California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

2015 Recognition Awards

Connect
Collaborate
Advocate
Greenhouse Gas Reductions Contributions – CalVans

Blue Tech Valley Business Support Services – ICWT/WET

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
Blue Tech Valley Business Support Services

International Center for Water Technology, Fresno State
Key Partner
Water and Energy Technology Center, Fresno State

• Innovative services growing companies - both small and large, existing and startup - to have a big impact on the San Joaquin Valley. BioFiltro, a member of the WET Center, recently completed its first commercial-scale water treatment facility at a dairy near Hilmar.

• The Technology Innovation Evaluation committee is a service provided to evaluate growing companies and make recommendations for next steps. Thanks to the TIE committee, the Fresno area is gaining recognition as the place to evaluate new water technology and start or grow a company.
Greenhouse Gas Reductions Contributions

CalVans
Key Partner
California Vanpool Authority

- Began in 2001 in Kings County with one van; vanpool program run by a regional authority, covering many of the state’s most productive agricultural areas, including San Joaquin Valley, Imperial Valley and Salinas Valley
- Began for improvement of farmworker van safety; farmworkers remain the main participants and along with correctional officers make up about 80 percent of the program’s total van use.
- Saved the state 80.6 million vehicle miles travelled, a reduction of more than 28,000 tons of greenhouse gases
- Awarded $3 million cap-and-trade funding; will add 80 vans to 482 currently operating
San Joaquin Sustainable Communities Coalition – San Joaquin County COG

City of Reedley General Plan Update

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING
City of Reedley

- February 2015 Reedley City Council approved City of Reedley General Plan Update 2030.
- Key components of the Plan: future growth patterns, groundwater management, farmland conservation. Highlights include:
  - Minimized premature conversion of 633 acres of agricultural lands
  - Will reduce consumptive water use by 15 percent by 2030
  - Has lowest per capita consumption of water, per the State of California
  - Currently developing its first Climate Action Plan, scheduled for completion late 2015
- Kings River Village direct result of bold initiatives
  - Regional model for design, walkability, higher density housing options
  - Incorporates bio swales for groundwater management, and conservation
San Joaquin Sustainable Communities Coalition

San Joaquin Council of Governments
ClimatePlan

- Created as a result of California Senate Bill 375, 2008, which required each Metropolitan Planning Organization statewide, to include a Sustainable Communities Strategy as part of a long-range transportation planning document, the Regional Transportation Plan.

- The Coalition is a collection of 17 advocates and community organizations - environmental groups, faith-based organizations, public health advocates, education leaders; and business, planning and building professionals - primarily from San Joaquin County.

- Advocates and community organizations joined together for the expressed purpose to advocate for a strong and thorough Sustainable Communities Strategy for San Joaquin County, and beyond.
Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy – California Community Colleges

Streamlined Permitting in Turlock

JOB CREATION
Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy

California Community Colleges
Office of the Chancellor

Key Partners

CA Workforce Investment Boards
CA Economic Development Corporations
Regional Community Colleges
CA Employment Training Panel

CA Division of Apprenticeship Standards
CA Employment Development Department
CA Labor and Workforce Development Agency
CA Department of Education

• Innovation in job training
• Bridging skills and jobs mismatch
• Prepare California’s workforce for 21st Century careers

• Strategy
  1. Give priority for jobs, economy
  2. Make room for jobs, economy
  3. Promote student success
  4. Innovate for jobs, economy
Streamlined permitting paves way for Blue Diamond Almond Growers facility

City of Turlock

- Recognized for successful implementation of Westside Industrial Specific Plan (WISP) paving the way for development of an “Agri-Science Cluster”
- Streamlined development process for approving new agricultural businesses that thrive in Central Valley
- Grand opening of 200,000-square-foot Blue Diamond almond processing plant, 300 new jobs
- Turlock Regional Industrial Park, encompassing 2,615 acres
- City planned, invested in infrastructure friendly to agri-business
- Improved customer service for clients doing business with Turlock
Thank you!