districts from Arvin (Kern County) to Planada (Merced County).
Objective A: Implement a school and school district support system through county offices of education.	IP	Fresno County Office of Education representatives participate in the conference planning committee and coordinate with the other county offices. CVELI also works with the Merced, Fresno and Kern county offices for the CVELI rural network.
Organize regular PreK-12 Work Group meetings involving eight county superintendents and Partnership representatives.	c	
Gather information on achievement gap.		
Objective B: Implement a curricular and instructional program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade level.	IP	The focus of this objective is on professional development for educational leaders and preschool/kindergarten preparedness.
Focus all meetings, discussions, programs and services on ways to close the achievement gap in Valley schools. See program descriptions below.	IP	The emphasis continued with the annual EPC.
Expand the discussion to include Pre-Kindergarten in all facets of the work plan as feasible.	IP	Thanks to the support of Michele Cantwell-Copher from FCOE, a strand of sessions for early childhood leaders was offered at the EPC and scholarships for early childhood representatives were utilized to support their participation.
Gather information about availability and quality of preschool programs in the region and conduct a conference related to preschool programs in the region	c	
Objective C: Provide school choice, intra-district and inter-district options consistent with state and federal law.	c	

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Lead Organization: Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute (CVELI),
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Legal issues workshops on school choice and other timely issues.		
Objective D: Establish an executive leadership academy to train principals of low-performing schools in “turn-around” educational and management services.	c	This quarter, CVELI worked with 20 rural school districts through their Rural Network due to the financial support of FCOE, Lozano Smith and the California Endowment. CVELI facilitators lead Instructional Rounds as another effective strategy to collect data through observations and incorporate that into planning for next levels of work in the districts using IR as an improvement tool. CVELI is also in its third year of a Middle Leaders program with 65 participants in 2012-13. Participants commit to a two-year 10-session program.
Expand Springboard (now Pivot Learning Partners) 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.	c	
Expand Best Practice Institutes.	IP	Over 370 educational leaders from across the SJV attended this year's conference January 29, 2013. Thanks to Mike Dozier, OCED and the CPSJV a special breakfast was held for 30 administrators and business partners with Dr. Yong Zhao, one of the conference keynote speakers who focused on preparing students for the 21st century as creative and entrepreneurial contributors.
Establishment of the Superintendents Leadership Network.	IP	This is now referred to as the Rural Schools Network with 20 participating superintendents from 4 counties.
Expand and continue English Learner Leadership Academy as developed under the SEED Grant.	c	
Lead by the Fresno County Office of Education, develop a long-range (10 year?) regional plan to address needs of English Learners	c	

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective F: Coordinate and communicate regional positions regarding state and/or federal school reform.		
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.		
Goal 2: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley.		
Objective A: Support collaborations between school districts and the community colleges, CSU and UC systems.		
Objective B: Increase the rate of high school graduates completing courses for college admission.		
Serve as liaison between PreK-12 Work Group and Central Valley Higher Education Consortium to help implement CVHEC action plan.		
Disseminate curricula and success stories developed from existing school, community college, university collaboratives.		
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.		
Goal 3: Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum and/or business criteria/ workforce assessments.		
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.		
Identify unique and/or exemplary technology projects in the region.		
Goal 5: Align career technical education to target industry clusters.		

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PREK-12 EDUCATION WORK GROUP (PreK-12)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Develop and review curricula and programs that support target clusters.		
Disseminate curriculum and information about exemplary programs through PreK-12 Work Group, Superintendents Leadership Network and Higher Education & Workforce Development Work Group.		
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.	IP	Fresno Area Strive began the common assessments of all kindergarteners last fall at the four Fresno area districts: Fresno Unified, Clovis Unified, Central Unified and Sanger Unified. They are prepared their first community-wide (4 district) baseline report utilizing indicators spanning from birth through career which was distributed in April
Develop a plan to access and implement a data collection system to better meet needs of educational institutions at all levels in the region.	IP	This is a project of the Compact's Fresno Area Strive collaboration. For the baseline report, see: http://fresnocompact.com/strive.html
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter		With the passage of Prop 30, California's public schools and colleges have experienced a slight improvement in the climate of the financial crisis. With the forthcoming implementation of the California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to begin in 2014, schools are facing additional stress to develop curriculum, assessments and technology to support the transition. It should be noted that CCSS will address many of the original goals and objectives of the PreK-12 plan including: goal 1 Obj F incorporating state and federal school reforms, goal 3 incorporating computer literacy in schools, and focusing on practical application and problem solving relevant to careers (similar to goal 5).
New funds leveraged during the quarter.		No new additional funds were sought or received this quarter by CVELI.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (SC)

Lead Agency: San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Improve goods movement capacity within the region while increasing mobility and traffic safety, decreasing congestion, improving air quality, and promoting economic development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objective A: Increase benefits to the San Joaquin Valley from goods movement through a “goods movement enhancement system” specific to the region.		
Engage work group in efforts by Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) and CALEPA to develop the San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan.		Staff continues to participate in planning activities related to Regional Goods Movement Plan.
Objective B: Accommodate current and future goods movement needs while improving air quality and economic prosperity.		
Working through BTH, analysis of projects to augment goods movement will be conducted.		CS continues its work to prepare a goods movement study for the SJV.
Identification of subgroup of interested stakeholders to identify and prioritize issues and projects to improve goods movement.		Through the public meeting process, SC continues to collect suggested stakeholders to participate in future discussions
Goal 2: Foster regional consensus to support development and implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.		
Objective A: Assist development of regional consensus on values, goals, strategies and guidelines for the Regional Blueprint Plan.		
Coordinate with 8 Councils of Government (COGs) in the region to support Blueprint as the vehicle for achieving land use, transportation and air quality.		No Action - Completed

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective B: Develop a high-value parks and open space strategy.		
Coordinate with 8 COGs through the Blueprint, engage community groups and conservation interests.		No Action - Completed
Goal 3: Determine requisite regional infrastructure and funding strategies to support implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.		
Objective A: Develop and implement a plan for the provision of regional infrastructure.		
Based on adapted Blueprint, assess regional infrastructure needs.		Ongoing
Objective B: Develop and implement a process for monitoring the performance and adequacy of regional infrastructure and determining future needs.		
Develop an integrated process/forum through COGs to discuss regional infrastructure.		COG Directors continue to meet monthly.
Goal 4: Implement a Route 99 Corridor Master Plan for the 274-mile section within the San Joaquin Valley as a leading economic development strategy.		
Objective A: Improve Highway 99 to freeway standards to increase safety.		

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Promote adoption of resolutions supporting the Master Plan for Route 99, by counties and cities along the Highway 99 corridor.		No further action will be taken
Work with Caltrans and the Council of Governments (COGs) to work toward implementation schedule for projects and additional funding.		COG Directors continue to work on projects for potential funding from 99 bond savings
Objective B: Increase Highway 99 capacity which will result in improved mobility and reduced congestion while protecting environmental resources and fostering economic vitality.		
Work with Caltrans on progress of interstate negotiation.		No further action will be taken.
Monitor development of report on funding needs and financing approaches for Master Plan implementation.		
Objective C: Create a San Joaquin Valley Route 99 Corridor identity.		
Provide oversight, input and act a catalyst to move forward recommendations.		No progress
Objective D: Build an ongoing coalition of civic leaders to support improvements to the Highway 99 corridor.		
Convene working sessions of Highway 99 Master Plan Advisory Committee to support Master Plan implementation.		No progress
Provide educational opportunities for elected officials and staff on benefits of corridor-adjacent land use policies.		Tulare County successfully received a grant from the SGC for a Sustainable 99 Corridor Plan.
Goal 5: 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)		

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective A: Support construction projects to improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors.		
Work with COGs and Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) to discuss potential safety and capacity improvements vital east-west corridors.		East-West corridor improvements are being reviewed and included in the CS goods movement study
Work with Transportation Work Group to assist Caltrans in development of East-West Corridor Plan.		Efforts are ongoing.
Objective B: Incorporate plans for improving east-west corridors into Regional Blueprint Plan.		
With COGs, Work Group will develop appropriate east-west corridor land use patterns to address Blueprint land use goals.		East-west corridors are included in final draft SJV Interregional Goods Movement Plan, scheduled for acceptance in the summer of 2013.
Goal 6: Develop a sustainable regionwide transit system.		
Objective A: Implement a comprehensive and efficient alternative transportation system for intra-regional and inter-regional passenger trips.		
Engagement of COGs and Caltrans in planning process for development of a comprehensive and interoperable transit system.		AB 1779 is approved, which enables regional administration of the Amtrak San Joaquins line.
Goal 7: Transform roadside rest stops into user-friendly amenities that benefit the overall region and host communities.		
Objective A: Improve roadside rest stops amenities and facilities to benefit user safety, facilitate tourism, and educate users about the environment and local communities.		
Monitor BTH progress on regulatory challenges regarding designer selection, commercial activity, and interagency partnerships.		No action

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ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 8: Improve mobility through more efficient land use patterns that will reduce single-occupant trip generation and support use of alternative modes.		
Objective A: Encourage the Regional Blueprint Plan process to integrate land use and transportation planning to improve mobility.		
Development of methodology and evaluation of impacts on mobility from alternative land use patterns and policies.		Completed
Objective B: Incorporate into regional transportation plans those actions that support and encourage implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.		
Work with Caltrans to ensure COGs and local governments have assistance in incorporating complimentary land use and transportation plans into the Blueprint.		Ongoing
Goal 9: Improve understanding by public officials and public of the relationship between investments in transportation improvements and economic development.		
Objective A: Develop and implement a system for tracking economic development that results from investments in transportation improvements.		
Design and organize "Transportation: A Cornerstone of the Economy" workshop and identify "volunteer" communities for implementation.		No action will be taken
Goal 10: Implement "intelligent transportation system" (ITS) technologies to assist the region in achieving mobility goals.		
Caltrans and/or COG representative will provide status report to Work group on San Joaquin Valley ITS Strategic Deployment Plan.		No action

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Goal 11: Assure a high-speed rail system supports the San Joaquin Valley in achieving its economic, environmental, land use, and mobility goals.		
Objective A: Provide tangible benefits and mitigate impacts to the region while assisting the state in meeting transportation goals.		
Goal 12: 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.		
Objective A: Increase the overall average density of new development.		
Blueprint to adopt framework for development including density average goals.		Framework adopted
Blueprint - local planners review zoning issues.		Several projects associated with zoning and Blueprint principles were completed as part of the Blueprint Integration Project (Circuit Planner assistance to cities under 50,000 in population).
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.		
Research optimal (minimum) size of communities for fiscal and economic self-sufficiency.		Analysis still underway; work with SACOG utilizing the fiscal impact analysis tool iMPACS has been underway.
Goal 13: Improve the planning and development process to be consistent with the Regional Blueprint Plan and provide incentives for smart growth.		

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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.		
Distribute open space and valuable land maps to interested parties, COG planners and GIS modelers.		Greenprint activities continue.
Goal 14: Develop a long-range strategy for agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley that ensures its viability and sustainability.		
Objective A: Develop a long range plan to maintain the viability of agriculture in the region.		
CDFA to research and propose an AG Plan for the region.		No Action
Objective B: Minimize the proliferation of ranchette development on farmland.		
COGs Model projects of alternative land use scenarios.		Ongoing
Objective C: Reduce the loss of farmland attributable to General Plan amendments.		
Work with COGs and Blueprint and legislature to consider "no net loss" policies.		No action
Goal 15: Valley COGs to develop improved modeling capacities to address requisites of SB 375 and Sustainable Communities legislation		
Objective A: Define a scope of work to accomplish improved modeling tasks		
Objective B: Develop a Valleywide Model Improvement Program based on identified task list		
Goal 16: Identify legislative and regulatory changes necessary to facilitate the implementation of the adopted goals and strategies		

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Objective A: Provide tangible benefits and mitigate impacts to the region while assisting the state in meeting transportation goals		

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WATER WORK GROUP (WWG)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST Quarter (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Develop and implement an integrated San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan.		Completed 4Q 2009
Objective A: Develop San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan (management, technical and administrative support for plan development).		
Quarterly meetings for Regional Water Plan Leadership and respective work groups.		IP
Converge plan development efforts with other local, state and federal allied agencies. DWR, SWRCB, Corps, Bureau and others.		
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.		
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.		
Quarterly liaison meetings with major San Joaquin Valley flood protection agencies, DWR & Corps.		
Objective B: Significantly improve Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee system integrity.		
Quarterly liaison meetings with Delta interests to insure progress on improving levee system integrity.		IP
Goal 3: Augment surface, groundwater banking and recycled water projects in the San Joaquin Valley.		Tulare ID/City of Visalia IP, New Jerusalem Drainage District under way.
Quarterly liaison meetings with DWR, Bureau, DFG & project proponents on progress of San Joaquin Basin project.		
Objective B: Actively support and promote six conjunctive-use projects that can be commissioned or enhanced by 2017.		Met with Sustainable Conservation to continue support of Terranova Farmland Groundwater Recharge Project

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WATER WORK GROUP (WWG)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS	2013 1ST Quarter (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Bi-annual liaison meetings with conjunctive use project proponents and agencies on progress.		
Objective C: Develop recycled and inland brackish water projects.		Developed first draft of report on feasibility and impacts of brackish water recycling and management project for New Jerusalem Drainage District, San Joaquin County.
Bi-annual liaison meetings with project proponents and DWR on progress.		
Goal 4: Improve water quality and expand salinity management infrastructure development.		
Objective A: Develop a Salinity Management Plan to be implemented as an update to the San Joaquin and Tulare Lake Basin Plans.		
CWI will work proactively with agencies, Water Boards, and public to lay groundwork for development of a Salinity Management Commission.		
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.		
Quarterly liaison meetings with wastewater treatment agencies (WWTA's) and project proponents to ensure progress.		
Objective C: Ensure all communities in San Joaquin Valley provide water that meets state and federal drinking water standards.		
Goal 5: Promote riparian environmental restoration.		
Objective A: Develop San Joaquin Valley ecosystem restoration plan. (Coordinate with Economic Development Work Group to advance tourism component of strategic Action Plan)		
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.		
Objective B.1: Restoration; San Joaquin River restoration.		

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WATER WORK GROUP (WWG)

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

ACTIONS	STATUS		2013 1ST Quarter (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Objective B.2: Water Management: San Joaquin River restoration.			
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			
Goal 6: Expand agricultural and urban water-use and energy efficiency programs.			
Objective A: Cost-effective, results-oriented, agricultural water use and energy efficiency diagnostic, repair, retrofit and education programs.			
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.			
Objective B: Cost-effective, results-oriented, urban water use and energy efficiency diagnostic, repair, retrofit and education programs.			
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.			
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter			
New funds leveraged during the quarter.			



San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum

June 2013

Staff Lead: Mike Dozier, Stacie Dabbs

On April 26, 2013, the Partnership co-hosted the 2nd Annual San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum in Fresno with the theme: Creating a Great Place for People and Business. The event was locally organized through collaboration with the Fresno Business Council, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and Wheelhouse Strategies, in connection with California Forward and the California Stewardship Network. It was sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, Wells Fargo, Valley CAN, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission and the Fresno CDFI.

More than 250 Valley stakeholders joined the discussion on regional progress and economic opportunity in the San Joaquin Valley. Building from the inaugural event in 2012 that focused on the Ag Value chain in the San Joaquin Valley, this year's forum reviewed progress made in the region over the past year, and focused on the Regional Industry Clusters Initiative that was an action item from the 2012 forum. However, rather than simply take a traditional look at economic development, the event challenged attendees to view economic development with a triple bottom line involving the economic, environmental and equity impacts. This approach was promoted through highlighting the need for greater stewardship in the Valley and was the focus of the day as we discussed how to create a great place for people and business in the San Joaquin Valley. Additionally, a moderated panel of four San Joaquin Valley Mayors provided insight as to how the stewardship approach to economic development is working in their cities, and what opportunities lay ahead for greater coordination and collaboration. Participating Mayors included Paul Linder of Taft, Ashley Swearingin of Fresno, Garrad Marsh of Modesto, and Luis Molina of Patterson.

As with last year's event, participants were asked to consider and rate action priorities for the region and the state of California. The priorities reviewed were those included in the 2012 forum process and the results are reflected in the following PowerPoint presentation. As with last year's forum, the recommendations from the event will be elevated to the 2013 California Economic Summit to be held November 7-8, 2013, in Los Angeles.



2nd Annual San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum

Creating a Great Place for People and Business!

Friday, April 26, 2013
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
2233 Ventura Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Agenda

8:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
9:00 am	Opening Remarks	<p>Ashley Swearengin Mayor, City of Fresno</p> <p>Kish Rajan Director, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)</p>
9:25 am	New Approaches to Economic Vitality	Jim Mayer Executive Director, California Forward
9:45 am	Stewardship in Action	Doug Noll Principal, Noll Associates
10:20 am	Break	
10:25 am	San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI)	Mike Dozier Lead Executive, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
11:00 am	Leadership Response to New Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Swearengin - Mayor, City of Fresno • Luis Molina - Mayor, City of Patterson • Paul Linder - Mayor, City of Taft • Garrad Marsh – Mayor, City of Modesto 	Facilitator: Paula Castadio President & CEO, ValleyPBS/KVPT
12:00 pm	Lunch Review and Prioritization of Regional and State Initiatives	

1:30 pm	Break	
1:45 pm	Keynote Address: Economics of Smart Growth	William Fulton Vice President, Smart Growth America Principal, The Planning Center DC&E
2:30 pm	Closing the Gap between Equity and the Economy	Sunne Wright McPeak President & CEO, California Emerging Technology Fund
3:00 pm	Adjourn	

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Creating a Great Place for People and Business

Welcome to the second annual San Joaquin Valley Economic Forum and thank you for your participation. We are not only strengthening partnerships around shared goals across the region, but also educating the rest of the state about the unique opportunities and challenges with the San Joaquin Valley.

The San Joaquin Valley continues to face significant economic, social and environmental challenges. They require new and innovative approaches to resolve. As the region continues to struggle with the challenges of poverty and unemployment, an inadequately skilled workforce, lack of infrastructure, poor air quality and many other quality of life issues, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) has stepped into action. The Partnership has been connecting partners and resources throughout the region and building collaboratives and initiatives that promise to revitalize the regional economy and improve the quality of life for the region's four million residents. Last year, the Partnership, along with a number of local partners, joined forces with California Forward and the California Stewardship Network to host the first San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Forum. At this event we focused on the Valley's position as an agricultural powerhouse and discussed issues and opportunities to maximize the ag value chain as a strategy to strengthen the regional economy. The forum clarified a number of regional and statewide priorities that informed local action plans and were elevated to the first California State Summit.

It is widely recognized that the economic landscape of today requires new approaches, tools, and a new perspective in order to achieve community and regional transformation. Towards that end, this year's regional forum is focusing on a new lens through which we can view our regional economy and strategies needed to bring added prosperity to all people and places in our region. This lens is stewardship. Stewardship is defined as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to us. We are the stewards of the San Joaquin Valley. Stewardship requires our collective attention to the economic, environmental and social dimensions of the region.

Today, you will learn how community and regional transformation can occur through the stewardship approach. You will hear from public and private sector leaders who understand the interconnectedness of social, environmental and economic challenges who have been leaders in their fields on how to improve local prosperity through stewardship. You will learn about the alliance forming between the California Stewardship Network and California Forward and how by working together we can not only transform regions, but also the way the state does business. Finally, you will be asked to consider your role as a steward of the San Joaquin Valley and identify opportunities where you can contribute to the momentum of regional and community transformation in the San Joaquin Valley.

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INFRASTRUCTURE		
Section	Rating	Issues & Opportunities
REGIONAL	4.5	MAINTAIN/IMPROVE REGIONAL CORRIDORS
	4.4	UTILIZE TELEHEALTH/TELEMEDICINE TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
	4.3	CREATE MORE GOODS MOVEMENT TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
	4.3	ENHANCE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS
	4.2	EXPEDITE THE PROVISION OF BROADBAND ACCESS IN ALL AREAS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
	4.1	SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO MITIGATE HIGH ENERGY RATES
	4.1	MITIGATE AIR QUALITY AND SAFETY IMPACTS
	3.8	APPLY TELEMEDICINE/TELEHEALTH MODEL TO OTHER VALLEY APPLICATIONS
	3.7	INCREASE FARM ACCESS TO BROADBAND
	STATE	4.4
4.4		FACILITATE RURAL/URBAN COLLABORATION
4.3		EXPAND PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION
4.2		DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN
4		EXPAND PRIVATE FINANCING OF INFRASTRUCTURE
		Other Ideas
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water • Ag waste mitigation-energy • Annexation-urban areas in county, Area 21 • Water storage • Qualify hydroelectric as renewable energy 	
What infrastructure investments are of highest priority to your community?	4.7	WATER QUALITY
	4.5	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES
	4	STREETS AND ROADS
	3.9	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
		Other
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deficits are huge • Recreations/parks • Early education 0-5 • High-speed rail/light-speed rail 	

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WATER

Section	Rating	Issues & Opportunities
REGIONAL	4.78	MAXIMIZE THE EFFICIENCY OF CURRENT AND FUTURE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS IN THE VALLEY
	4.46	NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PROJECT TO ACHIEVE THE CO-EQUAL GOALS OF DELTA SUSTAINABILITY AND WATER RELIABILITY
	4.02	IMPROVE WATER EDUCATION
	3.77	SUPPORT INTERIM SOLUTIONS FOR WATER RELIABILITY AND DELTA SUSTAINABILITY
STATE	4.77	MODERNIZE CALIFORNIA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
		Other Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make no project approvals that do not improve groundwater overdraft situation• Provide clean drinking water to communities that don't have it now• Solar panels over canals (India model); produce energy and slow water loss• Assist lower income communities to have better water access• Capital for more irrigation systems• Develop solutions that capitalize conversion of flood to micro efficient irrigation techniques; financing opportunities through tax credits

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INNOVATION

Section	Rating	Issues & Opportunities
REGIONAL	4.91	FIND EFFICIENCIES IN WATER AND ENERGY USES
	4.23	IDENTIFY AND FILL THE VOIDS IN THE REGIONAL AG VALUE CHAIN
	4.15	DESIGN EFFICIENT REGIONAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS
	4.02	IMPROVE CONNECTIONS FOR INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS
STATE	4.24	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
	4	EXPAND iHub NETWORKS
Other Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bioenergy• Restore redevelopment agency funding to support local small business development and economic development		

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WORKFORCE

Section	Rating	Issues & Opportunities
REGIONAL	4.52	DEVELOP A RELIABLE SUPPLY OF AG PRODUCTION WORKERS
	4.41	ENHANCE MIDDLE SKILLS TRAINING
	3.59	IMPLEMENT THE E-VERIFY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
STATE	4.85	EXPAND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS
	4.47	FOCUS CALIFORNIA’S ADULT EDUCATION SYSTEM ON BASIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
	4.45	ENCOURAGE INNOVATION IN PREPARING YOUTH FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
	4.39	FOCUS ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP
	4.35	STRENGTHEN INDUSTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS

Other Ideas

- Drug testing issues
- HSR job training
- Continue and emphasize collaboration amongst partners
- Restore funding to CA SBDC programs/nonprofit economic development programs
- Bring together middle skills training to workforce (keep strategies aligned)
- Closing the achievement gap starts with early education-don’t leave that out of the plan
- Focus on CTE (career tech education) from middle school on, with heavy involvement of industry clusters

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REGULATIONS

Section	Rating	Issues & Opportunities
REGIONAL	4.78	RATIONALIZE AND STREAMLINE REGULATION
	4.76	ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH
	4.61	ENCOURAGE ATTRACTIVE INFILL DEVELOPMENT
	4.48	CEQA REFORM
	3.57	USE CEQA TO EVALUATE IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT ON UTILIZATION OF PRIME AG LANDS
STATE	4.81	REGULATORY STREAMLINING
	4.79	CEQA MODERNIZATION
Other Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be sure implementation is consistent with the law• Reduce number of agencies involved• Regulatory elimination• Preservation of Ag land• Ag run-off• Cities should not sue other counties over CEQA• Better definition of statement		

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CAPITAL

Section	Rating	Issues & Opportunities
REGIONAL	4.41	CREATE BETTER CONNECTIONS FOR VENTURE CAPITAL, ANGEL AND PHILANTHROPIC INVESTORS
	4.3	IMPROVE/INCREASE BUSINESS MENTORING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
	4.23	PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS
	4.15	EXPAND TRADITIONAL FINANCIAL PRODUCTS
	4	DEVELOP REGIONAL TAX-ADVANTAGED INVESTMENT VEHICLES
	3.91	IMPROVE DIRECT-INVESTMENT OPTIONS
	3.8	PURSUE EMERGING FUNDING STRUCTURES
STATE	4.82	INCREASE ACCESS TO CAPITAL IN UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES
	4.6	INCREASE INVESTMENT IN LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIES
Other Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glenda's book key - stop using San Joaquin Valley as plantation. CALFOR if implemented, would cover, a lot of ground.		

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OTHER

Section

Rating

Issues & Opportunities

OTHER

4.38

GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY: ALIGN AND COORDINATE EXPORT-PROMOTION EFFORTS STATEWIDE

4.33

WORKING LANDSCAPES: PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF ECOSYSTEMS AS WELL AS THE LIVELIHOODS THAT ARE BASED ON NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHERIES, TOURISM, MINING

3.57

MILITARY ASSETS: ALIGN EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE MILITARY ECONOMY

Other Ideas

- Additional water storage
- Treat Ag land as a national strategic asset



Status of the Board of Directors – 2013

BOARD COMPOSITION (46)

As outlined in the Executive Order, the total number of seats on the board: **46**

- State Government Members: 8 (non-voting, unspecified in the Executive Order)
- **Appointed Seats: 38**
 - 8 local elected officials (one from each county)
 - 8 private sector representatives (one from each county)
 - 5 liaisons to government agencies and commissions (specified in the Executive Order)
 - 12 regional consortia (unspecified)
 - 5 specialized expertise (unspecified)

APPOINTED SEATS (38)

Of the 38 appointed seats: 26 are pending, expired or vacant. The remaining 12 seats have current terms however 5 will expire by the end of this year (Dec 2013).

- 14 pending appointment (2 are being reappointed, 12 are first time appointees)
- 7 expired terms
- 5 vacancies
- 12 current terms (5 will expire in December 2013)

NOTE: With the current status of the board, we have 21 seated voting members (quorum = 12)

14 Pending Appointment

According to our communications with candidates and local partners, all of these applications have been submitted and are waiting for review by the Appointments Unit. The two asterisked seats are up for reappointment which means they remain voting members, while the remaining 12 are first-time appointees and cannot vote until their appointments have been made.

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| 1. Local Elected Official: | Max Rodriguez (Madera County) |
| 2. Local Elected Official: | Willard Rodarmel (Kings County) |
| 3. Local Elected Official: | Kern County candidates – Manuel Cantu (McFarland), Harold Hansen (Bakersfield), Jose Flores (Arvin) |
| 4. Civic Leader: | Luisa Medina (Fresno County)* |
| 5. Civic Leader: | Tulare County candidates – Suzi Piscaso, Mike Porte |
| 6. Liaison to CalWIB: | Monica Blanco Etheridge |
| 7. Consortia: | Dorothy Leland (UC Merced) |
| 8. Consortia: | LeeAnn Eager (Fresno EDC) |
| 9. Consortia: | Mary Renner (Central Valley Health Network) |
| 10. Consortia: | Billy Powell, Chuck Riojas (Labor) |

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| 11. Consortia: | Wayne Zipser (Stanislaus Farm Bureau) |
| 12. Consortia: | Genoveva Islas Hooker (CCROPP) |
| 13. Specialized Expertise: | Mario Santoyo (Friant Water Authority) |
| 14. Specialized Expertise: | DeeDee D'Adamo* (State Water Resources) |

7 Expired Terms

The following board members' terms expired in December 2012. They remain voting members of the board until they are reappointed or resign.

1. Steve Nelson, Visalia City Council – Local Elected Official, Tulare County
2. Joe Oliveira, Gustine City Council – Local Elected Official, Merced County
3. Pat Gordon – Civic Leader, Madera County
4. David Nelson – Civic Leader, San Joaquin County
5. Darius Assemi – Liaison, CTC
6. Lynne Ashbeck – Regional Consortia, Hospital Council
7. Blake Konczal – Regional Consortia, CCWC

5 Vacancies

The following seats are currently vacant which means candidates have either not been identified or have not yet applied.

1. Local Elected Official: San Joaquin County (former seat of Leroy Ornellas). Multiple requests have been made to SJCOG for candidates however none have been provided.
2. Liaison – California Air Resources Board: (specified in the EO)
3. Consortia – Banking : Candidates have been identified but applications have not been completed.
4. Liaison – Economic Strategy Panel (specified in the EO): This category is specified in the Executive Order, however as the panel has since dissolved, there may be an opportunity for a candidate from the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GoBiz) or the High Speed Rail Authority.
5. Consortia – Unspecified: The Executive Order provides for up to 12 regional consortium seats on the board. We currently have 11 categories identified. A candidate from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has been suggested.

12 Current terms

The following board members are current; however the bottom 5 in italics will expire in December 2013.

1. Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors – Local Eleced, Stanislaus County
2. Jim Tague – Civic Leader, Kern County
3. Mike Navarro – Civic Leader, Stanislaus County
4. Randy Dodd – Civic Leader, Kings County
5. David Long – Civic Leader, Merced County
6. Larry Powell – Consortia, K-12 Education (Soon to be vacant with his retirement in June 2013)

7. Carole Goldsmith – Specialized Expertise, Community Colleges
8. *Judy Case, Fresno County Board of Supervisors – Local Elected, Fresno County*
9. *Pete Weber – Liaison, Federal Interagency Task Force*
10. *Ted Smalley – Consortia, Regional Policy Council*
11. *James Aleru – Specialized Expertise*
12. *Tim Bakman – Specialized Expertise*



EXECUTIVE ORDER S-10-10

07/01/2010

WHEREAS the San Joaquin Valley is remarkably rich and diverse in its people, agriculture, industry, and natural wonders. Within the expanses of the Valley is located a region rich in resources and important to California's heritage, economy, environment, and identity. It is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world - home to farmlands that feed the nation and the world. It encompasses three world-class national parks that preserve the natural beauty of the Valley and the mountains that bound it. The San Joaquin Valley is intersected by a transportation corridor that is critical to the state's interstate commerce. Its rivers capture the watershed of the Sierra Nevada and flow to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Its people are hardworking and representative of many cultures, races, and nationalities; and

WHEREAS despite all these many assets, the San Joaquin Valley faces many unique challenges as it works for a prosperous and healthy future. Compared to the rest of our great state, this eight-county region, which is home to 4 million people, lags behind in several important quality of life measures. The per capita income for Valley residents is one-third lower than for the average Californian. Young adults attend college at one-half of the average rate. Access to healthcare is nearly one-third lower for the Valley's citizens than other Californians. The region is also put at risk with its air quality, which ranks among the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley ("Partnership") was created by Executive Order S-05-05 to focus attention on one of the most vital, yet challenged, regions of the state, and to recommend changes that would improve the economic well-being of the Valley and the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS the Partnership has crafted a Strategic Action Proposal intended to improve the Valley's economy and the quality of life of Valley residents; and

WHEREAS the Partnership has developed a vision to build a cohesive community supported by a vibrant economy built on competitive strengths and sufficient resources to provide a high quality of life for all Valley residents in order to achieve the "3Es" of sustainable growth – a Prosperous Economy, Quality Environment, and Social Equity; and

WHEREAS the Partnership has already produced many valuable accomplishments and identified six initiatives to achieve its vision; and

WHEREAS the Partnership continues to operate under the provisions of Executive Orders S-22-06 and S-17-08; and

WHEREAS I have determined that it would be helpful to add specificity to the conditions under which directors shall serve on the board of the Partnership to further the mission and goals of the Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of California, do hereby issue this Executive Order to become effective immediately:

1. All members of the Partnership Board of Directors, with the exception of legislators who serve as ex-officio, non-voting members pursuant to paragraph 4 below, shall be appointed by the Governor. Directors shall serve without compensation.
2. There shall be six classes of voting directors in addition to a board chair and two deputy chairs.

Class "A" - State Government Directors. There shall be eight state government members, representing various state agencies, appointed to the board as ex-officio, voting directors.

Class "B" - Local Government Directors. There shall be eight elected officials from local government. These directors shall be appointed by the Governor from lists of candidates nominated by each of the eight Councils of Government from the following counties: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern,

with one appointment from each county. The nominees from each Council of Government shall be made from among the mayors and members of city councils representing cities located within the county and members of board of supervisors of the county. Each Council of Government shall submit a list containing three candidates.

Class “C” – Private Sector Directors. There shall be eight members of the private sector, one from each of the eight counties.

Class “D” - Liaisons to Government Agencies & Commissions. A Valley resident serving on each of the following state agencies and commissions shall be appointed to serve on the board:

- The California Air Resources Board
- The California Transportation Commission
- The California Workforce Investment Board
- The California Economic Strategy Panel
- The Federal Interagency Task Force for the San Joaquin Valley

Class “E” - Representatives of Consortia. There shall be appointed to the board up to twelve representatives of regional consortia of existing Valley organizations. The regional consortia representatives will be nominated by the Partnership Board of Directors for consideration of appointment by the Governor.

Class “F” - Directors with Specialized Expertise. There shall be appointed up to five individuals with specialized subject-matter expertise and knowledge of Valley issues recommended by the board chair.

3. A board chair and two deputy chairs will be appointed by the Governor. Of these three officials, one shall be appointed from a state agency, one from a local government agency and one from the private sector.
4. All state legislators representing the San Joaquin Valley and all members of the United States Congress representing the San Joaquin Valley will be ex-officio, non-voting directors of the Partnership.
5. The Partnership is a private-public entity. Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that the board has balanced representation from both sectors, with the intent that neither sector shall have less than forty percent (40%) voting representation on the board.
6. Class “A” directors and ex-officio, non-voting directors shall not serve for a term and shall not be subject to term limits.
7. Unless earlier removed as provided hereunder, terms of service for all other directors shall be 3 years. Board appointments or reappointments made in 2010 shall be staggered in accordance with the Governor’s direction, with terms of 1, 2 or 3 years, and with an approximately equal distribution of directors in each Class appointed for 1, 2 or 3 year terms. No director, except for Class “A” directors and ex-officio, non-voting directors, shall serve for more than three (3) terms or partial terms. In the event of a vacancy on the board, which may result from the death, resignation or removal of a director, a successor will be appointed to serve until the expiration of the term of the replaced director and until a successor has been selected and qualified.
8. Directors may be removed at the absolute discretion of the Governor. Directors who fail to attend fifty percent (50%) or more of the meetings of the board in any twelve month period are subject to removal from the board.
9. Meetings of the board shall be presided over by the chair. In the absence of the chair one of the two deputy chairs shall preside. A majority of the appointed directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Ex-officio, non-voting members shall not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum has been achieved. Every decision made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of directors participating in a meeting in which a quorum has been constituted shall be regarded as an act of the board. The board has the authority to designate appropriate

fiscal agents to receive funds on behalf of the Partnership.

10. The board may appoint an Executive Committee, comprised of the chair, the two deputy chairs, and up to four additional board members appointed by the chair, and delegate to such committee any of the authority of the board except for any final action on matters which, under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, also requires approval of a majority of all directors. The board may also appoint other committees as appropriate.
11. This Order does not alter the existing authorities or roles of the executive branch departments, agencies, or offices. Nothing in this Order shall supersede any requirement made by or under law.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of July 2010.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State