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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP (ECON)

Lead Organization: Central California Development Corporation

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

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

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Objective A: Continue to work with sitting Renewable Energy Companies and cluster industries		IP	California Central Valley EDC county board members are actively working with renewable energy companies to locate in the Valley.
Objective B: Work with state officials to remove administrative barriers to clean energy deployment.		IP	California Central Valley EDC has received a paper from a consortium of solar projects that view the Williamson Act as a barrier to deployment.
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter			
New funds leveraged during the quarter.			