

Current Collaborations

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REGIONAL PARTNERS



California Partnership for the
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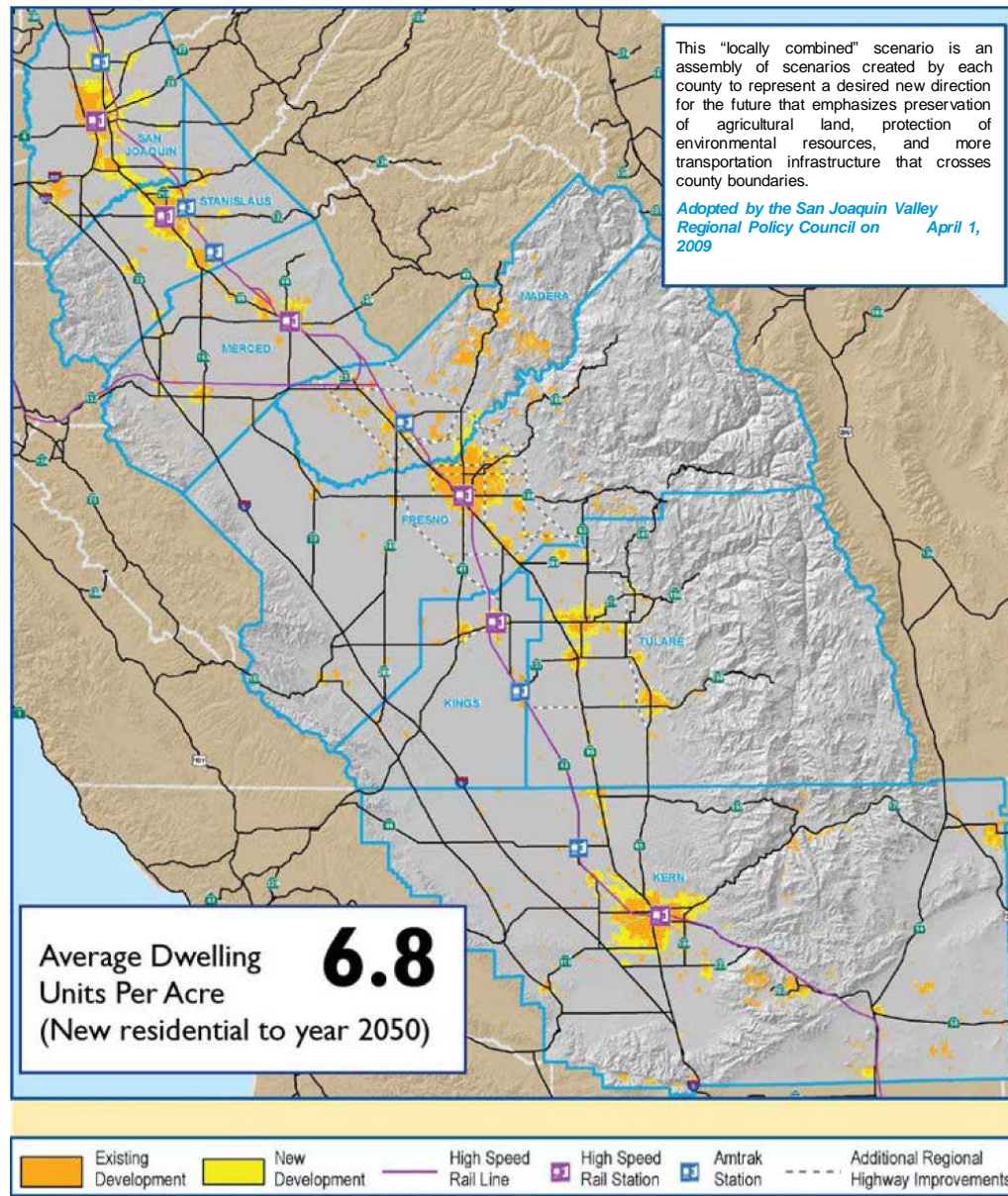
San Joaquin Valley Blueprint

- Caltrans-supported Regional Planning Process for a long-range (20+ year) vision throughout the San Joaquin Valley
- Valley-wide effort involving all eight of the Regional Planning Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley
- Consensus for items such as air quality, traffic congestion, housing needs, job creation and more
- Included individual agency and Valley-wide elements



San Joaquin Valley Blueprint

- Three-year process (2006-2009) including 3 major phases:
 - (1) Values and Vision
 - (2) Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures
 - (3) Evaluation of Alternative Growth Scenarios
- Scenario B+ and 12 Smart Growth Principles approved by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council on April 1, 2009



Blueprint Smart Growth Principles

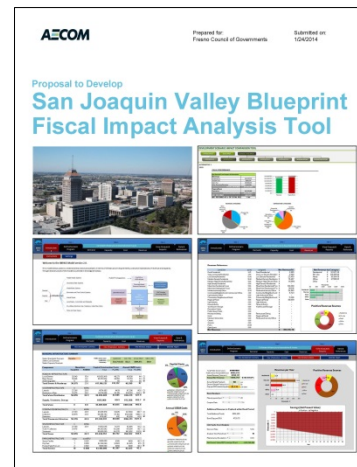
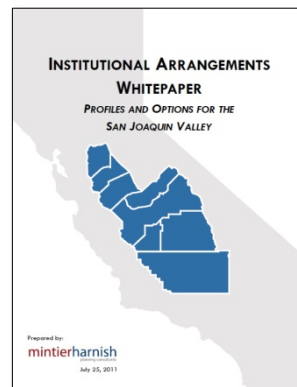
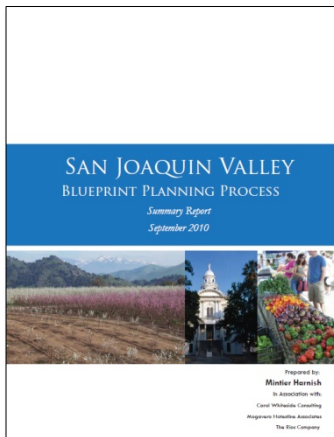
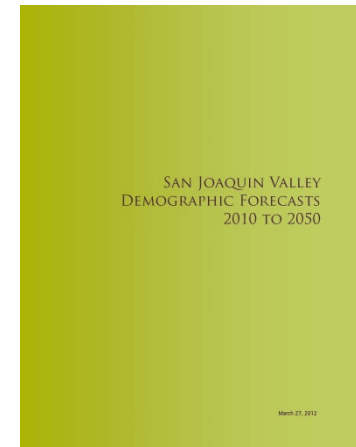
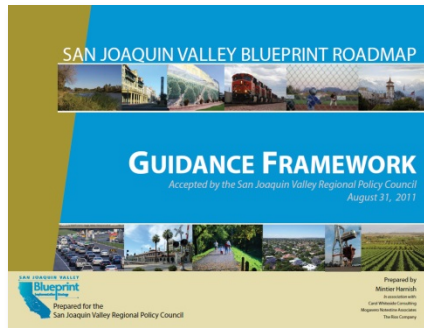
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- Create walkable neighborhoods
- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
- Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective
- Mix land uses
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
- Provide a variety of transportation choices
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
- Take advantage of compact building design
- Enhance the economic vitality of the region
- Support actions that encourage environmental resource management

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint

- Implementation Efforts
 - Higher-density and Infill Housing Studies
 - Demographic Forecasting
 - Planner's Toolkit
 - Smart Valley Places
 - Valley Planners Network
- Prop 84 Activities (funding awarded by the Strategic Growth Council)
 - Blueprint Integration (46 cities under 50k)
 - San Joaquin Valley Greenprint
 - Valley-wide SCS Outreach



San Joaquin Valley Blueprint



Smart Valley Places

OVERVIEW

- \$4 million Regional Planning Grant awarded to the San Joaquin Valley by HUD
- Project period: 2011-2014
- Program designed to implement Blueprint principles at the local level
- Funded partners:
 - 14 jurisdictions
 - 4 non-profits
 - Fresno State: OCED/CRPC



Smart Valley Places

Smart Valley Places

GOALS

- Federal program goals
 - More transportation choices
 - Equitable affordable housing
 - Economic competitiveness
 - Healthier, safe, walkable neighborhoods
 - Sustained civic engagement
- Consistent with Blueprint Principles
 - Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
 - Create walkable neighborhoods
 - Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
 - Provide a variety of transportation choices
 - Enhance the economic vitality of the region

Smart Valley Places

COLLABORATION

- Required robust engagement from a variety of stakeholders across the region
- Funded and unfunded partners
- Governing Board:
 - 14 City managers/planners
 - Fresno State
 - Community and Economic Development
 - Community and Regional Planning Center
 - San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
 - Community leadership group
 - CA Central Valley EDC

Compact Executive Committee

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Valley - OCED

California Central
Valley Economic
Development
Corporation

San Joaquin
Valley Regional
Policy Council

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Planning Center

Compact Cities:

Lodi
Stockton
Manteca
Modesto
Turlock
Merced
Madera
Fresno
Clovis
Hanford
Visalia
Tulare
Porterville
Delano

Community Leadership Partners:

California Coalition for
Rural Housing

Local Gov't Commission

American Farmland Trust

Central CA Regional
Obesity Prevention
Program

Work Groups

Valley Planners
Network

Prop 84
Activities

Institute Lead Agencies

Fresno Metro Ministries – Fresno County
Center for Race, Poverty, & the Environment – Kern County
SJV Latino Environmental Advancement & Policy Project - Kings County
Community Action Partnership of Madera – Madera County
United Way of Merced – Merced County
Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin – San Joaquin
County
Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children – Stanislaus County
Community Services & Employment Training, Inc – Tulare County

Smart Valley Places

OUTCOMES

- Valley cities with smart planning documents to guide future growth for cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable communities
 - General plan updates
 - Climate action plans
 - Zoning code updates
 - Green building programs
 - Transit-Oriented development plans
 - Design guidelines

CITY	PROJECTS
Lodi	Climate Action Plan, Development Code Update, Lower Mokelumne River Watershed User’s Guide
Stockton	Climate Action Plan
Manteca	General Plan Update, Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Climate Action Plan
Modesto	General Plan Amendments to Land Use and Circulation Elements
Turlock	General Plan Update, Zoning Regulations Update
Merced	Form Based Zoning Code
Madera	Recycled Water Feasibility Study, Water System Master Plan, Storm Drainage System Master Plan, Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan
Clovis	General Plan Update: Land Use and Economic Development Elements
Fresno	General Plan, Development Code and MEIR Update
Hanford	Downtown East Precise Plan
Tulare	Transit Oriented Development Plan
Visalia	General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, General Plan Update Outreach efforts
Porterville	Economic Development Strategic Plan
Delano	Green Building Ordinance, Health and Sustainability Element

Smart Valley Places

OUTCOMES

- ◉ Framework for sustained civic engagement
- ◉ Cohorts of empowered residents prepared to take on leadership roles in their communities
- ◉ Fair Housing and Equity Assessment
- ◉ A network for continued regional coordination around sustainability
- ◉ Community and Regional Planning Center

Community and Regional Planning Center, Fresno State

- What is the CRPC?
 - Housed in the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State
 - Technical planning resource to local communities
 - Connect the resources of the University to local communities
 - Work to promote regional planning and coordination

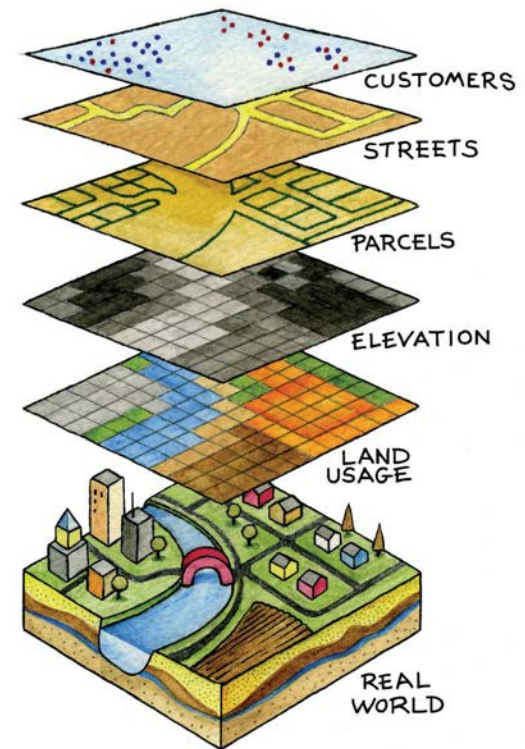
Community and Regional Planning Center, Fresno State

- How we coordinate with our regional partners:
 - Update Blueprint Planners Toolkit
 - Blueprint Awards
 - Valley Planner's Network
 - Valley Voice Participation



Community and Regional Planning Center, Fresno State

- Providing Technical Assistance:
 - Work with communities to help them with planning and economic development
 - Example: GIS Training for the Tule River Tribe in Tulare County



Community and Regional Planning Center, Fresno State

- Connecting the University to the Community:
 - Get the University involved in the planning community
 - Example: Planning Degree program creation and internship opportunities



Community and
Regional Planning
Center