



## Board of Directors Meeting

**Friday, June 19, 2015**

10am-3pm

Hanford Civic Auditorium  
400 N. Douty Street  
Hanford, CA 93230

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**Thank you!**



*Central Valley Network*

**Thank you!**



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**Thank you!**



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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Friday, March 20, 2015 – 10am – 3pm

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John W. Wells Youth Center  
701 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Madera, CA 93638

### MEETING MINUTES

#### I. Introductory Remarks

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Mayor Ashley Swearengin, Board Chair, addressed the board, staff, guest speakers and audience in the room and stated that even though the agenda is quite full, she expects to adjourn on time if not early.

#### II. Welcome California Partnership

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Madera Mayor Robert Poythress welcomed the Partnership board and all meeting participants to the John W. Wells Youth Center in Madera. Mayor Poythress thanked the Partnership for the hard work, time and effort and sacrifice for the betterment of Madera citizens.

#### III. Recognition of Our Sponsors

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The board recognizes and thanks our meeting sponsors: Madera County Supervisor Max Rodriguez, City of Madera and Mid Valley Disposal. The board appreciates the use of the beautiful facility and accommodating staff of the John W. Wells Youth Center in Madera.

#### IV. Convene Meeting

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The 2015 first quarterly meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order at 10:10am by Mayor Ashley Swearengin, Board Chair. Introductions were made around the room.

Board Members present: James Aleru, Steve Bestolarides, Monica Blanco-Ethridge, Vito Chiesa, DeeDee D'Adamo, Randy Dodd, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan, Andrew Genasci, Pat Gordon, Harold Hanson, Genoveva Islas, Dorothy Leland, Luisa Medina, Billy Powell, Larry Powell, Mary Renner, Max Rodriguez, Secretary Karen Ross, Gary Serrato and Mayor Ashley Swearengin.

Advisory Board Members present were Jennifer Carlson, Larry Martin and Robert Tse.

Board Deputies present were Sharri Bender Ehlert, Cori Lucero, Albert Rivas and Jim Suennen.

#### V. Oath of Office

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Secretary Karen Ross administered the oath of office to newly appointed and reappointed board members. New Board members present for the oath were Elaine Craig, Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, John Eisenhut, Frank Gallegos, and Daniel Leavitt. Reappointed Board members present for the oath were Steve Bestolarides, Vito Chiesa, Randy Dodd, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan and Luisa Medina.

#### VI. Public and Board Comment

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There were no comments from the public. Secretary Ross suggested we pray for rain.

## **VII. Consent Calendar**

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Mike Dozier presented the consent calendar to the board and added that he has been elected President of the University Economic Development Association (UEDA).

The consent calendar was accepted as published.

## **VIII. UC Merced Expansion Effort**

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Board Member and UC Merced Chancellor Dorothy Leland, along with Vice Chancellor Michael Reese of UC Merced's Business and Administrative Services, presented a report outlining the UC Merced 2020 Project for expansion. The presentation depicted the campus space constraints.

UC Merced is already slowing growth despite the strong demand and must constrain growth without additional investment. Academic space is at capacity. The infrastructure is overburdened and there is currently a high housing demand. The proposed 2020 Project addresses these critical, existing needs. It remedies current space deficiencies by expanding facilities to manageable levels and positions the campus for growth from 6,200 students to 10,000 students in 2020. The plan calls for the University to own the land, buildings and set the standards for how the facilities will be maintained.

Vice Chancellor Reese described the process and timing for the proposed project in more detail. This approach will accelerate the process. Both Chancellor Leland and Vice Chancellor Reese answered questions from the board and from the audience. Detailed information concerning the project can be answered on the website: <http://2020project.ucmerced.edu>

The Partnership Board passed a resolution to support the 2020 Project at 11:02am. The motion was made by Bryn Forhan and Larry Powell and seconded by Billy Powell. The presentation and the Board's resolution can be found on the Partnership website: [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

## **IX. Manufacturing Panel Discussion**

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Board member Pat Gordon of JBT Corporation moderated a panel discussion on manufacturing in the San Joaquin Valley. He introduced the following panelists:

Jennifer Carlson, Executive Director, Manufacturers Council of the Central Valley. MCCV is a collective voice for manufacturing interests in the San Joaquin Valley. Ms. Carlson's presentation can be viewed on the Partnership website: [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

Mike Betts, President, Betts Company, discussed his report on Career Technical Education in the San Joaquin Valley. He spoke about the outcomes of the recent Manufacturing Town Hall meeting and emphasized the importance of attending the Manufacturing Summit on May 7, 2015 to be held in Fresno and Manufacturing Day in the fall. Mr. Betts' white paper can be found on the Partnership website: [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

Ron Heskett, President, Borga Steel Buildings and Components, offered his view of manufacturing in the Valley from his perspective as an experienced California manufacturing businessman and leader, describing a significant lack in manufacturing understanding.

For Career Technical Education (CTE), the board heard from the Manufacturing Production and Green Technology Academy. Lonnie Cornell, Associate Principal, and Amanda Moore, Learning Director,



presented the successes of the students at Ceres High School. The presentation can be found on the Partnership website: [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

Pat Gordon discussed JBT Food Tech's successful apprenticeship program. The presentation can be found on the Partnership website: [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

Mayor Swearengen acknowledged the volume of work it takes to put these programs together and thanked the panel of presenters for this work that benefits our communities.

The board participated in a discussion which included the subject of the lack of qualified workforce which was re-introduced by Larry Powell. Mr. Powell stated that the Workforce Act resulted in resources being taken away from San Joaquin Valley students.

Andrew Genasci asked the panel what the Partnership might do to support manufacturing Joaquin Valley. Mike Betts answered for the business community that to read the white paper, share and communicate back would be of help.

Before breaking for lunch, Secretary Ross administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board member, Carlton Jones.

#### **X. Lunch**

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Thank you again to our meeting sponsors for providing great, local Madera lunch catering.

#### **XI. California High-Speed Rail Authority Update**

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The meeting was reconvened at 1:08pm for Board member Lee Ann Eager to moderate a panel discussion and presentation on California's High-Speed Rail project which is California's largest project at present. Ms. Eager introduced the following panelists:

Dan Richard, Chair, California High-Speed Rail Authority, spoke about the progress being made on the immense project overall.

Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority, described in more detail the work plan specifically for the Central Valley. The presentation can be found on the Partnership website: [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

Tony Oliveira, a consultant for the project, discussed his independent study and 176 page report. A link to Mr. Oliveira's full report on High Speed Rail and his presentation can be found on the Partnership website: [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

Before convening the meeting, Board Member Vito Chiesa was called upon to announce the board's recommendation to direct staff to be significantly engaged in California's water storage policies. The 2015 second quarter meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled on June 19, 2015, will have an update of the water storage situation.

#### **X. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:49pm.



## Secretariat Report

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June 2015

### Message from Lead Executive

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Dozier

The attached Secretariat Report is intended to give you an update of Partnership activity during the first quarter of 2015, January through March.

Staff has provided you the following:

- Communications activities including outreach efforts/meetings, information distribution, media efforts
- Rural Development Center Update
- Regional Broadband Consortium Update
- Housing Collaborative Update
- Regional Industry Clusters Update

## Communications Update

Recorded below are the efforts of the Secretariat staff throughout the San Joaquin Valley to achieve the goals of the Partnership. Please refer to the Initiative Updates (following the Communications Update) for further information.

### Staff Outreach Efforts

Date	Event
3-Mar-15	Arvin City Council Economic Development Initiatives Presentation-Arvin
11-Mar-15	City of Huron re: USDA Rural Community Development Initiative Grant Meeting-Huron
12-Mar-15	City of Parlier re: Economic Development Initiatives
17-Mar-15	California Association of Local Economic Development (CALED) Board meeting - Call
17-Mar-15	San Joaquin Valley Regional Energy Planning Roundtable
18-Mar-15	Fresno Green Team Meeting-Fresno
18-Mar-15	University Economic Development Association (UEDA) monthly Board meeting- Call
19-Mar-15	Central Valley Power Connect: PG&E Transmission Line Project Meeting-Fresno
19-Mar-15	Fresno County Housing Authority Meeting-Firebaugh
19-Mar-15	Strategic Energy Innovations re: SJV Sustainable Energy Roadmap
25-Mar-15	Fresno County Housing Authority re: Rural Grant Projects Meeting-Fresno
25-Mar-15	Rigoberto Rios Farming re: USDA Rural Energy for America Program Grant
27-Mar-15	Community Health Fair-Firebaugh
2-Apr-15	California Community College Board of Governors Strong Workforce Task Force - Sacramento
2-Apr-15	Regional Planning Agencies' Meeting – Partnership and CRPC Update-Modesto
8-Apr-15	San Joaquin Clean Cities Coalition Meeting-Fresno
9-Apr-15	Fresno EDC 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Real Estate Forecast-Fresno
9-Apr-15	Parlier Garden Apartments re: Rural Grant Projects
9-Apr-15	San Joaquin Valley Greenprint Committee- Advisory Board updates-Fresno
15-Apr-15	Fresno Green Team Meeting-Fresno
15-Apr-15	San Joaquin Valley Health and Housing Research Committee
15-Apr-15	University Economic Development Association (UEDA) monthly Board meeting – Call
17-Apr-15	Cultiva La Salud re: Collaboration in Orange Cove, Fresno
20-22-Apr-15	CALED Annual Conference and Board meeting - Riverside
23-Apr-15	Univision Interview – Manufacturing Summit - Fresno
24-Apr-15	Alleviating Food Deserts in the Valley of Plenty Summit-Turlock
28-Apr-15	Project Launch: Central Valley Power Connect re: PG&E Transmission Line-Fresno
1-May-15	Rural Drought Impacts Discussion with Dr. Aliza A. Lifshitz Meeting-Mendota
4-May-15	Sativa LAC Water District re: Grant Opportunities

## Staff Outreach Efforts

Date	Event
4-May-15	Stakeholders Advisory Committee to the Water Commission Meeting-Sacramento
5-May-15	Drought Forum: CA State Board of Food and Agriculture-Fresno
5-May-15	Yuba EDC re: Quinoa Farmer Grant Opportunities
6-May-15	Fresno State Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ribbon Cutting-Fresno
6-May-15	Huron City Council re: Rural Initiatives Presentation-Huron
7-May-15	Manufacturing Summit-Regional Industry Cluster Initiative Manufacturing Cluster-Fresno
7-May-15	Radio Interview-Manufacturing Cluster-PowerTalk 96.7
7-May-15	Valley EDC re: Rural Small Business Partnership
12-May-15	California Workforce Investment Act (CWIB) Slingshot Initiative Meeting-Anaheim
13-May-15	California Community College Board of Governors Strong Workforce Task Force-Sacramento
20-May-15	White House Interagency Broadband Council re: Rural Broadband- Conference Call
21-May-15	Arvin Economic Development Strategy Kick-Off-Arvin
21-May-15	Economic Development Strategy Advisory Committee Meeting-Arvin
21-May-15	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative Meeting-Fresno
22-May-15	UC Berkley Law School New Business Practicum re: Rural Small Business Partnerships- Call
27-May-15	PG&E and Citizens Energy Corporation re: Rural Projects-Fresno
4-Jun-15	Economic Development Strategy Advisory Committee Meeting-Arvin
11-Jun-15	California Community College Board of Governors Strong Workforce Task Force-Sacramento
17-Jun-15	University Economic Development Association (UEDA) Monthly Board Meeting- Call

## Electronic Information Distribution

Date	E-Blast
17-Mar-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley
17-Mar-15	Sustainable Energy Roadmap Press Release
18-Mar-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
18-Mar-15	Apps for Ag Hackathon
24-Mar-15	New/Reappointed CPSJV Board Members Gov. Brown. News Release
1-Apr-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley
1-April-15	Apps for Ag Hackathon
8-April-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley
9-April-15	GIS Two-Day Workshop
9-April-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley

## Electronic Information Distribution

Date	E-Blast
10-April-15	Apps for Ag Hackathon
10-April-15	Fresno Green
10-April-15	RICI Health & Wellness Meeting Announcement
15-April-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
16-April-15	Reliable Energy News Conference
16-April-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley
22-April-15	AgTech Event
22-April-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
23-April-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley
24-April-15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Partnership Board Meeting/Tour Invite
28-April-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley
28-April-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley Reception Invite
29-April-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
1-May-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley Reception Invite
5-May-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley Reception Invite
8-May-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
12-May-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
12-May-15	Sustainability Workshop
12-May-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley Thank You
13-May-15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Partnership Board Meeting/Tour Invite
14-May-15	Sustainability Workshop
19-May-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
19-May-15	Sustainability Workshop
20-May-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit- San Joaquin Valley Thank You/Survey
21-May-15	Sustainability Workshop
22-May-15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Partnership Board Meeting/Tour Invite
26-May-15	Sustainability Workshop
27-May-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley Thank You
28-May-15	Sustainability Workshop
1-Jun-15	SJVRBC Broadband Council
1-Jun-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
3-Jun-15	Bi-Weekly Drought Update
9-Jun-15	Advanced Manufacturing Cluster Report

## Electronic Information Distribution

Date	E-Blast
16-Jun-15	Partnership Newsletter V.9 Issue 2

## Communications Tools

### Partnership Website

The Partnership website is updated on a regular basis. In particular, the news section on the homepage is populated with newspaper articles which cover the initiatives on which the Partnership is focused. In addition, board meetings and other Partnership-related events are refreshed in the Events section.

### Annual Report

The 2014 Partnership Annual Report which covers the time period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, may be downloaded from the Partnership website. [Download 2014 Partnership Annual Report](#).

The 2015 Partnership Annual Report will begin production this summer and will be distributed at the Partnership Summit in December.

### e-Newsletter

Distribution occurs quarterly one week prior to the next scheduled board meeting. The next newsletter will be distributed one week prior to the June 2015 board meeting. The newsletter reports on the Partnership's initiatives and collaboratives and is sent to all Partnership stakeholders (1,345).

### Media

Traditional methods of communications efforts with the media include press releases, media advisories, and interviews. In addition, Partnership activities have been picked up by Valley news agencies.

Date	Description
7-April-15	2015 Manufacturing Summit-San Joaquin Valley Media Advisory
10-Jun-15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Partnership Board Meeting Media Advisory

Partnership social marketing efforts include Facebook and Twitter. The Partnership Facebook page has 495 "fans" and is linked to Facebook pages of several partner organizations: [facebook.com/sjvpartnership](https://facebook.com/sjvpartnership). The Partnership Twitter page has 440 followers: [twitter.com/PartnershipSJV](https://twitter.com/PartnershipSJV).

In addition, the Office of Community and Economic Development, the Partnership Secretariat, created a Facebook page that will directly coincide with the Partnership's social media efforts: [facebook.com/fresnostateoced](https://facebook.com/fresnostateoced).

A San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI) website was launched for RICI: [sjvrici.org](http://sjvrici.org). This site was the destination for 2015 Manufacturing Summit registration and information.



## Initiatives

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June 2015

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## **Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center**

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June 2015

**Quarter:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

**Staff Lead:** Ismael Díaz Herrera

**Update:**

Assisted 17 different rural entities and participated in 57 community events.

### **USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program (*Fresno County Rural Farmers Market Initiative*)**

Staff collaborated with designated Farmers' Market Managers in the communities of Biola, Firebaugh and Mendota to plan and launch the 2015 farmers' market season. Activities included a prospective farmers' market vendor and food handling training in Mendota, CA on March 4<sup>th</sup> for individuals from all three communities. Staff purchased supplies/materials for all three farmers' markets including hand wash stations and electric generators. Staff also worked with all three Farmers' Market Managers to ensure that all vendors were compliant with public health and safety regulations prior to launching each farmers' market.

### **USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (*Orange Cove Emerging Small Businesses*)**

Staff delivered 17 training sessions to entrepreneurs and small businesses in the City of Orange Cove. Topics included, but were not limited to, administrative and fiscal management, e-commerce opportunities and social media marketing. Planning for a "Buy Local" campaign also commenced and will be fully executed in Quarter 2.

### **USDA Rural Community Development Initiative (*Pathways to Rural Economic Progress – San Joaquin Valley*)**

Initial site visits were conducted with community leaders in the Cities of Avenal and San Joaquin on January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Cities of Arvin and Taft on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Biola Community Services District and Biola Community Development Corporation (BCDC) on January 28<sup>th</sup> and the City of Huron on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Economic development and housing technical assistance areas were identified. A follow up conference call with the Allensworth Progressive Association was conducted on January 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss mobile home code enforcement assistance. A service learning project was brokered between Construction Management students at Fresno State and BCDC on February 12<sup>th</sup> to produce a feasibility analysis for bring BCDC's facility into ADA compliance. A subcontractor was commissioned to provide Spanish language translation to the City of San Joaquin's website as well as deliver website maintenance training to staff on February 26<sup>th</sup>. A presentation was delivered to the Arvin City Council on March 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding an economic development strategy partnership. Staff also provided assistance to both the Biola and Firebaugh Communities Gardens and the City of Parlier in evaluating its CalGRIP grant.

### **Westside Neighborhood Coalition**

Staff facilitated the establishment of intra-community network in West Fresno County that has enabled collaborative discussion around mutual issues such as recreational youth/adult sports leagues, non-profit capacity building, grant proposal partnerships and small business training. The inaugural meeting was held on January 30<sup>th</sup> in San Joaquin, CA and the second meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Mendota, CA.

### **Miscellaneous**

Staff facilitated an economic development roundtable discussion with representatives of three federal-recognized tribal communities on February 27<sup>th</sup> at Tule River Indian Reservation.

### **Communications**

Weekly newsletter continued to be distributed to the region's rural community stakeholders.



## **Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium**

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June 2015

**Quarter:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

**Staff Lead:** Eduardo Gonzalez

**Update:**

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium (SJVRBC) is a Partnership initiative committed to accelerating deployment, accessibility, and adoption of broadband within the San Joaquin Valley's eight counties.

Funding for SJVRBC is through Get Connected!, a grant from California Emerging Technology Fund and through Valley school districts and various individual schools.

Digital Literacy training in the Valley's rural areas has been a focus since 2014. The Digital Literacy program (Program) is intended to teach participants a solid foundation in basic computer skills, repair, and troubleshooting; typing; tablet use; and Internet, search engines, Gmail, and Google Apps. Participants learn the fundamentals of basic computer/tablet skills and best practices in navigating the Internet, school district parent portals and utilizing anti-virus and spyware software. The Program helps participants learn, acquire and familiarize themselves with the skills necessary to navigate a computer/tablet and other technological skills

From January 1 through mid-June, SJVRBC staff conducted Digital Literacy training in school districts for Coalinga-Huron Unified, Cutler-Orosi Unified, Central Unified, Golden Plains, and Kingsburg Unified. Jan 1 through March 31, 10 classes were conducted with 380 first-time participants<sup>1</sup> receiving training; April 1 through mid-June, 8 classes were conducted with an additional 120 first-time participants receiving training.

During this quarter, in partnership with Verizon wireless, a new cell tower was built in Orosi, Calif., a census-designated place in Tulare County with a population of 2010, up from 7,318 at the 2000 census. The new cell tower will provide Internet access to both Cutler and Orosi, which had little to no signal. Cutler-Orosi Unified School District will be testing the signal for speed and strength during June and July.

On [May 19](#) staff attended a California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) Digital Inclusion Forum in Sacramento. Future goals include accelerating broadband deployment to 98% and 80% adoption. A topic of discussion was how federal funds could be used. It was agreed by those in attendance that federal and state funds need to be made available for a comprehensive needs assessment that will help determine where the region's broadband gaps exist. Federal funding also needs to be made available for appropriate infrastructure to be installed in communities where connectivity is lacking and agriculture farms have no connectivity.

<sup>1</sup> Participants are parents of students attending the schools listed.



## Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative

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June 2015

**Quarter:** 1st Quarter 2015

**Staff Lead:** Jenna Chilingirian

### Update:

The San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative (Collaborative) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization formed as a regional entity to specifically address housing issues in the eight-county region of the San Joaquin Valley (Valley). The Collaborative not only serves as a much-needed forum to discuss regional challenges and strategies to address the Valley's long- and short-term housing goals, it also serves as an invaluable tool for the region to organize as one voice when communicating with state and federal policymakers and regulatory agencies. The Collaborative operates as a joint partnership with staff from the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) and the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State.

### 2015-2016 Board Officers

- Michael Duarte, Chair
- Carol Ornelas, Vice Chair
- Ray Chavez, Secretary
- Heidi Crabtree, Treasurer

### 2015-2016 New Board Members

- Leilani Barnett, Federal Reserve Bank
- Susan Atkins, Self-Help Enterprises
- Heidi Crabtree, City of Clovis
- Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield
- Peter Carey, Retired, Self-Help Enterprises

### 2015 Objectives

- Filling gaps in capacity by hosting resource-sharing events and conversations
- Show how to leverage funds for several grants to make projects come to life

### 2015 Activities

- Education & Technical Assistance: ensure jurisdictions understand housing programs and as a result, the Housing Collaborative can act in an advocacy role based on issues and opportunities that emerge from the education and technical assistance processes;
- Convene: bring stakeholders together around housing issues and programs by activating the Affordable Housing Summit attendees and supporters;
- Change the Narrative: think and speak of the Valley as a “new frontier” that is “abundant” with opportunity.

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter board meeting was hosted in Fresno at Parc Grove Commons on Tuesday, February 3. Discussions focused on the 2014 San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit, the Housing Collaborative's role in cap and trade investment in the Valley, post-Summit action items and 2015 objectives.

Most recently, the Collaborative held their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter board meeting at Fresno State on Thursday, May 21. Discussions focused on formalizing a partnership with the Housing Opportunities

Collaborative- Virtual Counselor Network, board recruitment, workshop and summit scheduling, and legislative action.

The Collaborative also voted to forge a formal partnership with the Housing Opportunities Collaborative- Virtual Counselor Network (HOC/VCN). The HOC/VNC is tax exempt non-profit organization consisting of HUD approved housing counseling and fair housing agencies, housing related nonprofits and business organizations, and governmental agencies that support all aspects of housing rights and responsibilities, mostly focused in Southern California. They serve as an information clearinghouse by consolidating housing related information and making it easily accessible to the public and partners. They are hoping to expand services into the San Joaquin Valley, and will work closely with our Collaborative to make this possible.

#### HOC/VCN and Collaborative Partnership

- The Program Manager for the HOC/VCN will provide staff support to the Collaborative
- CCRH and OCED will maintain advisory roles
- Will give the Collaborative a consistent programmatic arm

#### Upcoming Collaborative Events

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Opportunities in the San Joaquin Valley  
*Tuesday July 21 | Merced Community Senior Center | Merced*
- Land Use & Financing for Affordable Housing Opportunities  
*Wednesday September 9 | UC Merced Center | Fresno*
- San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit  
*TBA November | Bakersfield*



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## Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters

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June 2015

**Quarter:** 1st Quarter 2015

**Staff Lead:** Karmjot Grewal

### Update:

The Clean Energy Cluster had a meeting on February 17 and discussed the plans for the year and what events they would like to host. They reviewed past events and potential topics for the next cluster event. The primary goal of the Energy Cluster is energy reduction use and using clean energy to make things happen. The Clean Energy Cluster is looking at one large event this year (which will be in November) and an energy efficiency project which would include student scholarships/ internships, etc. The cluster chair and champions have have spoken to a number of nonprofits which need energy efficiency support and would entertain the Energy Cluster's expertise and participate in the plans for an energy efficiency project for the upcoming year. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> they will be hosting an interactive workshop called *"Tools and Solutions to Help Jurisdictions Deal with Energy and Water Challenges"*. This event will showcase and new developments and best practices for local governments to conserve energy and water resources while improving your local economy and air quality. This workshop will focus on helping to plan and seek funding for energy and water policies and programs.

The Water Technology Cluster hosted the Blue Tech Valley Water Summit which is took place on March 5, 2015. The purpose of the BlueTechValley Water Summit is to provide water constituents within the private, public and academic arenas the opportunity to collectively explore and discuss new innovations, developments and trends relating to current water issues. There were a lot of conversations regarding the current drought and how it is impacting the water industry, municipalities, agriculture but also how it can be spurring new innovation. The roles of regulations were also addressed as well as opportunities and challenges across the water cycle from extraction to treatment. The event was sold out and was well received by the attendees. Dan Clawson is also working on rewriting the business plan for this cluster to include innovation and technology into their plan for 2015.

Richard Kalashian, the Agricultural Cluster Chair, is planning on moving the focus of this cluster towards improving and strengthening public/private sector partnerships. On January 9 the Ag Cluster held a meeting where the focus was on the Fresno County Food System Alliance. The Food Hub Committee decided to dissolve and com under the Ag Cluster umbrella. There is a real push for an agricultural manufacturing collaborative with the other clusters to create career technical education (CTE) programs for students in the San Joaquin Valley. Throughout the year the Ag Cluster plans to have workshops for cluster members on various topics pertaining to new technology, networking and best practices.

The Advanced Manufacturing Cluster worked collaboratively with the other clusters chairs on a CTE initiative with manufacturing companies in the San Joaquin Valley. The Manufacturing Cluster is hosting a Manufacturing Summit that will take place on May 7 at the Fresno Convention Center. We have hopes of having 350+ attendees as well as 40 private sector vendors who will hosted a meeting with public sector stakeholders from throughout the San Joaquin Valley that are currently engaged in agriculture manufacturing initiatives and activities. The 2015 Manufacturing Summit will bring together manufacturers, executives, innovative solution providers, private and public sector constituents and analyst thought leaders to discuss the critical issues affecting today's manufacturing organizations in the San Joaquin Valley. The summit is an

opportunity for participants to share new ideas in a focused setting. This summit is bringing a strong, unified voice when communicating with regional, state and national entities on issues impacting the manufactures in the San Joaquin Valley. This event is designed to help manufacturers find solutions for issues including: employment and training, research, regulatory compliance, import and export, and funding. It is a dynamic event packed with one-on-one Executive Exchanges, Thought Leadership sessions and engaging panels.

The Health and Wellness Cluster Advisory Committee met several times this quarter to discuss regional initiatives and priority actions. Cluster Champions have discussed an upcoming grant opportunity with the Center for Health Program Management and we submitted a grant application for this competition on December 1. We were not awarded this funding but have since found many other grants that we will be applying for this year. Currently we are partnering with the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) on a project which is working to connect state health data published on the portal, paired with other useful sources, with communities in a tangible and relevant way. Such data is highly valuable to community organizations, local clinics and hospitals, concerned citizens, and policy makers here in Fresno. It's paramount that these vital data gets into the hands of community members. Through this partnership, we hope to see how we can best apply data to help move the needle on local health issues. This pilot project we are working on is a five-month initiative is working in three communities throughout the state of California and Fresno was chosen as one of the pilot cities. For this project here in Fresno we're working with the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Fresno State as well as local community groups and organizations to not only figure out how to use this vital data, but to fortify the relationship between the Fresno health community and CHHS.

The Manufacturing, Energy, Water, and Agriculture (MEWA) Cluster Advisory Committee met on March 24 to discuss opportunities for cross-cluster opportunities and receive updates on regional initiatives. The Cluster Advisory Committee agreed that the Regional Industry Clusters needed to have a solidified website where we can highlight each of the clusters and have a concise calendar that includes all meetings, events and related material. MEWA Champions plan to have more private partners at the table for the future quarterly meetings. Upcoming meetings may be held in the north or south Valley. The next meeting is scheduled for June.

## Networking

Date	Event
01/08/15	Ag Cluster Meeting
01/15/15	Manufacturing Cluster Meeting
01/16/15	Health and Wellness Cluster Meeting
01/29/15	Health Care Cluster Meeting
02/03/15	Manufacturing Cluster Meeting
02/10/15	Manufacturing Town Hall Meeting
02/12/15	Health Care Apprenticeship Grant Meeting
02/13/15	Manufacturing Summit Meeting
02/15/15	Water Cluster Meeting
02/17/15	Clean Energy Cluster Meeting
02/18-19/15	Manufacturing Summit: Inland Empire
02/20/15	Healthcare Cluster Open Data Forum
03/05/14	Water Cluster: Blue Tech Valley Water Summit
03/05/15	FCHIP Healthcare cluster meeting
03/05/15	Manufacturing Meeting
03/06/05	Sustainable Energies Roadmap meeting

Date	Event
03/13/15	PG&E SBDC Event (Clean Energy Cluster)
03/20/15	Manufacturing Meeting
03/24/15	Quarterly MEWA Meeting
03/26/15	Manufacturing Summit Meeting



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## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Advanced Communications Services (SJV Regional Broadband Consortium)
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Eduardo Gonzalez
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1st Quarter 2015

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium (SJVRBC) is a Partnership initiative committed to accelerating deployment, accessibility, and adoption of broadband within the San Joaquin Valley's eight counties.

Funding for SJVRBC is through Get Connected!, a grant from California Emerging Technology Fund and through Valley school districts and various individual schools.

Digital Literacy training in the Valley's rural areas has been a focus since 2014. The Digital Literacy program (Program) is intended to teach participants a solid foundation in basic computer skills, repair, and troubleshooting; typing; tablet use; and Internet, search engines, Gmail, and Google Apps. Participants learn the fundamentals of basic computer/tablet skills and best practices in navigating the Internet, school district parent portals and utilizing anti-virus and spyware software. The Program helps participants learn, acquire and familiarize themselves with the skills necessary to navigate a computer/tablet and other technological skills

From January 1 through mid-June, SJVRBC staff conducted Digital Literacy training in school districts for Coalinga-Huron Unified, Cutler-Orosi Unified, Central Unified, Golden Plains, and Kingsburg Unified. Jan 1 through March 31, 10 classes were conducted with 380 first-time participants<sup>1</sup> receiving training; April 1 through mid-June, 8 classes were conducted with an additional 120 first-time participants receiving training.

During this quarter, in partnership with Verizon wireless, a new cell tower was built in Orosi, Calif., a census-designated place in Tulare County with a population of 2010, up from 7,318 at the 2000 census. The new cell tower will provide Internet access to both Cutler and Orosi, which had little to no signal. Cutler-Orosi Unified School District will be testing the signal for speed and strength during June and July.

On [May 19](#) staff attended a California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) Digital Inclusion Forum in Sacramento. Future goals include accelerating broadband deployment to 98% and 80% adoption. A topic of discussion was how federal funds could be used. It was agreed by those in attendance that federal and state funds need to be made available for a comprehensive needs assessment that will help determine where the region's broadband gaps exist. Federal funding also needs to be made available for appropriate infrastructure to be installed in communities where connectivity is lacking and agriculture farms have no connectivity

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<sup>1</sup> Participants are parents of students attending the schools listed.



## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Economic Development
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Ismael Herrera
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Jennifer Faughn
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1st Quarter 2015

The highlight of the 2015 Q1: California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation (CCVEDC) exhibited at the WestPack show in Anaheim, where thousands of leading worldwide manufacturing vendors gathered to display a wide range of the newest technology under one roof. CCVEDC reps spoke with 159 companies resulting in about 40 companies requesting more information and 12 companies looking for a new location in Central Valley.

CCVEDC participated in 4 Northern California SIOR (Society of Industrial and Office Realtors) and Southern California SIOR activities. The highlight was the annual golf tournament at Wente Vineyards in Livermore where CCVEDC exhibited at the event. CCVEDC made 143 contacts that included 86 brokers that work with West Coast business decisions. These events keep the Central Valley in touch with top decision makers in the real estate industry and result in numerous individual meetings and leads.

CCVEDC conducted its annual Sacramento Legislative and Broker mission in March of 2015. CCVEDC reps met with 26 state leaders in the Assembly, Senate, Governor's office, and Go-Biz, the governor's lead agenda in economic development. Board members outlined issues vital to the economy and business climate in California. Topping the list of priorities for the valley was incentives for high unemployment areas. Other things included allowing tax increment financing and promoting regulatory reform. While in Sacramento, CCVEDC visited with 3 brokerage houses.

BOARD MEETING January 16, 2015	CCVEDC Board Meeting		<b>Meeting</b>
BROKER EVENT January 22, 2015	SIOR Southern CA Kick-Off Dinner Gulliver's Restaurant- Irvine	50	<b>1 CCVEDC Rep</b> <b>Topic Leg Update SB1171</b>
TRADE SHOW February 10-12, 2015	WestPack- Anaheim Anaheim Convention Center	200	<b>8 CCVEDC Reps</b> <b>Results:</b> 159 contacts, 12 Prospects, 31 Leads and 6 RFI's, to date
BROKER EVENT February 19, 2015	SIOR Northern CA Kick-off Mini-Convention Levi's Stadium- Santa Clara		<b>2 CCVEDC Reps</b>
February 27, 2015	CCVEDC Board Meeting		<b>Meeting to Develop Legislative Platform</b>
MISSION March 16-17, 2015	Sacramento Legislature	25	<b>7 CCVEDC Reps</b> <b>Results:</b> 26 meetings
MISSION March 18, 2015	Sacramento Broker Mission Mini-Mission	85	<b>4 CCVEDC Reps</b> <b>Results:</b> 3 group meetings, 1 lead
BOARD MEETING March 27, 2015	CCVEDC Board Meeting		<b>Conference Call</b>

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Energy
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Ismael Herrera
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Paul Johnson
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1st Quarter 2015

### New State-Funded Project Helps Valley Jurisdictions Tackle Energy and Water Challenges

Earlier this year the Sustainable Energy Roadmap [Sustainable Energy Roadmap](#) (SER) project began operation throughout the San Joaquin Valley with Proposition 84 funding through the Strategic Growth Council.

This project, which is led by a team including the Regional Policy Council, Madera Transportation Commission, City of Visalia, Strategic Energy Innovations and others, is helping Valley communities set and pursue goals related to smart growth, transportation, water, land use, climate and energy. The project provides assistance to Valley cities and counties to benchmark clean energy and sustainable development policies and programs, identify relevant best practices, and adopt goals that make sense and support the environment, economy and disadvantaged communities. Public agencies benefit from a regional, collaborative model, and receive tailored guidance and resources for implementing policies and programs. Specific benefits include assistance with environmental and energy benchmarking; tailored Roadmap action plans on energy and water efficiency, renewable energy, transportation & land use; goal setting tied to regional and national best practices; policy, program and project resources and adoption assistance; Environmental Justice Community needs assessment, engagement and supporting services; an easy-to-use online platform; regional and national recognition; and linkages to regional green employers and workforce development partners and pathways. The SER project is seeking 20 Valley city and county participants to be part of this effort and several jurisdictions have signed up so far. Early agency sign-ups will receive a \$5,000 program stipend.

The SER is holding an interactive workshop in Fresno through Fresno State's Office of Economic and Community Development on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to showcase the range of actions that Valley jurisdictions can take to address their water and energy challenges. This workshop will share examples of the successful water and energy policies and programs. State and municipal representatives will share their perspectives on mandates that Valley agencies will need to address, along with local resources and approaches that focus on the region's water, energy, air quality and economic development challenges. The workshop will also include a demonstration of the SER platform and how it can help jurisdictions. Speakers include Karl Longley, Chair of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board as well as representatives from the cities of Visalia and Sanger, California Energy Commission, the HERO program, and SER staff. See website above for more workshop information. For additional information about the SER project, please contact Michael Sigala at [Michael@sigalainc.com](mailto:Michael@sigalainc.com) or Stephen Miller at [Stephen@seiinc.org](mailto:Stephen@seiinc.org).

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Health and Wellness Cluster (aka Health and Human Services Work Group)	
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Karmjot Grewal	
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	Central Valley Health Network Central Valley Health Policy Institute	Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	John Capitman PhD, Central Valley Health Network	
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1st Quarter 2015	

The Health and Wellness Cluster Advisory Committee met on January 16 to discuss regional initiatives and priority actions, particularly the development of a future town hall meeting to address key issues that are constantly met by the healthcare industry. While attention is often focused on the extraordinary barriers to public health and resource constraints on health care professionals facing the region, there have been few opportunities to recognize (celebrate) the region's practice innovations and successes in adapting evidence-based approaches. Potential sponsors for this event include the Cluster, the Partnership, Central Valley Health Network, UCSF-Fresno residency programs, UC Merced public health, Fresno State College of Health and Human Services, and local community college nursing programs. We are hoping to have this town hall meeting in the fall.

The Health and Wellness Cluster Advisory Committee had a conference call this quarter and discussed grant proposals and other opportunities that are currently being explored. An upcoming grant opportunity with the Department of Health and Human Services which targets health opportunities from tribes and tribal organizations is one that we decided we wanted to be a part of. Our partners at Owens Valley Career Development Center are working on applying for this grant and we were able to help facilitate the working parts should this grant be awarded. This grant will help rural tribal groups to get the education and workforce training they need.

The Health and Wellness Cluster group was approached by The California Healthcare Foundation who is providing some support to the California Department of Health and Human Services. Specifically, they are funding the cost of some software that opens up data for public use for health care applications. They are funding 3 pilots to explore the use of this data at the three locations and one of them is Fresno. They are also willing to help fund the development of applications that would make use of the available data to derive economic and/or social value. For example, there might be apps that extract data that is useful for people who suffer from asthma or obesity. We have partnered with them and are having the first open round table in April.

During our next Health and Wellness Cluster meeting, the agenda includes an exploration of health issues in relation to economic impact; development is planned for the immediate future. We will also discuss further planning for the Health and Wellness Conference in the spring and create the planning committee agenda items.

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Higher Education
<b>OCED Staff Liaison(s)</b>	Mike Dozier
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	Central Valley Higher Education Consortium
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Cheri Cruz
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

### Three Year Strategic Plan

The Central Valley Higher Education Consortium Board of Directors embarked on an update to the strategic plan. The new 2014 - 2017 plan focuses on four overall goals: (1) Strengthen & promote a collective regional voice that advocates for higher education in the Central Valley; (2) Continually reinforce & nurture a college-going culture in the Central Valley; (3) Lead efforts to improve student success & completion of post-secondary educational goals; and (4) Develop new partnerships & leverage existing relationships to support CVHEC goals.

This plan provides the consortium with a blueprint for work throughout the Central Valley that will lead to an increase in access to higher education opportunities and the attainment of degrees and work-based certificates by people living in our service area.

### Lumina Foundation Community Partnership for Attainment

In collaboration with the Fresno Compact and Fresno Area STRIVE, CVHEC partnered in writing a successful grant application submitted to Lumina Foundation for a Community Partnership for Attainment grant. This prestigious grant is a cradle to career initiative that includes CVHEC; California State University, Fresno; Fresno Pacific University; State Center Community College District; and Fresno, Clovis, Central and Sanger Unified School Districts. The partnership will focus on connecting the work of local educational institutions and community organizations to improve postsecondary readiness and access, increase persistence and retention in postsecondary institutions, and increase certificate and degree completion rates over the next two years.

Lumina's focus on community-based attainment began because of the Foundation's recognition that community-based networks are well-suited to play a role in institutional planning and can provide the implementation and coordination that is necessary to create impact at state and federal levels in order to improve the nation's higher education system so that it better serves students.

These key players, led by CVHEC, will work closely with Lumina and national thought leaders to develop a customized action plan focused on reaching attainment goals to increase the percentage of high-quality credentials held by community residents. The collaborative effort connects participating cities with significant technical and planning assistance, data tools, flexible funding, and the ability to customize attainment plans that will best suit each community's needs and the well-being of its residents. Local leaders heading up this work represent a range of sectors from higher education, to K-12, employers, human services, religious and a variety of other community-based organizations.

The overall effort connects to Goal 2025, Lumina's national goal to increase the percentage of Americans with high-quality degrees, certificates, and other credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025. Progress toward the goal will be measured by credentials earned after high school, including certificates, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees held by local residents. The cities selected will work with Lumina through 2016 to expand and deepen the work they have demonstrated in advancing postsecondary attainment agendas.

### Complete College America Alliance

CVHEC became the first consortium in the United States to be invited by Complete College America to become a member of their "Alliance of States". The Alliance of States now includes 35 states whose governors pledge their higher education institutions will put in place the five "Game Changers" that will help all students succeed in college. California is not yet an alliance member; but, based on the past and current work of CVHEC, Complete College America offered this unique and outstanding opportunity to join the Alliance as a consortium. The Game Changers are

- Performance Funding
- Corequisite Remediation

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<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

- Full-Time Is Fifteen
- Structured Schedules
- Guided Pathways To Success

Established in 2009, Complete College America is a national nonprofit with a single mission: to work with states to significantly increase the number of Americans with quality career certificates or college degrees and to close attainment gaps for traditionally underrepresented populations. There is a strong partnership between Complete College America and Lumina Foundation which will be of great benefit as CVHEC works to implement both the Lumina Community Partnership for Attainment goals & objectives and the Complete College America Game Changers with CVHEC participating institutions.

The need for this work is compelling. Between 1970 and 2009, undergraduate enrollment in the United States more than doubled, while the completion rate has been virtually unchanged. And the completion rate in the Central Valley of California is even lower than the national rate. Progress has been made in giving students from all backgrounds access to college, but we need to now focus on the all-important job of helping them achieve a degree.

### College Next! Boot Camps

CVHEC was one of five organizations receiving funding for college readiness in 2014, when the Fresno Regional Foundation awarded \$25,000. Combined with a grant from Walter S. Johnson Foundation, CVHEC was awarded \$95,000 to fund College “Boot Camps” to help area high school students develop knowledge about getting into college and succeeding, as well as become trained Ambassadors for College Opportunity at their respective high schools. The Boot Camp experience lets students fine tune college applications through an instructed completion of a college admission essay. Academic advisors and mentors are on hand to answer questions and advise students.

The overall objective of the boot camps is to establish an on-going integrated, coordinated communitywide approach to increasing the Central Valley college-going rate and improve career and college readiness programs in the Central Valley, make better use of resources by coordinating and integrating programs, and impact more students.

With the funding, CVHEC hosted two residential camps in 2014, one in summer, and one in winter at Fresno State. The four day agenda included motivational speakers, college and university admission presenters, career assessments/exploration, and exposure to student life and university atmosphere. Data is collected, and follow up with participants is completed as they complete high school and enroll in college. A few highlights from the follow up of the first cohort includes:

- 100% of our student ambassadors will be on track to enroll in college with minimum remedial coursework required.
- 90% of the student ambassadors participating in college going activities will be on a college going program of study.
- 75% of students in the high school program will be receiving academic supportive services at the college they are attending to increase their retention and graduation rates.

The students were from 16 different high schools which are the following: Central, Mendota, Kerman, Firebaugh, Clovis, Fowler, Farmersville, Washington Union, Madera, Sanger, Sunnyside, Selma, Parlier, Edison, Laton, Coalinga, and Hanford. The next College Next Boot Camp will be held in June 2015 at CSU Stanislaus.

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Workforce Development Work Group
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Mike Dozier
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	Central California Workforce Collaborative
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Elaine Craig, Madera Workforce Investment Board
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1st Quarter 2015

Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) comprises the Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) from San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern, Inyo and Mono counties, and provides jobseekers, youth and businesses with workforce related needs in their respective counties.

During the first quarter of 2015, activities included:

1. Successfully completed the Veterans Employment Assistance Project (VEAP) – Fresno, Kings and Madera WIBs in partnership with PGE which provided specialized training to veterans for the utility industry
2. Continued work on the Central Valley Infrastructure Employment Project (CVIEP) – Fresno, Stanislaus and Kern/Inyo/Mono WIBs specific to pre-apprenticeship training for High Speed Rail and other public infrastructure projects.
3. Completed the Five County Craft Path Survey Project – Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare WIBs for the Prop 39 Pre Apprenticeship Support Training and Placement Grant. Began recruitment for the training cohorts with the first cohort scheduled for the end of June for training in identified trades for each respective counties labor market demand and needs.
4. The Slingshot Initiative in collaboration with the California Workforce Investment Board is currently in the planning phase with Madera WIB as the fiscal lead for the planning grant. Slingshot convening meetings are taking place with stakeholders and partners participating, such as the Partnership, Community Colleges, Economic Development and Employers in the Manufacturing Sector and Construction/Infrastructure specifically identified with the Fresno WIB. This Initiative will lead to a \$1m grant application and award to implement strategies to further assist workforce needs in the manufacturing and construction areas; such as reciprocity amongst college campuses for developed curriculum, stackable industry recognized credentials and certificates and credit bearing, prior learning assessment and credit granted.
5. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act will take effect 1 July 2015 replacing the Workforce Investment Act. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is being reviewed for appropriate implementation and transition. Will require regional strategic plans...the CCWC has been identified as a region by the CWIB but yet to be finalized in a Directive. WIOA has identified four core programs; Workforce, Adult Education and Literacy, Vocational Rehabilitation and Wagner Peyser/Job Services. TANF has been named as a mandatory partner. Significant and continued emphasis on employer engagement, skills training in identified industries and sectors based on labor market data and employer needs, career pathways, industry recognized skills and credentials that are stackable and portable. Mandated sequence of services has been removed allowing for more flexibility to customize individual services in the Job Centers. Significant emphasis on work based learning. Higher percentage allowed for OJTs and incumbent worker training. Higher percentage of funds must be spent on out of school youth 18-24 years of age, leaving very little funds for in school youth.
6. Implementation of a Jobs Driven National Emergency Grant with Madera as the fiscal lead for the entire region. 30% of the total funds must be expended on work-based learning activities; target population is long-term unemployed, 27 weeks or longer.

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Housing
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Jenna Chilingirian
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Monica Palmeira
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

The San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative (Collaborative) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization formed as a regional entity to specifically address housing issues in the eight-county region of the San Joaquin Valley (Valley). The Collaborative not only serves as a much-needed forum to discuss regional challenges and strategies to address the Valley's long- and short-term housing goals, it also serves as an invaluable tool for the region to organize as one voice when communicating with state and federal policymakers and regulatory agencies. The Collaborative operates as a joint partnership with staff from the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) and the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State.

### 2015-2016 Board Officers

- Michael Duarte, Chair
- Carol Ornelas, Vice Chair
- Ray Chavez, Secretary
- Heidi Crabtree, Treasurer

### 2015-2016 New Board Members

- Leilani Barnett, Federal Reserve Bank
- Susan Atkins, Self-Help Enterprises
- Heidi Crabtree, City of Clovis
- Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield
- Peter Carey, Retired, Self-Help Enterprises

### 2015 Objectives

- Filling gaps in capacity by hosting resource-sharing events and conversations
- Show how to leverage funds for several grants to make projects come to life

### 2015 Activities

- Education & Technical Assistance: ensure jurisdictions understand housing programs and as a result, the Housing Collaborative can act in an advocacy role based on issues and opportunities that emerge from the education and technical assistance processes;
- Convene: bring stakeholders together around housing issues and programs by activating the Affordable Housing Summit attendees and supporters;
- Change the Narrative: think and speak of the Valley as a “new frontier” that is “abundant” with opportunity.

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter board meeting was hosted in Fresno at Parc Grove Commons on Tuesday, February 3. Discussions focused on the 2014 San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit, the Housing Collaborative's role in cap and trade investment in the Valley, post-Summit action items and 2015 objectives.

Most recently, the Collaborative held their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter board meeting at Fresno State on Thursday, May 21. Discussions focused on formalizing a partnership with the Housing Opportunities Collaborative- Virtual Counselor Network, board recruitment, workshop and summit scheduling, and legislative action.

The Collaborative also voted to forge a formal partnership with the Housing Opportunities Collaborative- Virtual Counselor Network (HOV/VCN). The HOC/VNC is tax exempt non-profit organization consisting of HUD approved housing counseling and fair housing agencies, housing related nonprofits and business organizations, and governmental agencies that support all aspects of housing rights and responsibilities, mostly focused in Southern California. They serve as an information clearinghouse by consolidating housing related information and making it easily accessible to the public and partners. They are hoping to expand services into the San Joaquin Valley, and will work closely with our Collaborative to make this possible.

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Housing
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<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

### HOC/VCN and Collaborative Partnership

- The Program Manager for the HOC/VCN will provide staff support to the Collaborative
- CCRH and OCED will maintain advisory roles
- Will give the Collaborative a consistent programmatic arm

### Upcoming Collaborative Events

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Opportunities in the San Joaquin Valley  
*Tuesday July 21 | Merced Community Senior Center | Merced*
- Land Use & Financing for Affordable Housing Opportunities  
*Wednesday September 9 | UC Merced Center | Fresno*
- San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit  
*TBA November | Bakersfield*



## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	PreK-12 Education
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Mike Dozier
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Virginia Boris, Ed
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1st Quarter 2015

### Building Capacity for Instructional Improvement (BCII Program)

CVELI is the first educational organization in the United States to offer comprehensive internal coherence (IC) leadership team training to reinvent school culture by expanding the role of teacher leaders, increasing organizational transparency and focusing on a schoolwide instructional focus. Healthy organizations, including schools, have a high level of internal coherence-the shared belief that they can conquer any barriers to achieve priority organizational goals. Research shows that schools with high levels of internal coherence can overcome the negative impact of poverty on student achievement.

For the past decade Dr. Richard Elmore, Harvard Graduate School of Education, has studied internal coherence. The work of Elmore and his research colleagues culminated in the design of an 18-month training for principals and their leadership teams. For the past 18 months CVELI piloted Elmore's training with six high poverty schools in the feeder pattern of Clovis East High School. Because of the success of this pilot, CVELI will expand IC Leadership Team Training. CVELI is the ONLY organization in America offering this training. It is particularly fitting that the IC training be launched in our Valley where so many children grow up in high poverty homes.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2015, CVELI hosted a breakfast for superintendents and other Valley educational leaders to learn more about CVELI's BCII Program directly from Program participants. The principals and their leadership teams enthusiastically reported how the IC training has transformed the culture of their school sites. The BCII experience has transformed the unity and focus of these school faculties. Harvard has researched this work and will be publishing articles and a book about this work. CVELI will start two new cohorts of BCII in Fall 2015. One cohort will be ten new Clovis USD Schools. The second cohort will be six Rural Schools.

### Rural Schools Network

Superintendents from 22 school districts participated in CVELI's Rural Schools Network this year. Six regional programs featured classroom visitations, focused presentations and job-alike dialogues. CVELI continues to bring the resources of the University to rural districts in Fresno, Kings and Merced County. This work impacts over 12,000 Valley students.

### Lead Teacher Training

Last year our rural superintendents reported that teacher leaders were critical to the deep development and implementation of 21st Century Classrooms. Although teachers had extensive training in curriculum and instruction, they had little or no formal training in leadership. CVELI offered four one-day seminars in critical leadership topics: teambuilding, motivating adults, leadership during change and dealing with difficult people. These were very well received and the four sessions will be offered in the upcoming school year.

### Middle Leaders Program - Cohort Three

Five years ago, Fresno USD Superintendent Michael Hansen, requested that CVELI offer a training for Middle Leaders, classified and certificated administrators who were in middle management roles at school sites or at the district office. In response CVELI launched our Middle Leaders Program. This year seminar series addresses critical leadership topics for those in these critical middle leader roles. Our themes include leading from the middle, teambuilding, followership, building trust, dealing with difficult people, coaching up those you lead and creating a positive work culture/environment. The third program cohort began in Fall 2015; the 38 participants are drawn from six Valley school districts.

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	PreK-12 Education
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Mike Dozier
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Virginia Boris, Ed
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1st Quarter 2015

### **Exemplary Schools Conference: October 22, 2015**

AWAKEN THE LEARNER Featuring Bob Marzano and Darrell Scott SAVE THE DATE!!

The focus of this event will be how leaders create school cultures that can help awaken students' passion for learning. Explore research-based strategies to enhance teacher-student and peer relationships. Discover how to inspire purpose, reach students' hearts, and cultivate student security, identity, and belonging:

- Create safe, welcoming environments that encourage students to be present and positive.
- Explore the importance for educators to both instruct and awaken learners.
- Distinguish between methodical, metaphorical, and mystical
- Understand the role each stakeholder plays in awakening the learner.
- Teach essential cognitive skills that align with the Common Core State Standards.
- Promote student engagement using the self-system.

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Sustainable Communities
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Jenna Chilingierian
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Rob Terry, Fresno Councils of Government
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

Staff and local agencies continued to be involved in Valley-wide efforts to improve sustainability and smart growth planning. As part of these efforts, local agencies participated in meetings related to the Valley-wide Greenprint, attended local planning meetings, continued implementing the Smart Growth Principles of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, adopted and began implementation of their Sustainable Communities Strategies, and many participated in various One Voice/Valley Voice trips to both Sacramento and Washington D.C.

The SCS lays out how each region will meet greenhouse gas reduction targets set by the CARB. In mid-2015, several Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) continue to await review/acceptance of their Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) by the California Air Resources Board (CARB); while two (MCAG and MCTC) were in the beginning phases of their APS processes. Many San Joaquin Valley health and environmental justice advocates continue to be actively engaged in the various SCS/APS processes.

MPOs continued to meet for the Phase II of the Greenprint process. In Phase I, outreach strategies were identified and implemented, mapping resources formulated. Greenprint Phase I was presented to the MPOs, Valley Planner's Network (VPN), and the Regional Policy Council (RPC) and was approved in October 2014. Greenprint Phase II addresses workgroups and implementation of Phase I deliverables. A working management group is actively overseeing Phase II activities, which will include expert panels to discuss the overarching issues, and pilot projects that seek to address such issues in a real-world manner. The mapping tools delivered by Phase I provide an additional resource for local agencies to utilize as they seek to implement sustainable growth metric into their planning and development processes. The online "Planners Toolkit" continues to be updated with planning documents and templates related to smart growth, to also assist in these efforts.

As part of the Blueprint process, the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State organizes the annual Blueprint Awards Ceremony, which is held at the Fall Policy Conference in October. The purpose of the Blueprint Awards Program is to encourage quality in planning and development and to increase the public's awareness of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices in the built environment.

## Partnership Work Group Quarterly Report

<b>Work Group</b>	Water Quality, Supply & Reliability
<b>OCED Staff Liaison</b>	Ismael Herrera
<b>Lead Organization(s)</b>	California Water Institute
<b>Lead Organization Contact</b>	Sarge Green
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

During the most recent quarter the Fresno State water programs were involved in the following water matters of interest to the Partnership.

The drought certainly dominates the minds of most California citizens and as a result the Fresno State water programs have been asked by numerous agencies and organizations to provide conservation advice or services. Since agricultural water use and irrigation of outside landscapes constitute the largest portions of water use in the Valley these uses have been the focus of requests. However, these uses also have imbedded energy in them and agencies such as the California Energy Commission and the utilities have also sought information and engagement by the water programs. The actual work and implementation are linked to the investments from State water bond and cap and trade monies so increased education and outreach capabilities will likely begin after the new fiscal year starts. We have programs to assist with irrigation system evaluations and operations which have already been under way but likely will need to be deployed more often and at more locations. Future reports will document these efforts and perhaps quantify the impacts in terms of savings of water and energy.

The new groundwater law and its implementation have consistently engaged staff at the California Water Institute. CWI has been working with new groundwater ordinances and their implementation in Stanislaus and Merced Counties. Merced adopted their ordinance in March of this year. Stanislaus has been heavily involved in implementation of theirs. Both counties are also engaged with their larger water community on how to implement the new State groundwater law as well. Implementation will require new levels of Valley-wide coordination that will be described further in a request to the Partnership Board that is included in an attachment to this summary report.

Lastly, Fresno State water program staff has recently been engaged as experts in two arenas.

The first is the new Water Policy Center of the Public Policy Institute of California. PPIC has opined on water policy matters often over many years and decided to fully engage in the matter by adding a specific permanent effort and enlisting support subject matter experts from around the State. We have been particularly engaged here at Fresno State because the PPIC staff believe the Valley is “ground zero” for groundwater and water supply problems and proposes to invest attention and resources to thoroughly analyze issues and opportunities for water sustainability. We will provide links to interested Partnership members upon request so they can follow this activity.

The second policy arena our staff has been involved in is new legislation. Valley representatives recently engaged our staff to give technical analyses of the value of proposed bills, not support or opposition but the nuts and bolts of what the legislation does or means. Two bills of interest involved included one requesting analysis of third party impacts of re-diversion of additional surface water to meet Delta objectives and the other was to establish a State-authorized loan and grant fund for replacement of lost domestic water wells of individual property owners. Both passed out of committee hearings and await additional approvals.

Finally, the staff of the Water Institute has been asked by at least one Valley county to explore using the Water Work Group to engage in a Valley-wide dialog on integrating the efforts of counties and cities in groundwater management with the public water agencies engaging in similar efforts to implement the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act”. A summary report and initial proposal is attached for consideration by the Partnership Board. The action item request is to approve moving forward with the proposal.

**Paul Boyer, Self-Help Enterprises**

Paul Boyer is the community development program director of Self-Help Enterprises where he assists disadvantaged rural Valley communities in developing funding for water and sewer projects. In addition, his work includes assisting community groups and Boards in forming Districts, assessing water quality problems and water system needs, and applying for and administering government loans/grants for project financing. Currently, Boyer serves as a member of the Tulare County Water Commission and as mayor pro tem for the City of Farmersville.

**Penny Carlo, Carollo Engineers**

Penny Carlo is an Associate Vice President with Carollo Engineers. She has a BS in microbiology from the University of Wyoming and a MS in civil engineering from Fresno State University. She has worked for Carollo in their Fresno office for 24 years, assisting clients in the San Joaquin Valley and throughout the State with their water and wastewater programs, with a focus on salinity and nitrogen management and control. Penny is the Project Manager for Delano's biotita™ nitrate removal pilot and demonstration project, and will summarize the findings of the pilot study, which was completed earlier this month.

**Phil Chandler, Ionex SG**

Phil Chandler is the managing director for Ionex SG, an environmental systems division of Severn Glocon Group plc. He has 20 years of experience as a pollution treatment and abatement engineer. Chandler is responsible for the development of water, oil, and gas pollution treatment and abatement technologies. He previously worked in semiconductor, solar and heavy industrial industries.

**Doug Craver, AdEdge Water Technologies**

Doug Craver is the western regional sales manager for AdEdge Water Technologies, LLC. Craver has more than 30 years of experience in the water treatment industry, serving in capacities ranging from application engineering, system design, sales, and system start-up. Technologies applied throughout his career include specialty filtration, reverse osmosis, seawater desalination, ultrapure water, ultraviolet disinfection, ozonation, industrial wastewater, onsite wastewater, municipal wastewater treatment/odor control, and pump systems.

**Bill Croyle, CA Department of Water Resources**

Bill Croyle is the deputy director for Statewide Emergency Preparedness and Security and the drought emergency operations manager of the California Department of Water Resources. Croyle represents the department on Governor Brown's Interagency Drought Task Force, which coordinates drought assessment, response and mitigation actions among a multitude of local, State and federal agencies. He sits on various drought task forces and workgroups, and oversees the department's Drought Management Operations Team.

**Dee Dee D'Adamo, State Water Resources Control Board**

Dorene D'Adamo was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Water Resources Control Board in 2013. Previously, she served on the California Air Resources Board from 1999-2013 where she was instrumental in the board's air quality and climate change programs and regulations.

D'Adamo has served in various capacities for members of Congress from the San Joaquin Valley over a 20-year period, working primarily on environmental, water and agriculture legislative policy.

**Joe Del Bosque, CA Water Commission**

Joe Del Bosque is the president and CEO of Empresas Del Bosque, Inc., a diversified farm in the San Joaquin Valley. He is a chair emeritus of AgSafe and director of the California Melon Research Board. In Addition, Del Bosque serves on the board of directors of the Fresno Regional Foundation, and is a member of California Farm Bureau, California Latino Water Coalition, and Western Growers Association.

**Kristin Dobbin, Community Water Center**

Kristin Dobbin is the regional water management coordinator at Community Water Center. Her work includes regional planning and policy and program development in the Tulare Lake Basin to increase access to safe and affordable drinking water for the region's disadvantaged communities.

**Cindy Forbes, State Water Resources Control Board**

Currently the deputy director of the Division of Drinking Water at the State Water Resources Control Board, Cindy Forbes has worked in the Drinking Water Program since 1978. She oversees a staff of 225 that are located in 24 district offices, and 7500 public water systems and 30 LPAs. Forbes has participated at a national level with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in developing new regulations that will impact the drinking water industry. In addition, she is actively involved in the National American Waterworks Association (AWWA), Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), and is the current chair of the Regulatory Agencies Workgroup.

**Liz Haven, State Water Resources Control Board**

Liz Haven is the director of transitions at the State Water Board and is the Board's point person for the transfer of the Drinking Water Program. Currently, she works on the Affordable, Safe Drinking Water proposal to provide drinking water to disadvantaged communities. Haven previously served as the deputy director of the Division of Financial Assistance and the assistant deputy director of the Division of Water Quality.

**Ryan Jensen, Community Water Center**

Ryan Jensen is the community organizer at the Community Water Center. He provides support in organizing and trainings for environmental justice campaigns around drinking water issues to develop leadership capacity in disadvantaged partner communities throughout the Valley.

**Eugene Leung, State Water Resources Control Board**

Eugene Leung is a drinking water technical specialist in the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water and Technical Operations Section. He has been with the Board since 1997 as a sanitary engineer and associate sanitary engineer. In addition, Leung is a registered civil engineer and a T4 water treatment operator.

**Dave Orth, Kings River Conservation District**

David L. Orth has more than 28 years of experience in California water policy and management. Orth is currently the general manager for Kings River Conservation District. He is deeply involved in the development of sustainable policies for local groundwater management and water quality protection. Orth was director of finance and general manager for Westlands Water District and managed water and gas portfolios for a large San Joaquin Valley farming operation. Orth serves on the California Water Commission and the board of directors of Association of California Water Agencies as the Region 6 chair.

**Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board**

Darrin Polhemus is the deputy director for the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance. The Division of Financial Assistance administers the Water Board's local assistance funding programs, such as the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan programs and more. The Division's programs provide funding for a wide array of project types, including infrastructure funding for wastewater, recycled water, and drinking water systems.

**Sarah Reyes, The California Endowment**

Sarah Reyes is the program manager for the Central Valley for The California Endowment. The California Endowment is a multi-billion dollar non-profit health foundation whose goals is to make positive healthy changes in the lives of those living in underserved, underrepresented, and impoverished areas. Prior to California Endowment, Reyes worked as chief of staff to Assembly Member Juan Arambula, and from 1998-2004, she served as assembly member for the 31<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, as the first Latina and only the second woman to be elected to a state position from the Central Valley.

**Janice Waddell, USDA Rural Development**

Janice Waddell serves as the assistant to the state director and Native American coordinator for USDA Rural Development California. Waddell's focus is on expanding the use of Public Private Partnerships as a financing mechanism for infrastructure projects and job creation in rural California. Prior, she served as community programs director in California for 19 years where she was responsible for the administration of the water and waste disposal and community facilities programs of USDA Rural Development. In her tenure, Waddell delivered over \$1.2 billion in funding in improvements to water and sewer systems and for public safety, healthcare, and childcare throughout rural California.

**Mike Waite, Ionex SG**

Mike Waite is the director of technology for Ionex SG, an environmental systems division of Severn Glocon Group plc. He has 25 years of experience in the development of waste reduction technologies. Waite is responsible for the development of groundwater pollution treatment technologies with Severn Glocon and previously worked in the water and nuclear industries.