



California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

California's 21st Century Opportunity

The Partnership

Set in motion by an executive order from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in June 2005 and renewed in November 2006, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is an unprecedented public-private partnership sharply focused on improving the region's economic vitality and quality of life for the 3.9 million residents who call the San Joaquin Valley home. The Partnership is addressing the challenges of the region by implementing measurable actions on economic, environmental, and social levels to help the San Joaquin Valley emerge as California's 21st Century Opportunity.

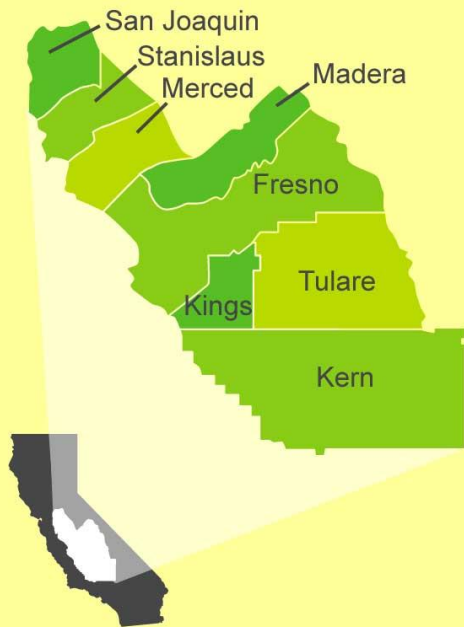
Governor Schwarzenegger continued the Partnership with Executive Order S-17-08 in December 2008, and Executive Order S-10-10 in July 2010, which implemented governance changes and continued the Partnership indefinitely.

Six Major Initiatives of the Partnership



History

Recognizing both the great potential of the region and the current challenges, Governor Schwarzenegger formed the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley in June 2005. As the governor stated in his Executive Order, "The strength of California is tied to the economic success of the San Joaquin Valley." Led by an appointed, 40-member board, the Partnership engaged hundreds of people in the eight-county San Joaquin Valley to focus on action strategies, and the board released its Strategic Action Proposal in October 2006. Governor Schwarzenegger and the state Legislature approved \$5 million in the State Budget for 2006-2007 to jump-start implementation of the Strategic Action Proposal.



The Region

The eight-county region encompasses 62 cities with 25,000 square miles and continues to be one of the fastest growing regions in California. Size alone does not set this region apart—the San Joaquin Valley has vast resources.

- Agricultural powerhouse – \$20 billion in agricultural value earned annually in eight-county region
- Gateway to three world-class national parks
- Home to important natural resources – oil and natural gas fields, vast wetlands, and unique plant and animal communities
- System of rivers that drains the Sierra and joins the San Joaquin River as it flows through the region

The Challenges

The San Joaquin Valley has persistent problems of poverty, environmental degradation, and social separation, as evidenced by consistent under-performance compared to California, overall:

- Average per capita incomes are 32 percent lower*
- Number of college graduates, 50 percent less**
- Violent crime is 15 percent higher***
- Access to health care is 50 percent lower (based on the number of primary care physicians per 1,000 people)****
- Air quality, though improved, remains among the worst in the nation

The Opportunity

The Partnership has a unique opportunity to provide a world-class region with a diversified economy, a healthy environment, and a high quality of life for all through collaboration on a scale that has not been done before. Experts and leaders are building on the region’s strengths to create opportunity – *California’s 21st Century Opportunity*.

- Cutting-edge, state-of-the-art, renewable energy systems to support communities and industries
- Mobility for people and commerce in new ways
- New model of economic development that supports agriculture and a healthy environment with clean air and plentiful, clean water
- Diversified, globally competitive economy with a skilled workforce
- PreK-12 public school system that supports student achievement and prepares children for success in college and career
- High-quality, accessible health and human services

The Work

The Partnership has brought together experts and leaders committed to sustainable economic development, environmental stewardship, and human advocacy. The Partnership is focused on action around ten work groups: air quality; economic development; energy, health and human services; higher education and workforce development; PreK-12 education; land use, agriculture, and housing; advanced communications services; transportation; and water quality, supply and reliability.

*U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

**U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

***California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Justice Statistics Center

****RAND California Statistics, Health Care Financing Administration, Medicaid Statistics Branch



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