California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 13, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: Madera Center, SCCCD – 30277 Avenue 12
Madera, California 93638

AGENDA			
10:00	I.	**Convene Meeting & Introductory Remarks**	Chair Conway
10:05	II.	**Self-Introductions**	Board & Public
10:15	III.	**Review and Approval of Minutes** • February 8, 2008 • April 10, 2008 *K-12 Special Session*	C. Conway
10:20	V.	**Priority Work Group Updates** • Water Quality, Supply & Reliability (10:20-10:35) • Transportation (10:35-10:45) — HSR Update & Legislation (10:45-11:00) • Air Quality (11:00-11:15)	 Ray Watson Frank Bigelow Carrie Pourvahidi, HSRA, Peter Weber Peter Weber
11:15	VI.	• K-12 Special Session Report on Outcomes and Next Steps	Dr. Lee Andersen
12:00		**Lunch Recess** • California Travel & Tourism Commission Update	 Caroline Beteta, CTTC
1:00	VII.	**In Depth Work Group Report** • Economic Development	Stan Simpson, Paul Saldana, Bobby Kahn
1:45	VIII.	**Follow-Up Items from Feb. Meeting** • Blueprint Update (1:45-2:15) • UC Merced Medical School Update (2:15-2:25)	 Barry Hibbard Larry Salinas, Brandy Nikaido, UC Merced
2:25	IX.	**Report from the Secretariat** • Partnership Sustainability • Communications & Leg Affairs Update • Seed Grant Summary Report • Work Group/Seed Grant Reports – comments and suggestions from the board	Ashley Swearengin
2:45	X.	**Annual Summit and Report**	David Hosley
2:50	XI.	**Public Comment**	Public
3:00	XII.	**Adjournment**	C. Conway

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California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, February 8, 2008
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Downtown Club
Fresno, California

Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: James Aleru, Lee Andersen, Alan Autry, William Ing (Representing Secretary Kim Belshé), Frank Bigelow, Brian McGowan (Representing Secretary Bonner), Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary Mike Chrisman, Chair Connie Conway, DeeDee D'Adamo, Barbara Goodwin, Dr. Frank Gornick, Coke Hallowell, Corwin Harper, Barry Hibbard, Farrell Jackson, George Deese (Representing Secretary A.G. Kawamura), Kirk Lindsey, Regina Brown Wilson and Camille Maben (Representing Secretary Long), Luisa Medina, Mike Navarro, Leroy Ornellas, Pete Parra, Gary Podesto, Jeff Rowe, Lorraine Salazar, Paul Saldana, Vanessa Wiseman (Representing Gov. Schwarzenegger's office), Stanley Simpson, Carolina Simunovic (Blueprint Liaison), Gene Voiland, Ray Watson, Pete Weber
Legislators: Assemblyman Juan Arambula
Staff: David Hosley, Ashley Swearengin, Carol Whiteside

I. Convene Meeting

Chair Conway called to order at 10:05 a.m. the meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership).

II. Introductory Remarks

Chair Conway presented Carol Whiteside with a token of appreciation to commemorate her many years of service to the San Joaquin Valley as the president of the Great Valley Center and welcomed incoming president, David Hosley to the Partnership. Chair Conway announced that the Governor recently appointed Lee Andersen as a "regional consortium" board member representing the San Joaquin Valley County Superintendents of Schools Consortium. Corwin Harper was also recently appointed by the Governor as a "regional consortium" board member representing the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California. Chair Conway welcomed the new board members to the meeting and thanked them for their involvement in the Partnership.

Members of the public introduced themselves followed by the introduction of the board members.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Swearengin suggested amending the minutes to correctly reflect the name of Marvin Dean. Mr. Saldana moved to approve the November 9, 2007, minutes as amended. Ms. Medina seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Marvin Dean thanked Chair Conway for speaking at the Kern County Minority Contractor Association Regional Conference in Bakersfield on January 10 and 11 and provided the board with an update on the conference. Mr. Dean requested that the Partnership continue to broadcast information as plans are made for the next conference in early 2009.

V. Priority Work Group Updates

Air Quality: Mr. Weber reviewed Proposition 1B, an infrastructure bond including $1 billion for air quality mitigation. Major progress was realized when the San Joaquin Valley was identified as one of the regions identified for funding. Additionally, truck modernization was originally excluded in the guidelines and is now recognized as the single biggest impact for cleaning the air. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has produced guidelines that identify the Central Valley receiving 25% of the funding. Work is under way to reevaluate the allocation; it is believed that the Central Valley should receive its fair share equaling 37-42%. Mr. Weber requested that letters of support be sent to CARB to this effect.

Mr. Weber indicated that although significant progress is being made, the board can not lose sight of the fact that $3 billion is needed to adequately address air quality issues.

A recent, well attended short sea shipping conference resulted in agreement to conduct a comprehensive feasibility analysis. The Air Quality District committed $250,000 toward the $1.5-2 million analysis.

Transportation: Mr. Bigelow stated that the Transportation and Advanced Communication Service Work Groups convened on January 17 to address the joint goal of installing conduit during road construction.

Ms. Goodwin discussed the issue of Highway 99 receiving interstate designation. The cost of a study to address the designation process is estimated to cost $500,000. Some Council of Governments (COGs) have expressed concern over the substantial expense to improve the highway to meet interstate regulations, without adding lanes. Ms. Goodwin stated that there is an assumed economic development benefit resulting from the designation. Caltrans and the Council of Governments (COGs) have discussed a preliminary economic benefits assessment. The assessment would cost $50,000. This study will produce a document offering fact based recommendations to move forward on the interstate designation issue. Mr. Lindsay suggested that the Partnership, supported by the COGs, request Caltrans to pay $25,000, half of the cost of the economic study, and include language requesting additional funds for the route concept program next year.

Ms. Hallowell reviewed the proposed resolution in support of conduit construction policies and broadband access in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Bigelow moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Hallowell seconded the motion. Mr. Lindsey asked if Caltrans could accommodate the requests in the resolution, and if so, would it slow them down. Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans, stated that there is no indication this request would slow them down and that Caltrans is fully supportive, however, the process still needs to be defined. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Lindsey provided an update on transportation as it relates to High Speed Rail (HSR). Recently a study was approved to move forward on determining the location of a stop in the Tulare/Visalia/Hanford/Kingsburg area. In addition, Mr. Lindsey reported that by taking no action, the High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) agreed to move forward with the Pacheco Pass alignment at its last meeting. Mr. Lindsey reminded the board of the Partnership's support for the Altamont Pass Corridor and commented that the Valley provided a unified position to the Authority and asked the Authority to include Partnership representation in the Altamont committee. An environmental review is currently under way and the decision is scheduled to be final in June 2008. Mr. Lindsey suggested that this contentious decision has resulted in a need to reevaluate and attempt to reach common ground before the route selection is finalized.

Mr. Weber stated that the San Joaquin Valley spoke with one voice and submitted a Partnership letter, as well as providing testimony. Specifically, the Partnership presented the HSRA with three concerns. The recommendation from HSRA was non responsive to those concerns. Ms. Goodwin commented that the San Joaquin Valley also partnered with Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Sacramento Area COG who are also supportive of the Altamont Pass Corridor. Carrie Pourvahidi, HSRA, stated that they are currently moving forward without the Partnership and meetings are under way involving a smaller group of those directly impacted by the Altamont Pass Corridor. Mr. Weber inquired why the Partnership was being excluded by the HSRA in this process. Ms. Pourvahidi indicated that the decision at the HSRA board level to include or exclude the Partnership from the process was postponed. Mr. Lindsey recalled that the item was not postponed by the Authority. Rather, the request to include the Partnership in the Altamont Pass Committee was denied. Mr. Weber restated that the Authority has not been responsive to the requests of the Partnership or the San Joaquin Valley.

Ms. Wiseman offered to provide more information on legislation that would allow the State to enter into public/private partnerships. Mr. Lindsey commented that legislation currently exists allowing the HSRA the authority to create those partnerships.

Water Quality, Supply and Reliability: Mr. Watson defined the issues related to developing Integrated Regional Water Map Plans (IRWMP) for the future growth of the San Joaquin Valley and the State. Addressing the Delta is critical to successful planning. The Water Work Group is committed to having unanimous support of the final version of the bond language being drafted. Mr. Watson reviewed the resolution in support of engaging Briscoe, Ivester and Baxel LLP to provide legal services. Mr. Weber moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Podesto seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Kathy Wood, California Water Institute, convened the water advisory group on February 7, focusing on guiding the development for the framework of the San Joaquin Valley's plan. There have been several applications for water shed grants and work to fill every water shed with a coordinator. The framework is expected to be presented to the Partnership Board at the December 2008 meeting.

Mario Santoyo, Friant Water Authority updated the board on the recent water forum, which focused on water education.

Mr. Watson and Mr. Ornellas agreed that more progress has been made recently than has been made in the last 25 years. Secretary Chrisman commented that the efforts of the Partnership are critical to the work of the State. A high level vision for the Delta report was released and is available on the State's Delta Vision Web site. This report will result in direct recommendations being presented to the Governor. Secretary Chrisman indicated that we are at a historic juncture in water. The system that was built for 18 million now supports 38 million, and the Delta is in major stress.

Jim Tischer acknowledged DeeDee D'Adamo and her efforts to support the regional water plan on behalf of Representative Cardoza.

VI. Follow-Up Items from Previous Board Meeting

Land Use, Agriculture and Housing: Rollie Smith, Housing and Urban Development, presented the San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Trust (Trust) for approval by the Partnership. Mr. Smith indicated that Prop 1C funds would need to be set aside for a period of time. This would allow for local jurisdictions to develop mechanisms for receiving the funds. Mr. Weber moved to approve of the Trust. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion. Mr. Smith indicated that experienced specialists such as law enforcement would be considered for board seats at Mr. Simpson's request. Dr. Andersen suggested that facilities for child care be considered as an incentive. Mr. Smith stated that the Trust would have an impact in the general plan updates. Mr. Harper suggested that the aging of the population be considered as a factor.

Ms. Medina urged that the board consider a strategy regarding receiving the San Joaquin Valley's fair share of Prop 1C. Katie Stevens will determine the status and process for accessing Prop 1C funds.

Mr. Navarro recommended that a walking community be part of the design component. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lunch Recess

Mike Genest, Director of Finance, State of California, presented the Governor's budget reform, proposing to eliminate projected deficits in the future.

VI. Follow-Up Items from Previous Board Meeting (Continued)

Health and Human Services: Mr. Navarro thanked Assemblymember Arambula for effectively distributing the Partnership's recommendations on health care reform. Laurie Primavera, Central Valley Health Policy Institute (CVHPI), reported that in spite of the reform not passing their health directors are pursuing additional strategies such as children's health care incentives. Dr. Capitman, CVHPI recently drafted a proposal that is being vetted through the work group. Ms. Primavera stated that a frustration being experienced is that it is difficult for the average citizen to weigh in on the discussion which is a necessity to truly speak with one voice. A report is anticipated at the next quarterly board meeting.

Mr. Navarro suggested that another attempt to join the conveners is appropriate.

Mr. Harper indicated that the Hospital Council agrees with many of the recommendations but is at the same juncture, there is not sufficient funding. He

suggested that joining similar items would be most impactful and perhaps a conveners meeting is the appropriate group to solve the problem in a different style.

Ms. Simunovic asked about the San Joaquin Valley's health care funding levels relative to the rest of the state. Ms. Primavera indicated that there are inequities; however, there is not a mechanism in place that specifically carves out the San Joaquin Valley so there is no quantifiable information on this topic. Mr. Navarro added that having a diverse population spread over such a large geographic area also has an impact. Mr. Ing stated that the Governor and the Administration recognize the severity of health care issues and remain committed to health care reform. The State has been working with the Partnership Work Group's such as the Social Welfare Evaluation Research and Training Center on these matters.

Blueprint Update: This update was postponed until the next quarterly board meeting.

VII. In Depth Work Group Reports

K-12 Education: Dr. Andersen introduced a panel of presenters to provide an in depth report to the board. They included: Jill Tafoya (Fresno County Office of Education), Dr. Sally Frazier (Madera County Superintendent), Larry Powell (Fresno County Superintendent) and Dr. Marcy Masumoto (Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute). Ms. Tafoya presented an overview of the English Learners Academy, its participants, content and bottlenecks. Dr. Frazier discussed the Regional System of District and School Support. Dr. Frazier briefly reviewed the state and county reform system and the academic performance index. Dr. Masumoto reviewed the development of a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Powell provided a context for the discussion on education issues in the San Joaquin Valley. He indicated that the region has more students than Los Angeles and is very challenged with the current state of finances. He indicated that 41% of the state's budget is education, but education has suffered 62% of the cuts. Mr. Powell would like to see that gap addressed. Mr. Powell continued to discuss the racial gap and the impact of baby boomers leaving the education field. Furthermore, he indicated that the federal and state requirements, which overlap, conflict with one another and that legislative action is needed to correct the issue. Categorical programs are restricting educators from being effective and focusing on the number one priority, which is teaching children. Mr. Powell insists that flexibility is necessary for success. Mr. Powell reviewed the financial burden with the example that for every $100 received last year, the schools will receive $93-$94 next year. Mr. Powell stated that the San Joaquin Valley receives $500 less per child than other areas of California, yet we are held to the exact same performance standards.

Mayor Autry expressed frustration about focusing on the financial problems of education. He believes that the system itself is broken and requested feedback on how that was being addressed by the K-12 Work Group. Mayor Autry addressed the panel and thanked them for the presentation and their commitment to quality education. He asked about the bigger issue of accountability and thoughts on the Governor's K-12 commission recommendations on alternative accountability models.

Dr. Andersen stated that the San Joaquin Valley's educational performance is improving at a faster rate than the state's improvements. Dr. Frazier referred the board back to the

slides she presented on the data systems that are in place to make sure educational progress is tracked.

Mr. Lindsey asked about the mechanisms in place to provide accountability of leaders in school systems. Mr. Powell indicated that there are seven sanctions that are imposed on schools that do not meet the requirements. He indicated that at the county level, there is more flexibility because the county superintendents have authority while school district supervisors need political approval to make changes and have to report to several people. Mr. Powell emphasized that the Governor's commission recommends that county superintendents have more influence over local districts to help improve school performance.

Mayor Autry again expressed his frustration that so many good people are giving their hearts and souls to a broken system.

Ms. Medina restated the there are two main issues impacting public education: accountability and categorical programs. She asked how the Partnership could elevate these issues and weigh in on the proposed changes that are needed to correct these issues. Ms. Medina suggested evaluating and taking a position on the Governor's recommendations, which will soon be published.

Mr. Weber asked the K-12 Work Group to bring bold ideas to the board and asked that at a future meeting, the agenda be structured to allow for discussion of those bold ideas.

Mr. Lindsey stated that he has heard the same conversation for 30 years. Schools seem unable to change and always need more money to perform. Mr. Lindsey recommended that to be successful, private businesses need to be involved in the process.

Dr. Andersen agreed with Mr. Lindsey's point and provided examples of the school-business partnerships that already exist in the region. Mr. Powell agreed that more private sector involvement is needed and asked for input from the board on how to accomplish that.

Higher Education and Workforce Development: Secretary Bradshaw reminded the board that the end goal for the Higher Education and Workforce Development Work Group is to have children obtain education or training after high school and find secure jobs. A part of that equation is predicting where the jobs are going to be. She pointed out that the Partnership has been effective in increasing allocations from the discretionary money processed by the Labor and Workforce Agency.

Mr. Rowe reviewed the goals and objectives of the work group and indicated that many of the objectives have been met. A grant for $1 million was received from the EDD. He indicated that 49% of the jobs in California don't require a college education, but do require more education or training than is being provided in high school. Mr. Rowe explained the Career Pathway programs and a workforce development survey compiling demand jobs now as well as in the future. The survey is being conducted throughout the region.

Dr. Carole Goldsmith, West Hills Community College District, reviewed the Fresno County study on skill sets needed for jobs. Community colleges are responding to the

data provided by the Fresno County Workforce Investment Board and has worked on aligning existing classes to meet those needs. Training is being tailored specifically towards industry. Mr. Rowe requested that all employers on the board complete the survey.

Mr. Rowe discussed the work ready certificate program which each county can access through "Work Keys." This program has resulted in companies with a 50% turnover rate reducing their rate to 20% in Stanislaus County. The Work Group will be seeking funds through grants to expand this service.

Secretary Bradshaw commented that the San Joaquin Valley WIBs are further along than other WIBs in the state in their use of real-time data from employers on high demand occupations. She asked that the Higher Education and Workforce Development Work Group align with the K-12 Work Group to develop a pilot project. Mr. Rowe cited a program in Stanislaus County in the advanced manufacturing industry similar to the pilot project Secretary Bradshaw suggested.

Dr. Gornick stated that the next logical conversation would be between the workforce investment boards and the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium.

Mr. Harper suggested that the employer survey should be put on Partnership letterhead and circulated again in order to get more input. He complimented the Stanislaus Alliance, which is a combined economic development/workforce development agency in Stanislaus County. He affirmed that the Partnership needs to pull together K-12 Education, Higher Education/Workforce Development and the private sector to find solutions.

Mr. Lindsey commented that there have been significant changes at the state level related to workforce investment boards.

Secretary Bradshaw encouraged the Partnership to not wait for the state to make changes but to move forward with programs and recommendations that work for the region as soon as possible.

Ms. Swearengin recommended that the board conduct a special board meeting to allow time for thorough discussion on K-12 Education and Higher Education/Workforce Development issues. The Secretariat office will coordinate the meeting before the next regularly scheduled May board meeting.

UC Merced Medical School: This in depth report was postponed until the May 16 board meeting. Dee Dee D'Adamo asked that the Partnership Executive Committee work on pursuing bond funds for the UC Merced Medical School. Mr. Weber agreed that would be an appropriate role for the Partnership to play and indicated that Mayor Autry and Chancellor Kang have also been working together on a strategy for securing funds for the medical school.

VIII. Report from the Secretariat

Katie Stevens, Secretariat representative, provided an update on the status of AB-27, a two year bill designed to extend the Partnership through the completion of the action plan. Although AB-27 received bipartisan support in the policy committee, it was placed

in suspense and is now considered a “dead” bill. It is anticipated that a new bill will be drafted by November 22, 2008 in regards to the sustainability of the Partnership.

Ms. Swearengin confirmed that her office will work with the Partnership board to schedule a special session on K-12 Education and Higher Education/Workforce Development. She recommended that the board also spend time discussing the sustainability of the Partnership and its funding at this special session.

IX. Other

Mr. Lindsey challenged the Partnership board to find opportunities for San Joaquin Valley representatives to be appointed to State board seats. Ms. D’Adamo suggested that a mechanism be developed to track appointments through the Governor’s office.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting of the Partnership is scheduled for May 16, 2008.

X. Adjournment

Chair Conway provided closing remarks and at 3:40 p.m. adjourned the meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Special Session

Thursday, April 10, 2008
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
West Hills Community College, Lemoore, CA

Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: Lee Andersen, Alan Autry, Marcelyn Buford, Kathleen Crookham, Dr. Frank Gornick, Coke Hallowell, Secretary David Long, Luisa Medina, Mike Navarro, Jeff Rowe, Stanley Simpson, Peter Weber, Vanessa Wiseman (Representing Governor Schwarzenegger's office)
Staff: Ashley Swearengin

I. Convene Meeting

Acting Chair Pete Weber called to order at 10:11 a.m. the meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) – Special Session.

II. Introductory Remarks

Mr. Weber extended welcome and appreciation to Secretary David Long for attending the meeting; he also thanked Chancellor Gornick for hosting the meeting at West Hills Community College (WHCC). Dr. Gornick introduced Dr. Don Warkentin, President of WHCC, Lemoore Campus, who welcomed all participants and noted that Lemoore is California's newest community college. The campus opened in 2002 and was certified in 2006. Dr. Warkentin presented the board members with an anniversary yearbook commemorating WHCC 75th anniversary.

Members of the board introduced themselves followed by the introduction of the public.

III. Overview of Meeting and Ground Rules for Discussion

At the Feb. 8 Partnership Board meeting, the K-12 Education Work Group presentation reflected several items that warranted further in-depth discussion. At that meeting, it was suggested a special session be scheduled. The agenda was developed at a meeting of the K-12 Education (K-12) and Higher Education and Workforce Development (HEWD) work groups facilitated by the Secretariat staff.

Mr. Weber introduced Lynne Ashbeck as the day's facilitator. Ms. Ashbeck is the former mayor and a current councilmember for the City of Clovis, with 25 years' experience in facilitation. Ms. Ashbeck reviewed the ground rules for the day's discussion.

Ms. Ashbeck polled the board and public for input on their expectations for the day's meeting:

- Operate/act on a regional view, leverage collective strengths, focus on outcomes for kids, and engage a wider cross section of business leaders and other stakeholders
- Identify priorities and how to move this issue/work group forward

- Reaffirm the value of education to the San Joaquin Valley
- Define a clear path forward
- Focus on key priorities, identify top actions to move K-12 work forward
- Gain a picture of the Valley's passion for kids
- Identify obtainable system reform and best practices
- Identify specific goals (e.g. improved achievement, decreased drop-out rates, increased accountability, implement school choice)
- Identify action plan for moving forward

The following shared interests were identified by the board and members of the public:

- Find 'both/and' solutions that strengthen existing work and find new 'best practices'
- Ensure that students will have the resources needed to learn in ways that work for them and appropriate support for their situation
- "Good enough" is not good enough
- Ensure that every child has access to quality education regardless of neighborhood
- Strengthen the ability of families and neighborhoods to support student learning
- Create a Valleywide, regional, integrated solution
- Leverage the influence of the Partnership and take advantage of the 'window of opportunity' presented by the Governor's leadership and his commitment to the Valley
- Sustainable solutions that have long-range impacts, produce quality outcomes, and support the economic vitality of neighborhood
- Status quo is unacceptable
- Student success is key
- "Asset-based" approach, identify opportunities in tight budget times

IV. Governor's Committee on Education Excellence

Secretary Long recognized that a window of opportunity for education reform exists in the San Joaquin Valley and the state. Governor Schwarzenegger is passionate about education and about embracing creativity to change the system. The Governor's charge to Secretary Long was to bring back some ideas from this meeting.

Secretary Long has participated in regional and local discussions throughout California and has noticed several common threads: Accountability in student and school performance; the need for standardized and common Data Systems, Local Control of program funding, Child/School Safety and Drop-out Prevention.

Secretary Long continued to outline several items that are of high importance and further explained in the report from the Governor's Committee on Education Excellence.

- There are examples of improvement in accountability and achievement up and down the state. With the pockets of excellence, there are also pockets needing improvement. There are currently 97 Program Improvement (PI) districts sanctioned. The state of California is the first to implement "differentiated assistance" for these PI districts. For example, seven districts have been assigned trustees. By providing them with assistance that meets their individual needs, improvements and changes will be made.
- English-Language learning (EL) deficiency is one of the key areas impacting the 97 PI districts and could possibly be the biggest challenge in California.

- Drop-out prevention and keeping children in school is of high importance; local initiatives are being addressed with mayors and regions. A major issue is that because of multiple inadequate data systems used throughout the state, the drop-out rate is not clear.
- A data system committee has been formed, bringing some of the biggest names in technology to focus on the issue of collecting appropriate data in one data system. Expected opposition for reform will come at implementation from the legal field dealing with information-sharing. It also is anticipated that the unions will oppose if vertical scaling is implemented, which has the potential of holding teachers accountable.
- Local control is required as it relates to categorical funding and programs for waivers. There is pressure on the Senate and Assembly to approve a January proposal that will increase the flexibility of categoricals from the existing 10 and 15% flexibility to 50 and 65%, allowing local decisions regarding the budget. It is important for cities to work with school districts when making decisions about program waivers. There is expected opposition to the categorical funding reform; when money is transferred, it is important to know if the funds are for administrative salaries or student achievement. It is possible to avoid opposition through controls on the money.
- School safety is critical in the education system. In 2007, there were 15 million documented cases of bullying. If tackled, this issue has an assumed direct impact on attendance, drop-out rates and improved educational performance.
- Career Technical Education has been addressed as an important factor in educational reform.
- School finance is a system that needs a critical evaluation and major change. The Governor's proposal requests budget stabilization, spending less during the good times in order to plan for difficult times ahead. Opposition is possible from "well-to-do" districts when weighted-funding is considered.

Mr. Weber suggested that to take best advantage of Secretary Long's attendance during the morning session, the board focus on 1) Actions related to systematic reform 2) Best practices implementation 3) Joint initiatives between the K-12 and HEWD work groups.

ACTIONS RELATED TO SYSTEMATIC REFORM

Data Systems

Dr. Gornick referred to the meeting handout from the RAND Corporation ("California Lags Nation in Tracking Students' Educational Progress") which highlights the seven disparate institutions and databases that track students and their academic progress. He indicated that these systems are all funded but they are not integrated; nor do they provide information useful to inform action such as early intervention.

An integrated system should accurately reflect the locations and activities of students and produce data to school systems about student achievement, especially in language and math skills. Additionally, the current data systems cannot reflect that a student who dropped out of school in Arvin but enrolled in Firebaugh is a transfer and not a drop-out. Protectiveness across the entities results in separate silos; a single, integration system that is P-20 is essential. Dr. Gornick recommended that in May the full board support the Governor's recommendation on one integrated data system.

In addition to the Partnership's support for a data system, Dr. Gornick spoke about his interest in making the Cal-PASS system mandatory for all schools in the San Joaquin Valley.

Larry Powell, Fresno County Superintendent, described the difficulty involving two accountability systems. The state model is a growth model; like the long jump, students receive credit for improvement. The federal model measures against a high-jump standard with no credit for improvement. Mr. Powell believes that the state growth model is better for accountability. Secretary Long indicated that this topic is being discussed in Washington D.C. There are currently 97 PI districts in California. It is anticipated that in five to six years every district will achieve that status because of the federal measurement system.

Ms. Medina expressed her support of the recommendation for an integrated data system but questioned which system is the best to use; if Cal-Pass is the best system, why isn't it already being used by other districts. Dr. Andersen elaborated on the need to provide support to smaller schools that do not have the capacity to complete data entry on this now voluntary data system. He also suggested that this be considered for the pilot project aligning K-12 and HEWD. Further discussions with Cal-Pass will assist in determining the funding needs and feasibility for such a project.

Secretary Long clarified that the role of the Data System Committee will not replace any of the existing data systems but instead makes them more robust and pulls them into a larger system.

English-Language Learners (EL)

Mr. Powell outlined that the perspective of "analog" adults is out of synch with how students function today. Students are digital natives growing up with a different mind, hardwired to see burnt orange in an F pattern rather than our black and white Z pattern. He suggested that textbooks need a paradigm shift. It is estimated that 70-75% of students in the San Joaquin Valley are EL.

Mr. Powell described the difference in academic proficiency versus speaking English. Children who are proficient in their native language are not having difficulty in the system. The current pressure is to acquire English to the exclusion of acquiring knowledge. Mr. Powell considers dual-immersion programs to be the most effective for learning; but political correctness drives an English-only model. Mr. Powell suggested avoiding the political issue by moving instruction of a second language to the earlier ages when kids are better able to learn. It becomes less political when presented in the context of future educational requirements (e.g. UC entrance requires a second language).

Mr. Powell requested that the Partnership continue supporting the English Language Learner Leadership Academy, a Partnership seed grant recipient, as well as support requests for future grants. Secretary Long indicated that EL is tied to everything else involved in education reform, and the English Language Learner Leadership Academy is the most effective way to address new techniques. He also discussed the need to engage parents and families. Secretary Long suggested a statement needs to be forwarded to the Governor with strong recommendations representing the San Joaquin Valley regarding EL.

Secretary Long congratulated the Partnership on organizing systematically for change and reminded the group that to make a difference, there is no problem with creative tension. He

encouraged the production of bold and regional recommendations from the K-12 special session.

Lunch Recess 12:15 – 12:45

English-Language Learners (EL) Continued
Mr. Powell commented that the viability of the San Joaquin Valley is dependent on EL being successful. There are, he said, between 75 and 103 languages spoken in Fresno Unified School District alone. He is confident that dual-immersion and bilingual education at a young age are critical. Challenges are, at the front-end: the astounding amount of money required for dual-immersion programs; then the additional teachers that are required to speak two languages.

Dr. Gornick addressed the need to build capacity to support development and implementation of the skills in teachers and dual-immersion curriculum.

Dr. Gornick suggested a "Manhattan Project" for EL as a pilot project for the San Joaquin Valley. This could allow for additional multiple-language speaking teachers (Fresno County alone will lose 1,700 teachers to retirement in the next three years), forgive loans and provide incentives for dual-immersion.

Ms. Swearengin recommended the creation of a business plan that outlines financial, physical and human resources necessary for this to be accomplished. Mr. Simpson stated it is imperative that the Partnership draft a powerful message for the Governor and find supporters such as California Farm Bureau Federation, the Nisei League, and California Association of Manufacturers.

Mr. Weber agreed there is a need for a business plan covering the next 10 years, especially in the area of teacher and curriculum for EL. Mr. Weber suggested that the 10-year plan can include, as near term steps, the ongoing funding of three EL academies (Kern, Fresno and Stanislaus counties), and funding of the leadership of Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute at California State University, Fresno. This plan could be used to articulate the bold approach and be a regional beta test of the "Manhattan Project" for EL.

Pre-Kindergarten
Dr. Andersen indicated the Governor's reform clearly recognizes that improvements are needed in preschool. In addition, attendance needs to be required for full-day kindergarten; not universally, but for those that need it most.

Merced County Office of Education Assistant Superintendent Gaye Riggs stated that children should enter kindergarten prepared to be successful in the education system but that the achievement gap begins at the door to kindergarten. Ms. Riggs requested that because pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) works very closely with the family and the neighborhood that it be added to the agenda of the Partnership, changing the K-12 Work Group to the P-12 Work Group.

Pre-K preparation is a determining factor in a child's ability to assimilate learning by the end of third grade. Empirical evidence shows that if a student is at grade-level by the end of third grade, they will graduate high school. Ms. Riggs also requested that the Partnership Board recommend to the Governor:

- Adequately funding effective Pre-K with highly qualified, well-compensated teachers (commensurate with elementary school) and quality curriculum
- Streamlining the Pre-K system in California (single funding sources)
- Incorporating Pre-K in the data collection systems
- Combining Pre-K opportunity with an attendance requirement

Mr. Weber recommended the K-12 Work Group create a "contract with the children of the San Joaquin Valley" and present it to the Partnership Board.

Ms. Medina suggested that the First 5 Commissions be involved in this discussion. As part of the suggested contract, she recommended targeting the needs of the San Joaquin Valley and committing to work with the family.

Ms. Riggs also recognized the importance of the workforce development component.

Career-Technical Education/College Going Culture
Dr. Andersen distinguished that building a college-going culture is not targeted in the Governor's recommendations but is supported in principle. The San Joaquin Valley ranks 10% lower in college-going rates. Our growth rate is, however, higher than the rest of the state, yet we sustain that 10% deficit; so in reality there is improvement. Dr. Andersen recognized that not every kid wants to or will attend a traditional college. Career Technical Education (CTE) is the same as what was called Vocational Education. CTE provides advanced learning for livable wage jobs applicable across the region.

Dr. Christine Frazier, Kern County Office of Education, gave an overview of the K-12 work group's College-Going Culture Plan that is under development. Dr. Frazier explained that several assessments and surveys have been implemented to gain input from key individuals in the eight counties in the development of the plan, which includes two phases. Phase one (Policy Commitment) has been approved by the work group and includes three components: Expectations with specified Systemic Change, Preparation with specified Best Practices, and Articulation with specified Key Elements. Phase two (pending work group approval) involves: Collaboration and Outreach, Implementation and Accountability, and Inventive Pathways. Dr. Frazier further suggested that the work group will clarify baseline indicators and data sets with the higher education work group. The inventive pathways will require involvement and resources of the business community throughout the region.

One of the inventive pathways the work group hopes to implement is the creation of College/Career Centers in which middle school students, parents, and school counselors will be able to quickly access resources to help students stay in school and connect them to assessments and demonstrated model programs, which promote higher learning opportunities (community colleges, four year institutions, career and vocational education). In addition, these centers will market career opportunities available after high school, which will serve as a motivational pathway for middle school students to stay in school. The College/Career Center will be developed with the intent of replicating the centers at middle school sites in each of the represented Partnership counties in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Weber indicated that in Fresno County there is not an unemployment problem (9%); rather, there is a mismatch between skill sets and jobs available.

Dr. Frazier stated it is imperative that there is a link between schools and businesses. Elements of this partnering are being seen in the school-within-a-school model which is one of many viable (though expensive) college and career models.

Mr. Weber provided the example of the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) and the involvement of business sponsors in that model due to direct interest in the students after graduation. Mr. Weber requested input on how the Partnership could accelerate the school-within-a-school model. Dr. Frazier added that specializations such as CART are expensive; business needs to come to the table with funding for the special technologies and skills, including single-subject teachers. The models demonstrate successful implementation.

Mr. Randy Wallace, Tulare County Office of Education, added that community collaborative models are available and can maximize the state's investment by tailoring and maximizing the specific initiatives and building on them. Mr. Wallace suggested that the Partnership focus on business participation and through the K-12 and HEWD work groups leverage workforce and local institutions to build the models and skills appropriate to the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Weber suggested the benefit of having the Economic Development Work Group join in this discussion as well as Regional Occupation Programs (ROPs).

Ms. Wiseman stated that to reduce the brain drain, emphasis also should be placed on retaining the human resources once they're trained.

Keith Griffith, Stanislaus Alliance, provided a handout "CTE: Transforming the San Joaquin Valley's Economy" and noted that the eight County Offices of Education had also received the recommendations therein. Mr. Weber commented that it is important to identify existing best practices that can be leveraged across the region. Dr. Andersen commented that there are many forward thinking CTE activities in each county. Hope is to find leverage points to build up programs to spread effective practices across the region, and seek support for those collaborative efforts. Dr. Andersen cited the example of Jorge Aguilar at UC Merced who partnered with many COEs and sponsored a successful collaborative conference with K-16. He suggested this model be expanded and that invitations be extended to business for participation and support. Mr. Simpson suggested that personal contact be made with business, articulating the need for their involvement and support.

V. Implementation Opportunities

Mr. Weber stated the importance of clearly articulating the Partnership's expectations for all stakeholders. Having a regionally united front on education reform is critical for the San Joaquin Valley.

<u>Next steps and work products</u>

1. Work group consultant to prepare a resolution to support or advocate for the Governor's reform initiatives, capturing San Joaquin Valley-specific items for full board consideration at the next quarterly meeting.
   a. Propose San Joaquin Valley as a pilot site for reform initiatives
2. Dr. Gornick to lead the development of a plan to expand Cal-PASS in all eight counties.
   a. Encourage all districts to participate rather than issue a mandate
   b. COEs support smaller districts without the resources to implement

   c. Budget implications of this system are $2 to $5 million for training, technology, support
3. Mr. Powell to prepare a resolution recommending alignment of the state accountability model and the federal model for full board consideration at the next quarterly meeting.
4. Work group consultant to draft resolutions.
   a. Adopting Pre-K
   b. Modification of work plan
5. Work group to complete Action Plan for developing a college going culture, linking options for Career and Technical Education to expand post secondary options for students across the San Joaquin Valley
6. Joint meeting with K-12, HEWD, Economic Development work groups and ROPS to discuss college and career options for students such as the school-within-a-school model.
7. Work group consultant to add business leaders and other stakeholders to the K-12 work group
8. Work group consultant along with Mr. Powell to coordinate the development of a 10-year Business Plan for EL (dual immersion or second language). The plan will address how the San Joaquin Valley will reform and make necessary changes in the education systems that address the real opportunities and challenges based on the following principles:
   a. Build on best practices, replicate what is already working
   b. Include business/private sector alliances and support
   c. Status quo is not acceptable
   d. Include alliances around kids – not just around schools
   e. Clearly define roles and accountabilities of all the stakeholders in school performance
   f. Include Pre-K ➔ 20 continuum of education
   g. Engage foundations and alternate funding sources
9. Elements of the plan suggested include:
   a. New ways to measure success, explore waivers in testing standards for students in the San Joaquin Valley
   b. Pre-Kindergarten
   c. Increase capacity of teacher training with emphasis on multicultural learns
   d. Support expansion of EL academies (three) and K-12 Work Group
   e. Strengthen teaching training/coaching in EL
   f. Regional beta site similar to the Manhattan Project
      - Launch pilot projects
      - Expand teacher training/capacity
      - Propose new ways to measure the success of our kids
      - Loan forgiveness/other financial incentives
10. Draft “Contract with San Joaquin Valley Kids – 2020”

VI. Adjournment

Acting Chair Weber provided closing remarks and at 3:05 p.m. adjourned the meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

California Partnership for the
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Mr. Phillip Isenberg, Chair
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
650 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Isenberg and Members of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force:

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors is writing to express our strong support for the ongoing development of a Delta Vision Plan. The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force efforts to develop a comprehensive vision, together with integrated and linked actions are agreeably the key to success.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, initiated by an executive order from Governor Schwarzenegger, is an unprecedented effort to bring together public and private leaders and resources to address economic, environmental and social issues in the eight-county San Joaquin Valley, from Kern to San Joaquin.

The Partnership's Board of Directors has identified Water Quality, Supply and Reliability as one of the region's top priorities because of the significant benefits it would bring to the entire state of California. In August 2007, the Board passed a resolution to strongly support a comprehensive water plan that includes water storage, a comprehensive Delta solution (including improved conveyance and environmental protection) and water use efficiency. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Again, we would like to express our support of the Delta Vision efforts to date and look forward to the strategic action plan which will identify and evaluate alternative implementing measures and management practices that would be necessary to implement Delta Vision recommendations.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Partnership through Ashley Swearengin, Lead Executive, at AshleyS@csufresno.edu, or at 559-294-6021.

Sincerely,

Connie Conway

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN.

WHEREAS the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley ("Partnership") was established by Executive Order S-22-06 to focus attention on one of the most vital, yet challenged regions of the state and implement changes that would improve the economic well-being of the Valley and the quality of life of its residents. The Partnership has crafted a Strategic Action Proposal that will achieve those goals and has been charged by Governor Schwarzenegger to implement that Strategic Action Proposal; and

WHEREAS the growing population and expanding economy of the San Joaquin Valley require an adequate water supply of sufficient quality that is reliable for all sectors, including the environment. Current water supplies are vulnerable to sudden disruption from catastrophic earthquakes and floods; groundwater supplies have been drawn down faster than they have been replenished; and current facilities are insufficient to address water storage and conveyance needs anticipated under future climate patterns. Each of these challenges must be addressed; and

WHEREAS the Strategic Action Proposal's recommendations for Water Quality, Supply and Reliability focus on; a) developing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Joaquin Valley; b) incorporating major levee enhancements in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Joaquin Valley to safeguard and enhance regional water quality and water supply as well as provide for flood control; c) augmenting surface and groundwater banking programs and recycled water projects; d) improving water quality and expanding saline water management; e) expanding environmental restoration and conservation strategies; and f) expanding agricultural and urban water use and energy efficiency programs; and

WHEREAS the Water Quality, Supply and Reliability recommendations require well crafted local, state and federal funding mechanisms for full implementation so the citizens of the San Joaquin Valley can achieve the Partnership's vision of a Prosperous Economy, Quality Environment and Social Equity; and

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WHEREAS Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed a comprehensive water plan as part of his Strategic Growth Plan for California that includes water use efficiency, additional water storage, and a comprehensive Delta solution that includes an improved conveyance system to protect the integrity of the water supply to 25 million Californians; and

WHEREAS, this package presents an historic opportunity to provide needed water investments as the Governor, the Legislature and the media are focused on California's critical water issues and the need for immediate solutions; and

WHEREAS, without a comprehensive water solution and adequate funding mechanisms to complete in its entirety, investments proposed in the Governor's water plan, California's water system will not have the capacity it needs to respond to the challenges ahead; and

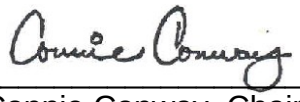
WHEREAS, despite ongoing investments in conservation, recycling and other water use efficiency programs, California infrastructure will be unable to support a strong economy and a healthy environment without investments in water storage and Delta sustainability as outlined in the Governor's plan; and

WHEREAS, action is needed now in Sacramento to move forward with these investments to ensure Californians have the reliable water supply they deserve now and in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley strongly supports a comprehensive water plan that includes water storage, a comprehensive Delta solution (including improved conveyance and environmental protection) and water use efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Legislature to work with the Administration to pass a comprehensive water package that addresses the needs in their entirety this year and put that package before voters in 2008.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10 day of August, 2007, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.



Connie Conway, Chair

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California Partnership for the
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May 23, 2008

RE: Support for AB 3034 (Galgiani) - High Speed Rail Bond Modification Bill

Dear Central Valley Delegation:

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley ("the Partnership") has been closely engaged in developments related to the proposed High Speed Rail bond measure. In the fall of 2007, we communicated to the board of the High Speed Rail Authority ("HSRA") our support for the proposed bond measure, subject to certain conditions. The recommendations submitted by the HSRA staff in December 2007 did not meet those conditions. The Partnership expressed its disappointment. Since then, the Partnership has been invited by the HSRA staff to participate in a working group to address the issues of concern. The working group, which includes representation from the eight Valley Councils of Government, the Sacramento COG and the Tri-Valley Committee, has reached consensus on all the issues of concern. The Partnership now enthusiastically supports the proposed bond measure, subject to adoption of the conditions agreed to between the aforementioned parties. Specifically:

- The Partnership had requested that the HSRA evaluate the economic feasibility of using two connection alignments to the Valley, one through the Altamont and the second through Pacheco Pass, and if this was not feasible to give preference to the Altamont alignment. The December 2007 HSRA staff recommendation called for the express high speed alignment to be through the Pacheco Pass and for the Altamont to be a "high-speed commuter route"; however, there was no funding provision in the bond measure for the Altamont route. AB 3034 (Galgiani), as amended April 21, 2008, specifically identifies the "Altamont corridor connecting the Central Valley to the East Bay" as a priority high-speed segment eligible for funding under the proposed $9 billion High Speed Rail Bond as well as federal and other revenues made available to the Authority.

- The Partnership had requested connectivity from the Valley to Sacramento. That segment was not initially eligible for funding in phase one of HSR implementation. AB 3034 now includes Sacramento. Under the bill, all 800 miles of the system are eligible for funding.

- The Partnership had also requested that some early pre-bond investment from the HSRA budget be made to advance engineering and environmental impact studies in the Valley, rather than just in Southern California and the Bay Area as has been the case to

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date. The Governor's May Revise includes $8.2 million from Proposition 116 for additional environmental studies and engineering work on the Fresno-to-Sacramento segment.

Adoption of these changes would satisfy the concerns of the Partnership. It is clearly vital that AB 3034 be adopted by the legislature. This will require a 2/3 vote. We urge you to please support the passage of AB 3034.

With the changes contemplated in AB 3034, High Speed Rail offers the prospect of a much brighter future for the Valley. As shown in the attached document, no region of the state will benefit more from high-speed rail than the San Joaquin Valley.

Please contact the Partnership Government Affairs Coordinator, Katie Stevens, with any questions you may have at kstevens@csufresno.edu or (559) 347-3918. We thank you in advance for your support of AB 3034.

Sincerely,

Connie Conway

Connie Conway, Chair

High Speed Rail
Benefits for the San Joaquin Valley

No region of the State stands to benefit more from the proposed high speed train than the San Joaquin Valley.

- The forecast is that 44% of the ridership on the high speed train will involve people traveling in and out of the Valley or within the Valley. By 2030, eight million trips annually are projected between the Valley and the Bay Area and five million between the Valley and Los Angeles.

- Valley residents, severely underserved by airlines and faced with increasing highway congestion, will enjoy an easy, economical, reliable and fast travel option. Travel Times (hours:minutes)

Bakersfield to San Francisco	1:51
Bakersfield to Sacramento	1:29
Bakersfield to Los Angeles	:54
Fresno to Sacramento	:59
Fresno to San Francisco	1:20
Fresno to Los Angeles	1:24
Merced to San Francisco	1:14
Merced to Bakersfield	:52
Modesto to Los Angeles	1:51
Modesto to Bakersfield	1:02

- Lots of new jobs will be created. More than 160,000 construction jobs and an additional 450,000 permanent jobs are expected to be created statewide. With more than one third of the mileage being located in the Valley, many of those jobs will be filled by Valley residents.

- Air quality will be significantly improved as millions of passenger trips are removed from the roads. Grade separations, keeping automobiles separated from train tracks, will eliminate idling at train tracks.

- Grade separation will also result in fewer accidents and improved traffic flow.

- The cost of highway maintenance and expansion will be significantly decreased.

- Energy use will be reduced, decreasing our dependence of foreign oil.

- Billions of pounds of CO2 emissions will be eliminated.

- Coupled with the land use recommendations from the Blueprint regional planning process, high speed rail will build momentum to build and expand downtowns, enabling more Valley farmland to be preserved.

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California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

K-12 Education

Overview, Outcomes and Next Steps from April 10 Special Session

Introduction/Context:

- Opportunity to exchange ideas and clarify priority issues related to education
- The discussion produced a number of follow-up actions and activities agreed upon by board members and work group representatives.
- Challenges related to complexity of issues, timing and ability as a work group to meet and discuss
- Concurrent California fiscal crisis and resource limitations dedicated to this partnership

Priority Areas/Updates	**Page No.**
English Learners • Summary and plan for EL Academy (see report from FCOE) • Ten Year Regional EL Business Plan (under construction by FCOE)	**x**
Post Secondary Options (College-going AND Career Technical Education) • Report/Update of College-going culture plan (see report from KCOE)	**x**
• Request approval of Multiple Pathways Resolution (see resolution)	**x**
Business/Education Partnerships • Met with Higher Education/Work Force Development work group in April • Planning joint meeting in September • Anticipate planning joint meeting in June • Building a plan to develop/enhance P-16 councils in each county and add business leaders to work group activities	**N/A**
Data Systems/Technology • Discussion held at May 21 joint meeting with higher education research/ data team about data indicators for college-going culture and data systems • Information gathering stage, Frank Gornick and Lee Andersen to plan	**N/A**
PreKindergarten • Request approval of work group name change to “PreK-12 Education Work Group” (see Name Change Request resolution) • Merced COE completing prekindergarten assessment and hold reporting conference adjacent to Jan/Feb 2009 CPSJV Board meeting	**x**
Accountability and Education Reform • Developing position paper on the Governor’s reform initiatives to be reviewed by the work group at June 24 meeting and presented at September CPSJV Board meeting. • Developing position paper on state and federal accountability issues to be presented to CPSJV Board at December meeting. • “Contract for Kids” idea: Collecting school/district-based models to begin to develop a similar concept for the Valley.	**N/A**
Work Plan Modification • Request approval of work plan modifications to incorporate the many priorities and actions pending. (see Proposed Changes to Work Plan)	**x**

English Learner Academy Summary Report by the Fresno County Office of Education

One goal of the California Partnership with the San Joaquin Valley K-12 Work Group Seed Gant Project was to create an Academy where proven practices of effective systems, policies, curriculum, instruction, and intervention for English Learners were taught to district leaders and their leadership teams. The EL Academy, a collaborative effort of the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties, brought together eighty four instructional leaders from sixteen school districts from Bakersfield to Stockton. The design team, made up of a representative from each county office of education, drafted the Academy content in order to address the following questions:

- *What decisions and steps to action are required to restructure schools in order to create a culture of high expectations and an environment of success for English Learners?*
- *What leadership expertise is required to implement and manage a change significant enough to impact the lives and futures of English Learner students?*

The EL Academy outlined ten sessions, held monthly in two locations, Modesto and Visalia. In addition to regular sessions, excursions were available to participants to compliment Academy content and extend leadership knowledge and practice. To date, Academy presenters and practitioners have addressed the following topics:

Student Typologies
Student Information System and Data
Data Management Systems
Diversity, Ethnicity, Culture
SDAIE Instructional Strategies
The SIOP Model
Tracking EL Students Progress
Formula For Success-A System of Assessment
Reform Effort That Is Working-From Worst To First"
Courageous Leadership
McREL 21 Leadership Responsibilities
A Continuous School Improvement Model
A Classroom Observation Tool
Differentiating CELDT
School Level Took Kit Recommendations
A Journey on the Road to Improvement-School District Systems
Shadowing English Learners
Engagement Strategies: What administrators need to look like for in the classroom?
A Classroom Instruction That's Works for EL Students-A Book Study

Evaluations are positive, ranging from 4.0-4.9 on a 1-5 point rating scale. Comments are favorable and indicate that sessions are applicable to the work that needs to be done at schools. They also show that participation in the Academy focuses leadership teams to identify, implement, and monitor the practices that impact English Learners' academic progress. Participants also express an interest in continuing to meet in the 2008-2009 year, an idea being considered in order to support the work begun this year.

During the May 2008 session, participants completed a survey about the impact attendance at the Academy has had on their practice and the degree to which they have implemented change. An analysis of that information, along with 2007-2008 CST data, will be available for the final session in September 2008. That information will be used to evaluate the Academy and determine what changes might address participants' recommendations and improve effectiveness.

County office superintendents, the design team, as well as the EL Academy participants, express the desire to continue and expand the Academy in 2008-2009. Current plans for cohort II are to hold sessions in three locations-Modesto, Fresno, and Bakersfield, with 40 participants at each location. The preliminary dates for the 2008-2009 calendar are: *(Dates reflect three locations- Modesto, Fresno, Bakersfield)*

September 25, 2008	October 22-24, 2008	December 3-5, 2008	January 21-23, 2009
February 25-27, 2009	March 18-20, 2009	April 22-24, 200	May 20-22, 2009

Local achievement data indicate that schools have experienced difficulty implementing reforms with fidelity, and ensuring the on-going monitoring required to move beyond barriers toward a deep, systemic change that guarantees learning for EL students. Although schools have made some strides with technical change, the cultural change necessary to truly impact who we are and what we do has yet to be realized. Through the Academy and coaching to best practices, it is our intent to support leaders toward that goal.

Report on Goal 2: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley by Kern County Office of Education

- Objective A: Support collaborations between school districts and the community colleges, CSU and UC systems.

    1. In Phase I of the work plan the eight county offices represented in the San Joaquin Valley have committed to three policy statements focusing on heightened expectation for all students, maximum academic preparation and a seamless transition between educational systems.

    2. Also accomplished in Phase I of the work plan was a commitment to specified systemic changes, an agreement to implement specified best practices and the identification of key elements that need to be included in any structured program implemented in each of the eight counties specifically targeted at developing a college-going culture.

    3. The CVHEC and the higher education work group have met several times with the Pre-K-12 work group to identify common areas of disconnect for students and systems.

    4. In Phase II, pending approval of each county superintendent of school, each county will establish (or expand) a collaborative focused on building a college going culture.

    5. In Phase II, each county office will evaluate the services provided to students aligned with the systemic components, best practices and key elements and develop and implement a coordination of efforts plan.

    6. In Phase II, the PreK-12 work group will consolidate each plan into a San Joaquin Valley coordinated plan.

- Objective B: Increase the rates of high school graduates completing courses for college admission.

    1. In Phase II, the data elements are in the process of being reviewed for approval by the eight county superintendents and PreK-12 work group.

    2. In Phase II, the workgroup has begun to evaluate the CalPASS data system and program and its value to this effort.

    3. In Phase II, the work group is beginning to identify scholarship opportunities.

    4. In Phase II, the work group has applied for an AT&T grant to fund the College/Career Centers which were identified in the Inventive Pathways portion of the work plan. This grant will be used to build two prototypes. In these centers, 8th grade students, parents, and school counselors will be able to quickly access resources to help students stay in school and connect them to assessments and demonstrated model programs, which promote higher learning opportunities (community colleges, four year institutions, career and vocational education). In addition, these centers will market career opportunities avail able after high school, which will serve as a motivational pathway for middle school students to stay in school. The College/Career Center will be developed with the intent of replicating the centers at middle school sites in each of the represented Partnership counties in the San Joaquin Valley.

California Partnership for the
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF MULTIPLE PATHWAYS FOR POST SECONDARY OPTIONS.

WHEREAS, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley ("Partnership") was established by Executive Order S-22-06 to focus attention on one of the most vital, yet challenged regions of the state and implement changes that would improve the economic well-being of the Valley and the quality of life of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Partnership has ten work groups each assigned to carry out the goals and recommendations in the Strategic Action Proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the K-12 Work Group is to implement policies and programs through public-private partnerships to ensure equal access to educational opportunities and resources for all children that will improve academic performance; and,

WHEREAS, the K-12 Work Group requests that the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley endorses a multiple pathways approach to post secondary options for students in the San Joaquin Valley; and,

WHEREAS, a multiple pathways concept proposes that a number of conduits be made available to prepare high school students for college AND careers; and,

WHEREAS, a multiple pathways concept includes engagement of PreK-12 students in age-appropriate career awareness, exploration and transition planning beginning in preschool and continuing throughout their academic career; and,

WHEREAS, a pathways concept suggests that Career and Technical Education (CTE) be connected to core academics and be delivered through multiple means, focusing on major industry sectors in California; and,

WHEREAS, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROC/P) and district CTE courses may serve as the basis or key elements for pathway development in districts and campuses; and,

WHEREAS, vehicles for achieving multiple pathways may include career-oriented pathways embedded in charter schools, magnet schools, partnership academies, small learning communities, or other models incorporating CTE and academics such as integration of CTE and academic core through course pairing; and,

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WHEREAS, while not endorsing a particular vendor or organization, the K-12 Work Group strongly encourages support for work-based learning through Regional Occupational Programs and other existing structures; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY that the Board of Directors supports expansion of funding to offer multiple pathways at the secondary education level.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 2008, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

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Connie Conway, Chair

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE K-12 EDUCATION WORK GROUP TO THE PREK-12 EDUCATION WORK GROUP.

WHEREAS, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley ("Partnership") was established by Executive Order S-22-06 to focus attention on one of the most vital, yet challenged regions of the state and implement changes that would improve the economic well-being of the Valley and the quality of life of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Partnership has ten work groups each assigned to carry out the goals and recommendations in the Strategic Action Proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the K-12 Education Work Group is to implement policies and programs through public-private partnerships to ensure equal access to educational opportunities and resources for all children that will improve academic performance; and,

WHEREAS, based on solid research and recommendations of the California Governor's Committee on Education Excellence and many other major reports to prepare our children for success from the earliest age, the expansion of quality Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten opportunities for children is a critical foundation to continuous improvement in education; and,

WHEREAS, children who attend quality Pre-Kindergarten early childhood school and Kindergarten programs perform better on standardized achievement tests in reading and math, exhibit more positive behaviors in the classroom, are more likely to graduate from high school and continue their education and be more prosperous as adults; and,

WHEREAS, Pre-Kindergarten programs fall under the jurisdiction of California's educational systems and have been historically overlooked and underfunded in terms of their relative importance to the educational success of children; and,

WHEREAS, Pre-Kindergarten is a significant mechanism to address needs of children in poverty and English Learners as well as English-speaking children residing in the San Joaquin Valley; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY that the Board of Directors supports raising the relative importance of young children and officially changes the name of the K-12 Education Work Group to PreK-12 Education Work Group In order to ensure that young children are equally represented in the work of the Partnership.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 2008, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

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Proposed Changes (in red) to K-12 Integrated Work Plan
for CPSJV Board Approval on 6/13/08

K-12 Education

Lead Organization:
Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute
California State University, Fresno

Overall Work Group Staffing Requirements		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
Plan, organize and manage all work group meetings; maintain work group records and minutes; maintain K-12 portion of Partnership web site; provide monthly and quarterly reports.	Regular meetings; minutes; updated web site; reports to Partnership board.	Level of engagement among Valley education leaders.
Goal 1: Increase the achievement level of students, schools and school districts in the San Joaquin Valley.		
Objective A: Implement a school and school district support system through county offices of education.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
Organize regular K-12 Work Group meetings involving 8 county superintendents and Partnership representatives.	Consensus on and commitment to implement Partnership action plan.	Commitment to participation.
ADD: Gather information on achievement gap.	Obtain baseline and trend data and disseminate.	Completion
Objective B: Implement a curricular and instructional program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade level.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
Focus all meetings, discussions, programs and services on ways to close the achievement gap in Valley schools. See program descriptions below.	See deliverables below.	Improvements in reading scores.
ADD: Expand the discussion to include PreKindergarten in all facets of the work plan as feasible.	Terminology of "Pre-Kindergarten" or "PreK" is incorporated into documents/communications related to this work group.	Approval by CPSJV Board for inclusion of Prekindergarten in scope of responsibilities
ADD: Gather information about availability and quality of preschool programs in the region and conduct a conference related to preschool programs in the region	Comprehensive report completed and conference conducted.	Report dissemination and conference participation by broad regional representation.
Objective C: Provide school choice, intra-district and inter-district options consistent with state and federal law.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
Legal issues workshops on school choice and	1 workshop every six months = 5 legal issues workshops over 30	Changes in local district practices to

other timely issues.	months.	reflect state and federal law.
	Workshop proceedings e-mailed to Leadership Network, posted to Partnership web site, and disseminated through all other CVELI channels. **DELETE**	
Objective D: Establish an executive leadership academy to train principals of low-performing schools in "turn-around" educational and management services.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
Expand Springboard leadership development programs from 13 districts to 25 districts in the San Joaquin Valley.	Data analysis, instructional action plans, and deployment of coaches for participating schools.	Improvements in English/language arts and math scores in participating schools.
Expansion of Superintendent staff development from 3 counties to 8 counties.	Quarterly learning sessions.	Quantitative growth in student achievement.
Expand Best Practice Institutes.	Quarterly sessions on tools, tips, and techniques to improve student achievement.	Improved management and academic achievement in participating schools.
Establishment of the Superintendents Leadership Network.	Database with all San Joaquin Valley superintendents for targeted communication and networking.	Improved management and academic achievement in schools.
ADD: Expand and continue English Learner Leadership Academy as developed under the SEED Grant.	In collaboration with county offices of education, conduct training for district teams from across the region	Improved academic achievement of English Learners
ADD: Lead by the Fresno County Office of Education, develop a long-range (10 year?) regional plan to address needs of English Learners	Plan completed.	Completion
DELETE Objective E: Coordinate and integrate health and human services organized around school attendance boundaries.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
DELETE Work with HHS Work Group to identify and implement one pilot project within 30 months.	Pilot project developed and implemented within 30 months.	Improvement in academic performance at pilot location.
DELETE	Results of pilot and "lessons learned" disseminated to Leadership Network and HHS Work Group.	
ADD: Objective F: Coordinate and communicate regional positions regarding state and/or federal school reform.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
ADD: Write a resolution to accept and recommend goals defined by Governor's	Collaborative response written.	Completion.

reform initiatives.		
ADD: Write a position "white" paper on alignment of state and federal standards.	Collaborative paper written.	Completion
Goal 2: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley.		
Objective A: Support collaborations between school districts and the community colleges, CSU and UC systems.		
Objective B: Increase the rates of high school graduates completing courses for college admission.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
Serve as liaison between K-12 Work Group and Central Valley Higher Ed Consortium to help implement CVHEC action plan.	Involvement of K-12 leaders in implementation of higher ed plan.	College-going rates
Disseminate curricula and success stories developed from existing school, community college, university collaboratives.	Curricula that can be shared across districts. (Example: Fresno Unified's Irvine-Funded Project SUCCEED)	College-going rates
ADD: Develop a regional plan and pilot project concept proposal to enhance the college going culture.	Involve K-12 and higher education representatives in plan development.	College-going rates.
ADD: Align academic options for higher education with career/technology education options leading to greater post secondary opportunities for students in the region	Involve higher education, career education and business representatives in joint discussions and planning.	Increased options for college AND career for secondary students
Goal 3: Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum and/or business criteria/ work force assessments.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
Disseminate information on AALF programs through work group and Superintendents Leadership Network.	One-to-one computer program curriculum.	Computer literacy rates.
As requested, develop timelines, staff development programs, and funding plans for one-to-one computing programs.	For participating schools – implementation plans for one-to-one programs.	Number of schools participating.
ADD: Identify unique and/or exemplary technology projects in the region.	Disseminate information across region.	Completion
DELETE Goal 4: Implement research-based programs to reduce substance abuse, including voluntary drug testing.		
DELETE Objective A: Implement a substance abuse program.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
DELETE Facilitate policy discussion with K-12 Work Group members.	Consensus on how to implement this goal.	Decreased substance abuse in area schools.
DELETE Legal issues workshop(s) on substance abuse policies.	Summary of workshop disseminated through Superintendents Leadership Network.	
DELETE Objective B: Coordinate and integrate health and human services organized around school attendance boundaries.		
See Goal 1, Objective E above.		
Additional Goal 5: Align career technical education to target industry clusters.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**

Develop and review curricula and programs that support target clusters.	Specific curricula to meet target clusters' needs through ROP and community colleges.	Adoption of curricula in local schools and community colleges.
Disseminate curriculum and information about exemplary programs through K-12 Work Group, Superintendents Leadership Network and Higher Ed/Workforce Development Work Group.		Increased job skills among ROP and community college students.
ADD Additional Goal 6: Develop a regional "Contract for Kids" concept.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
ADD: Identify resources to incorporate into development of a regional "Contract for Kids"	Samples/models shared with work group.	Completion
ADD: Draft a regional "Contract for Kids"	Draft completed and disseminated across region.	Completion
ADD Additional Goal 7: Examine data systems to meet needs of districts and higher education institutions in the region to enhance data collection, transference of information across institutions and more adequately monitor PreK-16 student achievement/progress.		
Actions	**Deliverables**	**Metrics of Success**
ADD: Identify data needs of PreK-12 and higher education institutions that are not adequately being met.	Collaborative assessment between K-12 and higher education completed.	Completion
ADD: Develop a plan to access and implement a data collection system to better meet needs of educational institutions at all levels in the region.	Draft completed and disseminated across region.	Completion

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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE A INFRASTRUCTURE

(Champion: Mike Locke, San Joaquin Partnership):

The Workgroup is tasked with identifying the need for a regional financing authority.

- In addition to asking each city, each member county of Central California EDC has been asked to assist in gathering:
    a. Capital Improvement Plans to understand the scope of funding requirements,
    b. And, a City or County Finance Policy.

- To date, we have responses from the following jurisdictions:
    Fresno County: City of Fresno, Kerman, Sangar and Coalinga
    Kern County: Kern County and Bakersfield
    Kings County: County of Kings, Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore
    Madera County: City of Madera, City of Chowchilla
    Merced County: Merced County, City of Merced, Atwater
    San Joaquin County: Lathrop, Ripon and Stockton
    Stanislaus County: Ceres, Hughson, Modesto and Oakdale
    Tulare County: County of Tulare and Visalia

- We are working with the League of Cities Regional Public Affairs Managers, Stephen Qualls and Hilary Baird, to bring this issue to the forefront of City Managers region-wide.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- The Work Group will attend regional meetings of the League of Cities and the County Association to further knowledge of the plan.
- CIP Budgets will continue to be gathered.
- A meeting date will be set in 2008.

GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE B INCENTIVES

(Champion: Bill Bassitt, The Alliance-Stanislaus County):

- The Economic Development Work Group completed a legislative visit on February 5-6, 2008 to inform legislators and interested parties about the SJVP and what is going on with economic development in the region. CCEDC board members and Katie Stevens worked with Toni E. Symonds, Chief Consultant, California State Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy, on scheduling:

    - Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian
    - Assemblyman Michael Villines
    - Jennifer Tannehill, Legislative Director for Senator Jeff Denham
    - Assemblyman Tom Berryhill
    - Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi
    - Assemblywoman Nicole Parra

- Assemblyman Bill Maze
- Round Table with Senior Staff working on economic development issues.
- Senator Dave Cogdill
- Ken De Vore, Legislative Director for Senator Roy Ashburn
- Assemblywoman Jean Fuller

- The final draft of a joint marketing brochure is complete for the San Joaquin Valley Enterprise Zones. It is attached in your board packet.
- An issue paper was developed as a result of interviewing San Joaquin Valley Enterprise Zone Managers. The paper cites improvements still needed in the Zones.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Continued focus on Legislative Concepts:
    1. Reinstitution of the Manufacturer's Investment Credit
    2. Prevailing Wage for the Valley

GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE C MARKETING

(Champion: Richard Chapman, Kern EDC):

- **Trade Missions:** The very aggressive trade mission program has proved successful, generating **123** meetings with site selectors in national markets, **46** requests for more information, **20** prospective companies requiring a location and **7** tours by those companies. The program includes visits with site selectors, brokers and tenant reps to discuss and provide information on Central California. The EDC directors rotate participation.
    - The missions this past two quarters include:
        1. New York/New Jersey in January
        2. Sacramento in March
        3. Washington DC in April
        4. Los Angeles/Ontario in May
- **Trade Shows:** WestPack Trade Show in January resulted in **170** company contacts, IAMC in Phoenix had **61** contacts, Real Estate 2008 in March resulted in **51** contacts, SIOR in Washington DC had **9** meetings and CoreNet June 2 had **130** contacts for a total of **327** contacts this year.
- **Marketing Tools:**
    - The Real Estate Update 2008 Brochure was completed and sent out to all broker contacts.
    - An Electronic Newsletter (Business and Real Estate in Central California) was sent out nationally **in February and May** to site selectors and industry. It highlights growth stories in the Business Cluster Groups.
    - 16 Companies have been profiled and photographed as part of the Central California Investment Guide- Industry Cluster Section.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Planning for 2008-2009 Marketing Activities is underway.
- The Central California Investment Guide will be completed.
- Enterprise Zone/California Map to be completed.

GOAL 2, CLUSTERS

(Champion: John Lehn, Kings County EDC):

- ED Work Group is focusing on the planning of the two Business Cluster Events. **Goal:** to increase strength of business clusters, identify impediments to growth, and to use the collective force of business groups throughout the Valley to affect change wherever possible.
    - Regulatory
        - Rules on overtime
        - Prevailing wage rate for the Central Valley
    - Employee training
    - Coordination or attraction of suppliers, manufacturers and/or distributors
    - Other opportunities available to the larger group
- On March 12th, John Lehn and Jennifer Faughn **attended a joint cluster meeting** for manufacturing and food processing. Lehn gave a presentation on the proposed "Cluster Summits" and gathered feedback from attendees.
- Subcommittee **meetings have been held to discuss the "Cluster Summits"** on January 8th and January 14th. The committee has developed a proposed agenda and is working with W.R. Davis Collaborative to have an electronically facilitated meeting where 40 input units will be in the room so businesses can provide immediate feedback on topics. North and South meetings are being planned so that business will only have to drive one hour.
- Workforce and EDC Directors continue to work together and have entered **3,000 businesses** into the **Executive Pulse** business tracking system. A final report is being produced by the Workforce Group. Also, Workforce and Economic Development Work Groups are working together to produce a report on business expansion (for both issues and positive feedback).

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Continued outreach is planned to business cluster chairs for the Subcommittee.
- The Consultant and Work Group will format a web-based directory of business associations from the 8-county region.
- The two Work Groups will partner with the Office of Community and Economic Development to identify university researchers and programs that are aligned with each target cluster.

GOAL 3, ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(Champion: Scott Galbraith, Merced County EDC with Dr. Timothy M. Stearns, Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship)

- Lyles Institute held a National Entrepreneurs Week from February 23rd to March 1st. The topics included: Welcome to Entrepreneurship, Technology Tuesday, Assessing your Family Firm and a tour of the Central Valley Business Incubator.
- An April 2nd Entrepreneurship Subcommittee meeting was held in Porterville. This meeting is the culmination of a lot of work that has led up to this point. We've had interesting and successful gatherings in Fresno, Clovis and Modesto. We've had people from across the eight counties participate in sub-groups and some have had significant progress. We've been fortunate to hear the wisdom and insight from Delore Zimmerman who helped to validate that we were considering all the right 'markers' in our regional development.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- A Draft Action Plan.
- A directory of support organizations for Entrepreneurship valley-wide.

GOAL 4, RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

(Champion: Steve Geil, Fresno County EDC)

The Board set Sustainability Objectives over the next 5 years, to:

- Make SJV a solar leader.
- Engage all 8 counties and all 60+ cities in sustainability efforts.
- **Full notes are provided in the Energy Work Group Report**.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Attend Energy Work Groups and follow their lead.

Goal 5, Tourism

(Champion: Paul Saldana, Tulare County EDC)

- The Economic Development Work Group was asked to oversee the Tourism Goal presumed to be championed by the Central Valley Tourism Association. However, the initial challenge grant was turned down by the CVTA. Their region is much larger than the San Joaquin Valley, and they have not shown a dedicated interest in pursuing the goals of the Partnership.
- To look at options, a strategic planning session was held January 2008 with CVTA to discuss a regional strategy. Progress has been limited with no champion and no funds dedicated.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Will hold a regional stakeholders meeting.
- Identify revenue sources for marketing strategy.
- Continue discussions with CVTA.

Have you coordinated any outreach, if so, please describe briefly.

The ED Work Group is reaching out to Business Cluster Groups region-wide.

The ED Work Group has outreached to the League of Cities for assistance with the Infrastructure goal.

Entrepreneur Committee is rotating subcommittee meeting locations throughout the valley.

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Central California Activity and Board Calendar

July 2007 to June 2008

Missions					
Date	Place	Type	Progress	Board Available	Comments
July 16-17, 2007	Los Angeles	Mission Only	COMPLETE	Paul, John	387 Contacts 8 Meetings 3 Leads 2 Prospects 2 Tour -1co's
Aug. 23-24, 2007	San Francisco	Mission Only	COMPLETE Report due	Bobby, Scott	448 Contacts 11 Meetings 5 Leads 2 Prospects 2 Tour- 2 co's
Sept. 16-19, 2007	Phoenix	In assoc. with: IEDC 2007 Conference Westin Kierland	COMPLETE	Bobby, Doug, Richard	72 Contacts 10 Meetings 4 Leads 2 Prospects Tours (2 potential)
Oct. 28-31, 2007	Atlanta	In assoc. with: CoreNet	COMPLETE	Bobby(Mon-Tues), Delyn, Melinda, Shelley	115 Contacts 8 Meetings 1 Lead
Nov. 5-7, 2007	Chicago	Mission Only	COMPLETE	Doug, Scott, Scott has delegation	150 Contacts 13 Meetings 4 Leads 2 Prospects Tours (2 potential)
Dec 3-4, 2007	Dallas	Mission Only	COMPLETE	Scott, Karin, John Richard	148 Contacts 17 Meetings 6 Leads 3 Prospects
Jan 29- Feb 1, 2008	New York/ New Jersey	In Association with: CA Tourism Mission	COMPLETE	Paul Saldana, Steve Geil	268 Contacts 15 Meetings
March 10-12, 2008	Sacramento	Broker Mission	COMPLETE	Karin, Paul, Doug	172 Contacts 11 Meetings
April 21-25, 2008	Washington DC	Broker Mission	COMPLETE	Bobby, Doug, Esther, Scott, +2 more	80 Contacts 11 Meetings 3 Leads 1 Tour
May 19tH-21, 2008	Los Angeles/ Ontario	Broker Mission	COMPLETE	Paul, Richard, Heather,	230 Contacts 12 Meetings

					Leads TBD
Events					
February 4-6, 2008	Sacramento	Legislative Visit	COMPLETE	Bobby Kahn, Doug Sweetland, Bill Bassitt, Esther Cuevas, Paul Saldana	10 Meetings 1 Roundtable
June 2, 2008 Monday 12:00 tee-off	Los Angeles	CoreNet Golf Event Monarch Beach Golf 22 Monarch Beach Dana Point, CA 92629	COMPLETE	Melinda, Jennifer, Bobby, Scott, John	130 Contacts
June 23, 2008	Bay Area	CoreNet Golf Event Sequoyah Country Club, Oakland, CA	Requested Hole Sponsor	Doug, Scott, John, Bobby, Melinda, Karin	
Trade Shows					
Oct 15-17, 2007	Las Vegas	Pack Expo with Team California	COMPLETE	Heather, Scott (Mon. am), Melinda	36 Contacts
Jan 29-31, 2008	Los Angeles	West Pack	COMPLETE	Bobby, Shelley, Doug, Melinda, Karin	176 Contacts 34 Leads
March 6, 2008	Los Angeles	Real Estate 2008	COMPLETE	Jennifer +Bobby	51 Contacts
April 19-23, 2008	Phoenix	Industrial Asset Management Council	COMPLETE	Richard, Shelley	61 Contacts/Meetings
April 22-25, 2008	Washington DC	SIOR- Spring Convention Grand Hyatt	COMPLETE	Esther	9 Meetings

Board Meetings	Place	Time	Type	Status
July 20, 2007	Fresno	9:00-11:00 11:30-2:00	CCEDC Board Workforce (Joint Mtg)	COMPLETE
August 17, 2007	Modesto	9:00-10:45 11:00-1:00	SJV ED Work Group CCEDC Board	COMPLETE
September 21, 2007	Los Banos	9:00-12:00	CCEDC Board	COMPLETE
October 19, 2007	Fresno	10:00-12:30	CCEDC Board	COMPLETE
November 16, 2007	Tulare	10:00-12:00 12:00-12:45 1:00-2:30	CCEDC Board Board Lunch SJV ED Work Group	COMPLETE
January 18, 2008	Fresno	9:00-12:30	CCEDC Board	COMPLETE
February 22, 2008	Bakersfield	10:00-12:00 12:00-12:45 1:00-2:30	CCEDC Board Board Lunch SJV ED Work Group	COMPLETE
March 21, 2008	Fresno	10:00-12:00	CCEDC Board	COMPLETE
April 11, 2008	Fresno	10:00-12:00	CCEDC Board	COMPLETE
May 16, 2008	Hanford	10:00-12:00 12:00-12:45 1:00-2:30	CCEDC Board Board Lunch SJV ED Work Group	COMPLETE
June 13, 2008	Madera	10:00-12:30 1:00 – 3:30	CCEDC Board SJV Board Meeting	CCEDC Presentation

Legislative Agenda

Developed for Sacramento Legislative Day- February 4-5, 2008

Existing Legislation - Clean Technology Incentives

Pursue legislation aimed toward accelerating the deployment and adoption of renewable and clean energy in the Valley as well as fostering a dynamic business climate to encourage and support entrepreneurs in this area. This would include legislation that would assist businesses in adopting clean technology practices, and may include legislation to provide low to no-interest loans and/or tax incentives to small businesses.

AB 1506 (Arambula) – Clean Tech Statewide Early Adapter Business Incentives

This bill requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency undertake a study to determine how to provide incentives for businesses to adopt new cleaner technologies. Approximately 60% of the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are attributable to the transportation and utility sectors. This bill focuses on other 40% of GHG emissions and how early adoption of clean technologies by the non regulated businesses sector will assist the state in meetings it AB 32 GHG reduction objectives.

> **Status:** Unanimously passed the Assembly in 2007. Currently in Senate Committee on Appropriations

AB 1620 (Arambula) – Clean Tech Incubator

This bill establishes the California Clean Technology Services Unit (CCTSU) within the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency in order to promote the development of environmentally-friendly technologies and businesses within the state. The office shall remain in existence until January 1, 2013. This bill is intended to establish a single business friendly location where entrepreneurs and inventors can easily find the information they will need to prepare business plans, identify state regulatory timelines, and information on modeling and standards being used in the evolving regulatory environment. This information will assist businesses in designing products and processes to meet California's high environmental standards.

> **Status:** Passed the Assembly in 2007. Currently, held in Senate Committee on Environment Quality

Legislative Concepts

Prevailing Wage for the Valley

Explore the possibility of establishing legislation to create a third region (currently LA and San Francisco) in the state for the determination of prevailing wage rates. That region would consist of the eight counties of the Central Valley.

Manufacturers Investment Credit (MIC)

Continue to pursue the reinstitution of the Manufacturers Investment Tax Credit for new equipment purchase as a way of enticing investment that otherwise might not occur in the Central Valley.

Background: Prior to January 1, 2004, California tax law contained various tax incentives referred to as the MIC to encourage investment in manufacturing equipment to be used in California. This credit allowed California manufacturers to claim a six percent investment tax credit or a five percent sales/use tax exemption (for new businesses) on qualified property that is purchased, acquired, or leased for use in California. The MIC expired on January 1, 2004.

Efforts to extend the credit after its sunset on December 31, 2003 fell short in the 2003-2004 session. Assemblymember Villines carried this legislation in 05-06 (AB 2395), but it remained stalled in its first committee. The bill would have created a state sales and use tax (SUT) exemption and a personal income tax (PIT) and corporation tax (CT) credit for investment in manufacturing equipment (collectively the 'MIC') for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

AB 1152 (Niello) was introduced this session and provides a state sales and use tax (SUT) exemption for purchases of qualifying tangible personal property (TPP) by qualified persons engaged in manufacturing. However, it is again stalled in committee.

Bills of interest that are now dead for the session:

SB 417 (Cogdill) - Enterprise Zone Tax Credits: Carryover Total Cost of Equipment for Credits for Sales and Use Tax Paid

AB 1455 (Arambula) – Air Quality Zones

AB 1527 (Arambula) – California Clean Tech Advantage Act

AB 1651 (Arambula) – Clean Tech Credit on New Equipment

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Jennifer Faughn, Executive Director

Note: Please do not distribute this report; it contains confidential information.

Successful Projects

Sconza Candy	*811*	Mfg-Candies	300,000	130	Purchased Hershey Building in Stanislaus (Oakdale)
Carmi Flavors	*519*	Mfg- Flavors and Fragrances Source: Direct Mail List	100,000	300	Purchased property in Kings County.
Eurodrip	*412*	Mfg- Plastic Irrigation Fittings Source: WestPack	100,000	60-100 Jobs	Located to Madera in 65,000 sf expandable building.
Kleinfelder	*419*	Warehouse Dist. Source: Broker Program	500	2	Expanded in Bakersfield.
Plastipak	510	Mfg- Durable Goods Source: Web	200,000-300,000	50	Located to Modesto.
Ramcast	318	Mfg- Ornamental Metal Source: WestPack	40,000	30	Located to Fresno at 1555 N. Chestnut.
Chapman University	413	College- Education Source: Broker Program	30,000	30	Located to Tulare

Recent Proposals/Information Sent

Westpack 07	*829*	Mfg- Food Supplements/ product			They need to find a Contract Manufacturer for Food Supplements or food product. Received Tulare.
Broker Program	*828*	Automotive Industry		200-300 Ac	Seeking land to build vehicle testing facility in Kern County. Referred to Kern.
Broker Program	*827*	Industrial	10-20,000 sf		Central Valley broker has client looking for properties in Merced. Referred to Merced.
Broker Program	*826*	Development			Transportation Analyst conducting study for CV developer. Met with Wallace Transportation, Fresno, Tulare and Kern on May 7th.
Web	*825*	Mfg- Furniture			Request for contract manufacturers sent to board. Need by May 1st (this week). Received responses from Kings, Kern and Madera.
Broker Program	*824*	Office- Call Center	100,00 sf		RFP sent to board. Deadline April 30th. Received Fresno, San Joaquin, Merced, Tulare and Kings.
Westpack 07	*823*	Mfg- Small Metals	20-40,000 sf		Client is ready to move forward. Received Kern, Madera, Tulare, Fresno, Stanislaus, San Joaquin and

					Merced.
Team Ca	*822*	Insulation/ Roofing	8-15,000 sf	5 Ac	Sent package to client. Received Madera, Kern, Kings, Fresno, San Joaquin, Tulare and Merced.
Broker Program	*821*	Ind./Retail Storage	60,000 sf+	3-8+Ac	Plan on touring in May. Received Fresno, Kern, Madera and Tulare. Looking for high growth areas, land for sale. Often excess property from retail developments.
Web	*820*	Mfg-Advanced Technology	200,000 sf	15Ac	"Will be in touch if client pursues." Received Madera, Stanislaus, Fresno, Tulare, Kern, San Joaquin and Kings.
Broker Program	*819*	Federal Government Military			Referred to Kern EDC. Seeks info on Ridgecrest (for his clients) because of China Lake reopening.
Broker Program	*818*	Manufacturing	50,000 sf	+	Looking through proposal, "possible 1 or 2 buildings received that would work." Received Tulare, Kings, San Joaquin, Madera, Stanislaus and Kern (no bldgs. available)
TMW List	*817*	Office-Education	37,000 sf	10+	Asked board to respond directly. Looking to expand in Central Valley. Too early for sites.
Broker Program	*816*	Mfg-Solar Farm	20-30 Acres	+	Client is focusing on Northern Ca with plans for CV, but not now. Will call us when necessary. Received Kern and Tulare.
Web	*815*	Mfg- Bldg Materials	130-150,000 sf	200-250	Client working on financing. Was looking in Valley; however investors want a location in Fresno EZ. Tour held March 20, 2008.
Web	*814*	Dist-Const Products	500,000 sf	+	"Still working on various issues, will contact us when necessary." Client visited 2/7/08. Preliminary fact finding for a facility to serve Northern and So. Cal markets.
Broker Program	*813*	Dev -Auto Dealerships	40-180 Ac	+	Need sites. Sent Tulare; none in Kings or Kern.
Web	*812*	Food Process & Distribution	125,000 sf	380	"On hold for ninety days." Interested in Opus development in Stockton. Referred to Shelley.
Broker Program	*811*	Food Processing	130,000 sf	+	Success. See above.
WestPack	*810*	Investor-Buy Business	$50-$100M per yr co.	+	Sent to board 2/21-deal direct with client. Looking to buy businesses that need a turn-around.
WestPack	*809*	Mfg-Bottling	5,000 sf+	10	Sent lead sheet, counties will deal direct with client. Interested in sites from Kern, Kings Tulare.

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WestPack	*808*	Mfg- Candles	1,500-2,000 sf	+	Referred to Stanislaus EDC. Leased a facility in Modesto and needed assistance with employees.
WestPack	*807*	Food Proc-Juice	Building	25	Referred to Kern EDC. Building facility in Bakersfield and needed assistance.
WestPack	*806*	Mfg- Plastics Molds	20,000 sf	+	Have appointment at client facility on May 20th. Sent site package including Stanislaus, Kings, San Joaquin, Tulare and Madera.
Web	*805*	General Contractor	2 Acres	+	Sent to board for direct response.
Referral/Madera	*804*	Call Center	20,000 +	200-400	Client has decided to look in another market. Received Stanislaus, Tulare and San Joaquin.
WestPack	*803*	Import/Export			Visited companies on Feb 7 and 14th in Bakersfield, Tulare and Fresno.
Direct Mail	*802*	Mfg-Commercial Lumber	20-25,000 sf	20	Received Tulare, Kings, Kern, Fresno.
Web	*801*	FP-High Tech (Has product that removes oil/ grease from products)	Co-locate		He was looking for test companies in the valley. Stanislaus responded and met with client on 2/28.
Broker Program	*720*	Whse/Dist Complex	500 Ac	+	Sent rail served sites list. Need 500-ac sites with rail access, near highways that might be able to accommodate large scale complex.
Broker Program	*718*	Developer-Spec	150,000 sf		Referred to Stanislaus EDC. Dallas broker requested info on Crows Landing for possible spec building. Currently in touch with Fresno and Stanislaus.
MD&M	*717*	Mfg-Cosmetics			Management has changed, left message for manager.
Broker Program	*716*	Whse/Dist Cold Storage	250-300,000 sf		4/08 sent sites from Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Merced, San Joaquin, Kings, Madera and Stanislaus.
Web	*715*	Mfg-Metal Fab	60-100,000 sf	70	Start-up looking in Fresno and Kings.
Broker Program	*714*	Brownfield Redev			Need sites from counties that did not respond. Dallas broker looking for "brownfield" redevelopment sites. Merced responded.
Web	*713*	Mfg-Custom Outdoor Furnishings (Golf)	20,000 sf	15	No movement on project yet… taking a close look at local, state, national and world economic anomalies that could impact the business.
Broker Program	*712*	Development	3-10 Acres 20-40 Acres		Need sites. 12/13 sent site pkg with Fresno, Stanislaus, Madera, San Joaquin and Tulare. Will be in for a

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					tour in Jul-Aug 08.
LV Packaging Show	*711*	Office-Employment Agency			Call requested June 2008. Have targeted Central CA for late 2008.
Previous client-Web	*710*	Mfg-Plastic Bottles and water bottling	100-300,000 sf	25+	Requested more info on the Mojave site in Kern County. Held tour 2/27/08 to go over Kings Tulare and Kern sites.
Broker Program	*709*	Dist-West Coast Laundry	150,000 sf	250	"Thanks for follow up – nothing to report yet." Several tours held, focusing in on Kern.
Web	*708*	FP-Water Bottling (They mfg high end table water from brandy water.)	Co-locate	+	Client is requesting CCEDC support for foreign investor funding. Client visited area Oct 18 to meet with us and distilleries in Fresno.
Broker Program	*707*	Whse/Dist-Third party	150-250,000 sf	+	Referred to San Joaquin Partnership. Had requirement for the Manteca/Tracy area.
Web	*706*	Whse/Dist-Health Products	30-35,000 sf	+	"At this time, the company is staying in Reno area. I will let you know if this changes." Toured 10/18/07 in Fresno as test area.
Broker Program	*705*	Healthcare	15,000 sf	20	Sent to counties 8/15/07 for direct response.
Broker Program	*704*	Multi-Use Development	-	-	"Still have a lot of money looking to spend. We had a site in Madera tied up, but the cost of clean up and the timing of absorption of the site; we had to pull out."
Broker Program	*703*	FP-Beverage	250,000 sf	250	Negotiating letter of intent. Has toured 2 times. Focusing on Tulare, although others have not been ruled out.
Area Dev Mag	*702*	Redevelopment	40,000 sf	-	This company does turn-around redevelopment, adept at brownfield cleanup.
Web	*701*	FP-Beverage, Bottling	75-125,000 sf	60	Toured Kern, Tulare, Fresno in 07. Project on hold. 3/18/08 phone and email no longer in service.

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UC Regents' committees authorize UC Merced to continue planning for medical school

Next steps involve establishing a medical school planning office, developing curriculum and preparing a full proposal and business plan

MERCED, CA – The University of California Regents' Committee on Educational Policy and Committee on Health Services today (May 14) unanimously authorized UC Merced to proceed with the next phase of planning for a School of Medicine.

As a result of the regents' endorsement, UC Merced will begin immediately to establish an office that will encompass all medical school planning efforts. The next phase of planning for the campus involves developing curriculum, planning for the infrastructure, and seeking faculty review and approval of the curriculum and the new school. UC Merced's aim is to submit a full proposal and business plan by the end of 2009.

"This is an exciting day for UC Merced, the San Joaquin Valley and California," said Chancellor Steve Kang. "With the regents' approval we will continue our comprehensive and consultative process of planning for a research-based medical school at UC Merced. The school is necessary to train physicians to meet the critical need for doctors in the state and medically underserved Valley. I thank the regents for their endorsement and wish to express sincere gratitude to the Valley community, including our elected officials and the Valley Coalition for UC Merced Medical School for their tremendous support."

Based on more than three years of planning led by UC Merced's Dean of Natural Sciences Maria Pallavicini, in September 2006, UC Merced submitted to the UC Office of the President a preliminary program proposal to establish a School of Medicine. The proposed school will help meet healthcare workforce demands by training physicians through expanded professional training in medical education and research. Current plans call for the enrollment of the first class of 32 students in 2013 though factors such as approval process, funding and hiring of leadership will affect the time line.

A projected shortfall of up to 17,000 physicians in California by 2015 will have an adverse and disproportionate impact on the rapidly growing San Joaquin Valley, where access to healthcare is already 31 percent lower than the state average. Access to specialists in the Valley is 51 percent lower than in the rest of the state.

In addition to improving access to health care, the UC Merced medical school is expected to generate positive economic benefits in the Valley considering that $845 million is

spent annually by Valley residents on health care services delivered outside of the region.

Five advocates, including members of the Valley Coalition for UC Merced Medical School, told the regents today that the Valley's need for more physicians is a serious public policy issue that must be addressed. The representatives spoke to the widespread support in the Valley for a UC Merced medical school and recalled the history of UC Merced as a lesson in how perseverance prevails. Speaking were Bryn Forhan, a Fresno businesswoman and co-chair of the Valley Coalition; Lee Kolligian, a UCLA alumnus and son of former UC Regent Leo Kolligian; Luisa Medina, a board member of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley; Larry Seigler, M.D., former regent and president of the UCLA Alumni Association and City of Fresno Councilmember Larry Westerlund, who is being called to active military duty and leaves later this week for Iraq.

UC Merced's School of Medicine builds on the campus' strong health sciences research base, leverages partnerships with UC Davis and UC San Francisco medical schools, and uses existing healthcare resources in the Valley. The UC Merced School of Medicine will be research-intensive with programs in basic and applied sciences and a signature program in population health with an emphasis on chronic disease and prevention and a particular focus on conditions pertinent to the Valley.

Plans call for a portion of the student program to take place on the UC Merced campus with the bulk of clinical instruction taking place in existing Valley hospitals and clinics. The first clinical campus is slated to be at the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program where resources are already in place to train third- and fourth-year medical students. Additional clinical campuses in the Valley would be developed in the future. More than 20 of the largest community hospitals and health centers in the Valley have expressed interest in partnering with UC Merced on the new medical school.

At maturity, the proposed UC Merced School of Medicine is envisioned to have a total enrollment of 384 medical (MD) students and approximately 70 graduate (PhD) students.

Based on the preliminary proposal, in 2008-09, projected costs associated with planning the medical school are estimated to be approximately $2 million with funding provided by a gift from United Health Foundation. During 2009-2011, the campus estimates costs to be approximately $7 million, of which $2 million also is supported by the United Health gift. Annual increments will be needed to develop implementation plans and recruit the charter faculty during 2011 through 2013. At its planned opening in 2013, the new School of Medicine is anticipated to have an operating budget of $11 to $16 million.

At full enrollment and build out, annual operating costs associated with the medical school are estimated to be approximately $81 to $86 million (in 2007-2008 dollars). Funding would be provided by a combination of state funds and educational fees, professional school fees, clinic revenue, contracts, grants and gifts and endowments. Funds are also needed for buildings and infrastructure.

All budget numbers are estimated. UC Merced expects to refine budget plans over the next 12 to18 months.

UC Merced has already received new funds totaling more than $10 million to support several aspects of medical school planning and related biomedical research activities. UC Merced continues to be successful in raising funds from private sources recording more than $72 million since the inception of the campus. Authorization by the regents for continued planning for the proposed School of Medicine is instrumental to furthering the campus' fundraising efforts.

When submitted, UC Merced's final proposal and business plan will be subject to all customary review and approval requirements of the university and state, including final approval by the regents.

Summary

The regents' endorsement enables UC Merced to move forward plans to establish a School of Medicine, including creating a planning office; developing curriculum and a full proposal and business plan; planning for initial infrastructure; seeking faculty review and approval of the curriculum and new school; and launching a fundraising campaign. The campus anticipates submission of a formal proposal for a School of Medicine to the president of the University of California in approximately 12 to 18 months. Pending approvals and the commitment of new resources, the School of Medicine is proposed to open in 2013.

For more information on UC Merced's proposed School of Medicine, please visit: http://med.ucmerced.edu.

Related Links:
UC Merced Web site
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California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

Mr. Richard Blum
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Dear Regent Blum and Members of the Board of Regents:

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors is writing to express our strong and enthusiastic support for UC Merced's efforts to establish a medical school and request that the UC Board of Regents approve continued planning of the school.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, initiated by an executive order from Governor Schwarzenegger, is an unprecedented effort to bring together public and private leaders and resources to address economic, environmental and social issues in the eight-county San Joaquin Valley, from Kern to San Joaquin.

The Partnership's Board of Directors has identified the creation of a UC Merced medical school as one of the region's top priorities because of the significant benefits it would bring to the entire Valley. In April 2006, the Board passed a resolution to develop a stellar medical education program at UC Merced that serves the health needs of the Valley's diverse residents and improves its economic well-being. A copy of the resolution is attached.

As you may know, the Valley historically has been an underserved region in terms of recruiting and retaining medical professionals. The Valley has 31 percent fewer primary care physicians and 51 percent fewer specialists practicing than in California overall. A report released on May 8, 2008, by the Great Valley Center, located in Modesto, found that all eight counties in the Valley rate lower than the state average in the number of physicians per 1,000 people. Those rates ranged from a high of 1.9 physicians per 1,000 people in Fresno County to an alarmingly low rate of 0.9 per 1,000 in Kings and Merced counties. Those statistics are particularly troubling given that our Valley is one of the fastest-growing regions in California, meaning that it is critical to produce more physicians to keep pace with the Valley's growing, aging and diverse population.

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A UC Merced medical school will address the critical shortage of physicians in the Valley and improving the health status of its residents; but it also will have a positive economic impact on the region. Our Valley loses millions of dollars from the economy each year as local residents with health insurance coverage seek medical care outside of the region. An estimated $845 million is lost to the Valley economy because patients must go to the Bay Area or Southern California for advanced medical care.

Additionally, a UC Merced medical school would expand higher educational opportunities in the Valley, extend campus research programs throughout the Valley and offer all of the benefits associated with research as evidenced in communities with existing UC medical schools.

As with the development of the UC Merced campus, the UC Board of Regents has an opportunity to provide leadership and vision to raise the level of health care of communities in the San Joaquin Valley. We request that the UC Board of Regents approve continued planning of the UC Merced medical school and provide a reasonable time frame for initiation. We also request that the office of the President appoint a task force to devise strategies for the development of a medical school at UC Merced, including advocacy, financing and public relations.

Sincerely,

Connie Conway, Chair
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE ANTICIPATED TO LEAD TO A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.

WHEREAS, assessments of California's health care work force point to a shortage of up to 17,000 physicians in the state by 2015; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley currently has 24 percent fewer primary care physicians and approximately 50 percent fewer specialists per capita than the rest of California as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Valley, which is already medically underserved, will be disproportionately impacted by a statewide shortage of physicians; and

WHEREAS, the Valley's growing population and high incidence of health problems point to an overwhelming need to address access to health care in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Valley loses millions of dollars from the economy each year as local residents with health insurance coverage seek medical care outside of the region; and

WHEREAS, one of UC Merced's goals is to be a leader in a health-care alliance aimed at improving the well being of San Joaquin Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, an expert task force charged with beginning planning for UC health sciences and medical education in the San Joaquin Valley recommends a model that leverages existing health care resources in the Valley, thereby bypassing the $2-4 million per bed price tag associated with constructing a new and university-owned teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced trains students at clinical sites throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced aims to increase the number of health care professionals practicing in the Valley, particularly those that are competent in multi-cultural medicine; and

WHEREAS, A University of California school of medicine in the Valley will raise the level of care across the Valley through access to the latest advances and treatments associated with UC health sciences research programs, change perceptions about health care quality, keep health care dollars in the region and serve as an economic engine for the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley must be united in its efforts to develop a stellar medical education program that serves the health needs of its residents;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to continue to support the work of the University of California Merced to bring a medical school the San Joaquin Valley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Board Members of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to recommend actions that will improve the economic well being of the Valley and the quality of life of its diverse residents, support the development of health sciences research and graduate medical education programs led by UC Merced that are anticipated to lead to a school of medicine in the San Joaquin Valley.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 7 day of April, 2006, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

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May 9, 2008

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Dear Regent Blum and Members of the Board:

The Central Valley Health Policy Institute (CVHPI) was established in 2002 and is guided by a 30-member Regional Advisory Council with the mission to improve equity in health and health care by developing the region's capacity for policy analysis and program development. The organization has been an active partner and member of the UC Merced Valley Coalition to support a medical education program through UC Merced. CVHPI has contributed research expertise, data and publications specific to the need for a medical education program located at UC Merced.

We are deeply concerned about existing disparities in access to health care and the shortage of health care providers in the region. The Valley has 31 percent fewer primary care physicians and 51 percent fewer specialists than California as a whole. These disparities are increasing because the population growth rates in the Valley far exceed those of the state. The Valley also will be adversely and disproportionately impacted by a projected statewide shortage of up to 17,000 physicians by 2015. Therefore, it is imperative that steps be taken now to establish a medical school at UC Merced to address the health care needs of the state and Valley.

UC Merced's proposed model of medical education builds on a decentralized model of training that provides medical students firsthand experience in working in the geographically disparate region as well as working with a patient population rich in diversity. A UC Merced medical school will leverage partnerships with UC Davis and UCSF schools of medicine and use existing health care facilities in the Valley to quickly and cost-effectively begin meeting the health care needs of the region.

The Valley is home to 3.9 million residents, with an ever-increasing minority-majority population of Hispanic and Southeast Asian residents. It is imperative that we grow a more culturally responsive physician and allied health care workforce to effectively address the health care needs of this Valley. We believe that your support for a medical school through UC Merced will not only reduce the current shortage in physicians but will further our efforts to be more responsive to the unique and important population needs of the Central Valley.

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for UC Merced's plans, and I encourage the UC Board of Regents to endorse establishment of UC Merced's medical school, most immediately by authorizing the campus to continue planning.

Sincerely,

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California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Communications Update

Communications Plan Update – Phase II Implementation

Phase II of the Communications Plan, aimed at building public support for the Partnership, is well underway. Phase II is focused on media and community outreach to support the Partnership's identity.

The media outreach strategy has resulted in significant editorial support for the Partnership's efforts throughout the Valley. The Valley's major newspapers have written in support of the Partnership and its regional approach to addressing the region's major challenges. The Partnership also has received considerable media recognition for its work on air quality, water, education, energy, transportation, and high-speed rail issues.

Notable recent Partnership-related activities include:

- Kelli Furtado of the Partnership Secretariat staff presented an in-depth look at the Partnership and its activities at the Great Valley Center's Green Momentum conference in Sacramento.
- The Partnership has added 700 people to its database in the past quarter and now has more than 2,500.
- Partnership Communications Director Michael Lukens has been in regular contact with Valley editorial board members through the Partnership News Briefing and regular communication regarding Partnership activities.

Phase I of the Communications Plan was designed to create an effective internal communications structure and create materials and tools to support the launch of the external communications/outreach efforts of Phases II and III. Phase I is essentially complete with the successful delivery of the Partnership brand map, Web site, fact sheets, PowerPoint, and *Partnership Progress* electronic newsletter.

Communications Tools

Web site, Phase II

The transition to the Partnership's new and improved Web site has gone well. The Web site launched in January 2008, and the Partnership's Work Group consultants – who can now post directly to their pages – have reported a smooth transition.

The new site features a content management system that allows work groups more access and control to communicate and share documents. The individual work group sections have been expanded from one page to several pages including overview, action plan, announcements, and document library pages.

The site also features some interactive components and animations, including an interactive overview chart that demonstrates the work and interdependencies of the initiatives within the Partnership and an interactive map that demonstrates the massive undertaking by showing the collaborative partners by county area.

Additionally, there is an animation for each work group and the Partnership overall that loads randomly on the homepage, so visitors are exposed to a different work group each time they visit.

Work Group consultants have received a guide for using the new Web site and will receive training on managing the Work Group Web pages at the February meeting of the Work Group consultants.

e-newsletter – A monthly electronic newsletter is sent to all Partnership stakeholders that highlights successes of the Partnership and includes updates on the progress of the Work Groups, important dates, and a features section that profiles people connected to the Partnership and showcases impacts of the Partnership's work.

Partnership News Briefing – A daily overview of news stories, information and events related to Partnership priorities and activities is sent to Board members, Work Groups, business and community leaders, and other government and legislative contacts throughout the Valley.

Supporting materials -- The Partnership logo, fact sheets, PowerPoint presentation, and contact lists have been made available to work group consultants and the Board on the communications tools page. A communications policy guides the use of the tools to support the brand of the Partnership by creating consistent imaging and messaging.

Speakers Bureau

Partnership Board members will be contacted to provide input on organizations and groups that should be targeted for speaking opportunities. Board members and Work Group participants also will be recruited to speak at those events to raise awareness and encourage involvement in and support of Partnership activities. Supporting materials for Speakers Bureau participants will be expanded in Phase II.

Outreach

The Communications Team continues to build and fine-tune the communications management system to ensure effective outreach and communications with key stakeholders throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The database organizes stakeholders by sector and industry. Through various strategies, including the "refer a friend" on the newsletter, contact lists from Partnership work groups, and the "sign-up" function through the Web site, the stakeholder base continues to grow.

Audience Mapping

The Communications Team has created an audience map for the Partnership and continues to work with each work group to create a tailored audience map. The audience map exercise helps to identify key stakeholders, identifying what they want, what we want from them, and the obstacles to overcome. This tool helps drive the communications tactics (how we communicate) and the messages that we deliver (what we communicate) to maximize our effectiveness.

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Legislative Overview

Partnership-Endorsed Legislation by Issue

Air Quality

- **AB 575 (Arambula) - Prop 1B AQ Mitigation Criteria/Funding**
  A bill to require that $1 billion to mitigate air pollution from goods movement, approved by voters under the *Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006* (Proposition 1B), be appropriated to the highest priority projects according to a set of region-neutral criteria. This bill is consistent with the actions and objectives of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), as set forth in their *Strategic Action Proposal*, by providing the incentive funding needed to "implement incentive mechanisms to accelerate adoption of air quality mitigation technologies."

  Related, the Air Quality Work Group has sent letters in support of Prop 1B funding and criteria for allocation of funds as efforts transition in the legislature.

  Status: Bill held in Assembly Appropriations Committee. However, the allocation of Proposition 1B "Goods Movement Emission Reduction" (AQ Mitigation) Program funding has been determined by criteria passed as part of the 2007-08 Budget, through trailer bill SB 88, and the ARB.

- **AB 1455 (Arambula, Villines) – Air Quality Zones**
  The bill as most recently amended would authorize the State Air Resources Board to designate "California Air Quality Zones" for the purpose of providing incentives for owners of mobile and stationary sources of air pollution to invest in air pollution control equipment that produce surplus emission reductions, and for owners of stationary sources of air pollution to invest in the production and utilization of renewable energy technologies. Areas eligible include those that: 1) have been in nonattainment for PM 2.5 and in serious, severe, or extreme nonattainment for ozone using the 8-hour rule, and 2) have countywide unemployment rate at least 50% higher than the statewide average for at least two of the last three years.

  The bill's goal is to improve air quality in the state's dirtiest air basins and generate jobs in the most disadvantaged communities.

  Status: Placed on the Suspense File in Senate Appropriations, and did not pass out of committee in 2007.

- **SB 23 (Cogdill) – Vehicle Replacement - *Passed***
  On July 26, the Executive Committee agreed to offer support for SB 23 as introduced. The bill, as introduced, would require the Air District, in consultation with the Air Resources Board, to develop and administer a vehicle exchange program to

replace high polluting vehicles with donated, smog-compliant vehicles according to specified conditions.

Status: Signed by the governor on Sunday, October 14. The bill was tied to the enactment of SB 719, a bill to restructure the board of the SJV Air Pollution Control District, which the governor also signed.

Energy & Air Quality

- **AB 1223 (Arambula) - Net Energy Metering**
  A bill to permit an agricultural customer who uses solar or wind generation to offset the customer's own electrical needs to aggregate the electricity use of properties adjacent or contiguous to the generator that are under the same ownership to its full electricity usage over a 12-month cycle at the retail rate. This bill is consistent with the actions and objectives of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), as set forth in their *Strategic Action Proposal*, by advancing an important mission of the Partnership to "promote energy use efficiencies and adoption of clean, renewable energy technologies to ensure a reliable supply, grow the economy, and improve air quality." Specifically, this legislation directly addresses the Air Quality Work Group's objective of "implementing a net metering program within [the] same agricultural operation or water district," and the Energy Work Group's objective to "work with state agencies to explore and demonstrate innovative approaches to increase use of renewable energy, including trading of net metering credits, streamlining requirements for interconnection to grid, and structuring incentives for renewable energy production."

  The Partnership Board and Executive Committee have sent letters in support of the bill.

  Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications.

- **H Con Res 157 (Rep. Radanovich with Rep. Nunes) – Renewable Energy/Biofuels**
  On July 25, 2007, the Partnership's Executive Committee passed a resolution supporting House Concurrent Resolution 157 with the goal of improving the health of Valley citizens and achieving a reduction in all federally-regulated emissions, including nitrous oxides. H Con Res 157 reiterates the commitment of Congress, as established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, to develop alternative and renewable energy, in particular biodiesel and other biofuels, and to support the research and development of biodiesel and biofuels from agricultural products and byproducts.

  Status: Bill introduced on May 23, 2007. Referred to House Science and Technology Committee where it awaits action.

Land Use, Agriculture and Housing

- **AB 1129 (Arambula) - Housing Trust Fund**
  This bill would establish the San Joaquin Valley Regional Affordable Housing Trust as a voluntary organization for the purposes of fostering the regional collaboration of San Joaquin Valley cities, counties, developers, financial institutions, and community-based organizations to meet affordable housing needs in the region.

Status: Bill was amended on January 7, passed the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development on January 16, 2008. Now sits in Senate Transportation & Housing Committee. The hearing is expected on June 17.

K-12 Education

- **AB 1403 (Arambula) – Education**
  A bill to establish an innovative, five-year Central Valley School District Improvement Pilot Program. This legislation is consistent with the goals and objectives of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley toward the implementation of "a school and school district support system through the County Offices of Education." Specifically, this bill would allow two County Superintendents (Fresno and Tulare) to *opt* to assume additional responsibility for ensuring the academic success of those struggling school districts within their jurisdiction that are both identified for program improvement or corrective action under the federal No Child Left Behind ***and*** have 50 percent of more of their schools ranked in deciles 1 and 2 of the state Academic Performance Index.

  Partnership Board and Executive Committee have sent letters in support of the bill.

  Status: Placed on the Suspense File in Senate Appropriations, and did not pass out of committee in 2007.

Action Taken by Executive Committee by Issue

Health & Human Services

- **AB 340 (Hancock) – Foster Care Pilot Program - *Passed***
  This bill creates a pilot project in up to five counties that will allow county welfare departments to merge duplicative foster placement processes for licensing and approving relatives, foster families, and adoptive parents.

  Status: The governor signed on October 11, 2007. The Executive Committee approved a letter to Secretary Belshé asking that at least one of the pilot projects be implemented in a Valley county.

  The Partnership received a response letter from Secretary Belshe and copied the California Social Services Director John Wagner. She said criteria will be constructed in partnership with the CWDA. Hub Walsh from Madera County is the Executive Officer of the CWDA, and David Foster of the HHS WG has agreed to follow-up with him and monitor the criteria development.

Sustainability of the Partnership

- **AB 2342 (Parra) – California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**
  AB 2342 is a bill to authorize the CA Partnership. The bill sets the structure and duties of the Partnership.

  The current board of the Partnership directed staff to work with the author on the language of this bill as well as maintain ongoing discussions regarding all approaches for sustainability of the Partnership.

Status: AB 27, the original bill, was last amended on January 17. The first hearing was held on January 8, 2008 in the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee, and passed by a unanimous vote. The next hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee was held on Thursday, January 24, and was placed on suspense due to the minimal projected cost of the bill. As a result, it did not meet the final deadline (Jan 25) for all committees to report out to the floor bills introduced in their house in 2007.

Assemblymember Parra introduced a new bill, AB 2342, with slightly different language. This bill passed unanimously out of the Assembly Jobs Committee on April 8, the Appropriations Committee on May 22, and passed out of the full Assembly on May 27 by a vote of 75 to 1.

Other State Issues

May Budget Revision

On May 14, the governor sent the legislature his revisions to the 2008-09 Budget. Some highlights include:

- **Partnership Funding**
  The May Revision proposes $2 million General Fund to be transferred to the California Economic Development Fund to continue the implementation of the 10-Year San Joaquin Valley Strategic Action Proposal. Funding will sustain a public-private partnership to promote economic development, workforce development, education, transportation, land use and environmental issues. The California Economic Development Fund will allow state funding to complement potential federal, local, and private funds

- **HSR**
  The May Revision includes $10 million from the Public Transportation Account to sustain current engineering and project management work and mobilize contract resources for all corridors, prior to the election. The May Revision also proposes to appropriate $8.2 million from Proposition 116 for additional environmental studies and engineering work on the Fresno-to-Sacramento segment. An additional $23 million is proposed to be appropriated from the bond fund to continue work after the election.

- **ARB: Financial Incentive Program for Surplus Emission Reductions**
  The Air Resources Board (ARB) proposes to spend $48.7 million from the Air Quality Improvement Fund on a one-time basis to fund financing programs, including loans and loan guarantees to assist heavy-duty mobile pollution source fleets affected by the ARB's new emission control rules. The financing program is intended to leverage state funding at a ratio of seven to one. The program will facilitate early action on regulatory compliance, ensuring critical emission reductions are achieved in an expedited manner.

Energy

- **AB 2176 (Caballero) – Energy Efficiency Block Grants**

This bill requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to administer federal funds to be received by the state pursuant to a block grant program included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Specifically, this bill:

- Requires, consistent with federal law, at least 60% of the Energy Efficiency and Block Grant (EEBG) funds to provide cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation grants to cities of 35,000 or less and counties of 200,000 or less.
- Requires, consistent with federal law, the remaining funds to be used for grants to entities eligible under the federal act-state entities, Indian tribes, or others designated in the federal law.
- Requires all grant applications to be prioritized and awarded based on cost-effectiveness.
- Limits administrative costs to 10% of program funds.

Status: The bill passed unanimously out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 22 and will be taken up by the full Assembly the week of May 27.

San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization sent a letter supporting the bill.

Transportation/Air Quality

- **AB 3034 (Galgiani) - High-Speed Rail Bond Modification**
  This bill modifies the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act, as originally enacted by SB 1856 (Costa), to reflect activities and project design changes that occurred over the past six years, and to better present the bond authorization measure to voters at the November 4, 2008 statewide election.

  Specifically this bill:

  1) Replaces language that requires the $9 billion of bond proceeds earmarked for high-speed rail to first be spent on the segment between San Francisco Transbay Terminal and Los Angeles Union Station, with language that requires bond proceeds to be spent generally on all high-speed rail segments and the Altamont Corridor between the Central Valley and the East Bay.

  This bill requires the High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) to give priority to those system segments that require the least amount of bond funding as a percentage of total cost, to consider the utility of that segment for other passenger rail services, and to ensure that other services will not result in any operating or maintenance cost to the authority.

  2) Allows up to 10% of bond proceeds earmarked for the high-speed rail system (a maximum $900 million) to be used for environmental studies, planning and engineering activities.

  3) Specifies that the $950 million in bond proceeds earmarked for intercity and commuter rail lines and urban rail systems can be allocated to systems that are part of the construction of the high-speed rail system.

  4) Prohibits the siting of a high-speed rail station between the Merced station and the Gilroy station

Status: The bill passed unanimously out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 22 and will be taken up by the full Assembly the week of May 27.

Federal Issues

Energy

- **Solar ITC**
  The San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization sent a letter to the Valley Congressional delegation in support of a long-term extension of the federal Solar Investment Tax Credit. On May 21, the House passed a six-year extension as included in HR 6049, the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act. The bill faces a Presidential veto in its current form. It is unclear whether the Senate will take up this measure.

Farm Bill

- **EQIP Air Quality Funding**
  After over a year of Partnership advocacy on the issue, the Farm Bill, HR 2419, passed by the House and Senate on May 14-15, included $150 million ($37.5m for each fiscal years 2009 – 2012) to "provide payments…to producers to implement practices to address air quality concerns from agricultural operations and to meet Federal, State, and local regulatory requirements." The funds will be made available on the basis of air quality concerns in a State and shall be used to provide payments to producers that are cost effective and reflect innovative technologies.

  The joint explanatory statement indicated that the funds should be "used for cost-effective methods in addressing air quality and to reduce emissions and pollutants from operations, including making improvements in mobile or stationary equipment such as engines."

  A substantial portion of the new air quality funding provided through the Environmental Quality Innovation Program's (EQIP) Conservation Innovation Grants program, is expected to directly assist farmers in California's San Joaquin Valley.

  The bill was vetoed by the President due to "expensive" crop subsidies, among other things.

  Procedural Issues: Due to clerical error in enrollment – the Farm Bill sent to President was missing one title of the bill - the House and Senate need to once again pass the legislation which will be sent to the President's desk for an expected veto. Both chambers must once again override the veto for final approval.

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Contract #6B910012 - UC Merced (#3)

☒ ***Planning Phase***

- ☑ ➢ Hire Assessment and Implementation Team (7 members) and Analyst
- ☑ ➢ Coordinate and conduct two regional meetings (July and August 2007) to begin identifying potential sites
- ☑ ➢ Complete needs assessment for interested sites; conduct 8 site visits; analyze data
- ☑ ➢ Finalize site selections and equipment specifications for each site
- ☑ ➢ Draft Site Selection Report
- ☑ ➢ Recruit Project Coordinators

☐ **Quarter 3: (1/1/08 – 3/31/08)**

Set Up Phase (Q3)

- ☑ ➢ Hire two Project Coordinators
- ☑ ➢ Brief and assign UC Merced staff to project
- ☑ ➢ Prepare 4 designated eHealth Center sites for equipment delivery and installation as needed **(5)**
- ☐ ➢ Purchase and install equipment **(Ordered)**

☐ **Quarters 4 - 5: (4/1/08 – 9/30/08)**

Set Up Phase (Q4 Q5)

- ☐ ➢ Develop training and marketing materials
- ☐ ➢ Conduct 3 training sessions (from May to August 2008) for site staff and project coordinators by AI Team on use of telemedicine equipment
- ☐ ➢ Hire contract education liaison to begin working with local schools
- ☐ ➢ Develop and conduct outreach and engagement activities with local schools
- ☐ ➢ Conduct three outreach events by August 2008 for residents of service area to market availability and benefits of telemedicine

☐ ***Delivery Phase***

- ☐ ➢ Begin providing patient services at each of the four eHealth Centers (serving a minimum of 10 clients per quarter per center)
- ☐ ➢ Engage local students by implementing projects and activities such as field trips and videoconferencing to classrooms and school events (serving a minimum of 2 schools for student-related events per eHealth Center per quarter)
- ☐ ➢ Conduct evaluation of clinical and financial impacts of the use of telemedicine at the four sites over the previous year.
- ☐ ➢ Draft and disseminate Evaluation report by December 2008.

☒ **Quarter 1: (7/01/07 – 9/30/07)**

Local City Governments, local City Planning Departments, and local builders and developers

- ☑ ➢ Prepare an action strategy and schedule a community outreach effort.
- ☑ ➢ Identify the specific experts needed to educate EJ stakeholders about funding sources
- ☑ ➢ Provide guidance regarding the use of "air quality" as scoring criteria on local government procurement contracts.
- ☑ ➢ Identify stakeholders and decision makers who are key to adoption of clean air technologies and procurement incentives
- ☑ ➢ Initiate contacts, provide information exchange sessions and gain insight to obstacles and opportunities related to introducing the ISR

Owners of high-emitting or gross polluting vehicles:

- ☑ ➢ Arvin: Plan, organize and stage each Tune In & Tune Up event

All Programs General Activity:

- ☑ ➢ Prepare quarterly Grant Progress Report
- ☑ ➢ Prepare report w/program updates and information for Partnership Work Groups' monthly and quarterly meetings

☐ **Quarter 2: (10/01/07 – 12/30/07)**

School Districts

- ☐ ➢ Schedule meetings with school district transportation managers to discuss existing options and emission requirements

Local City Governments, local City Planning Departments, and local builders and developers

- ☐ ➢ Conduct educational workshop/meeting focused on providing an overview of clean air technologies applicable to city government operations, as well as the ISR

Fireplace/Wood-Burning Stove Retailers AND Garden/Lawn Care Equipment Retailers:

- ☑ ➢ Identify retailers and assess customer base of each retailer in each community
- ☑ ➢ Meet w/SJVAPCD to identify program assistance and marketing incentives for retailers
- ☑ ➢ Jointly meet w/retailers, stakeholders and city officials to identify obstacles and opportunities to selling cleaner products

All Programs General Activity:

- ☑ ➢ Prepare quarterly Grant Progress Report
- ☑ ➢ Prepare report w/program updates and information for Partnership Work Groups' monthly and quarterly meetings
- ☑ ➢ Submit program report and updated information for Partnership's Web Site

☐ **Quarter 3: (1/1/08 – 3/31/08)**

School Districts

- ☐ ➢ Use experts in school bus fleet modernization and process tracking to instruct district transportation personnel to obtain and appropriately expend the needed funds.

Local City Governments, local City Planning Departments, and local builders and developers

- ☐ ➢ Prepare a flexible electronic template for a "How To" kit and presentation for local government leaders about clean air technologies and the use of "air Quality" as procurement criteria
- ☐ ➢ Conduct community workshops

Owners of High-emitting or gross polluting vehicles:

- ☐ ➢ Avenal: Organize and stage *Tune In & Tune Up* event **(Rescheduled)**

All Programs General Activity:

- ☑ ➢ Prepare quarterly Grant Progress Report
- ☑ ➢ Prepare report w/program updates and information for Partnership Work Groups' monthly and quarterly meetings
- ☑ ➢ Submit program report and updated information for Partnership's Web Site

☐ **Quarter 4: (4/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

School Districts

- ☐ ➢ Schedule training of maintenance personnel on new equipment

Local City Governments, local City Planning Departments, and local builders and developers

- ☐ ➢ Market and stage workshops in each community
- ☐ ➢ Provide follow up information exchanges to track progress toward initiating introduction of clean air incentives into procurement activities, clean air technologies into municipal operations and adoption of the ISR's building principles
- ☐ ➢ Prepare report w/program updates and information for Partnership Work Groups' monthly and quarterly meetings
- ☐ ➢ Submit program report and updated information for Partnership's Web Site

☐ **Quarter 5: (7/01/08 – 9/30/08)**

School Districts

- ☐ ➢ Continue training of maintenance personnel, as needed

Local City Governments, local City Planning Departments, and local builders and developers

- ☐ ➢ Market workshop event in Avenal
- ☐ ➢ After Avenal event, provide follow-up information exchanges to track progress toward initiating introduction of clean air incentives per Q4.

Owners of High-emitting or gross polluting vehicles:

- ☐ ➢ Parlier: Organize and stage *Tune In & Tune Up* event

All Programs General Activity:

- ☐ ➢ Prepare quarterly Grant Progress Report
- ☐ ➢ Prepare report w/program updates and information for Partnership Work Groups' monthly and quarterly meetings
- ☐ ➢ Submit program report and updated information for Partnership's Web Site

☐ **Quarter 6: (10/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

School Districts

- ☐ ➢ Establish a support network among the three districts to share lessons learned and seek assistance as needed

Local City Governments, local City Planning Departments, and local builders and developers

- ☐ ➢ Market workshop event in Arvin
- ☐ ➢ After Arvin event, provide follow-up information exchanges to track progress toward initiating introduction of clean air incentives per Q4.

All Programs General Activity:

- ☐ ➢ Prepare quarterly Grant Progress Report
- ☐ ➢ Prepare report w/program updates and information for Partnership Work Groups' monthly and quarterly meetings and Partnership's Annual Report
- ☐ ➢ Submit program report and updated information for Partnership's Web Site
- ☐ ➢ Analyze data and information from all events and prepare Best Practices Report for distribution at Meeting of Work Groups and prepare and submit final grant report.

☒ ***Goal 1: Position CCEDC as Regional Leader***

- ☑ ➢ Exchange ideas with Partnership Partners (Partners) at Monthly/quarterly meetings of the Partnership **(ongoing)**
- ☑ ➢ Provide quarterly update for Partners to use on their web site **(ongoing)**
- ☑ ➢ Develop list of Partners mutual marketing projects (Q1) **(ongoing)**
- ☑ ➢ Conduct planned visits to public officials (Q2) (Q6)
- ☑ ➢ Advocate for economic development policies through EDC media (Q1, Q3, Q5) **(ongoing)**
- ☑ ➢ Develop brochure with key regional messages for regional CEO-to-CEO (Q2 to Q4)

☐ ***Goal 2: Facilitate Job Creation and Investment in SJV***

- ☑ ➢ Develop a Business Intelligence System for regional industry (Q1 to Q3)
- ☐ ➢ Contact 240 regional companies per quarter (950 annually) through EDCs
- ☑ ➢ Contact 250 companies outside Central California per quarter (1000 annually)
- ☑ ➢ Contact 500 brokers quarterly
- ☑ ➢ Initiate 10 tours of Central California annually
- ☑ ➢ Go on 7 National Missions
- ☑ ➢ Attend CoreNet Event (Q4)
- ☑ ➢ Attend SIOR Event (Q2)

☐ ***Goal 3: Promote a positive brand for Central California***

- ☐ Research and Marketing Materials
  - ☑ ➢ Research new data set for 8 county regions (Q1 and Q5)
  - ☑ ➢ Develop White Papers for New Cluster Industries (Q1 and Q2)
  - ☑ ➢ Develop Real Estate Update (Q1 and Q5)
  - ☑ ➢ Develop New Trade Show Booth (Q2)
  - ☐ ➢ Develop Region-wide guide for counties (Q2 and Q3) **(In Process)**
- ☐ Incentive Zone Marketing
  - ☑ ➢ Post incentive zone brochure to Web (Q1)
  - ☐ ➢ Develop Incentive Zone Map (Q3) **(In Process)**
- ☐ Trade shows/Events
  - ☑ ➢ Attend WestPack Trade Show (Q3)
  - ☑ ➢ Attend Food Processing Show (Q2)
  - ☐ ➢ Attend Renewable Energy Show (Q4) **(tbd)**
  - ☑ ➢ Leverage Team California Trade Shows
- ☐ Web Site
  - ☑ ➢ Update CCEDC Web site with new county info (ongoing)
  - ☐ ➢ Develop a “Best Practice” Web-Based Site Selection Toolkit (Q4-Q6) **(Reviewing Product)**
- ☐ Public Relations
  - ☑ ➢ Shop Press Releases to media and ED channels
  - ☑ ➢ Use CCEDC Web to post latest stories **(Ongoing)**
  - ☐ ➢ Advertising – 2 placements in business journals (Q2 and Q4) **(tbd)**

☐ ***Goal 4: Identify and market “Certified” Sites***

- ☐ ➢ Outline infrastructure needs with each cluster (Q1 and Q2) **(In Process)**
- ☑ ➢ Create Web Database of certified sites
- ☑ ➢ Place sites in White paper for each cluster

☑ ***Goal 5: Foster Long-Term funding***

- ☑ ➢ Secure EDA District funding (Q2)
- ☑ ➢ Seek Business Cluster and Regional Business funding (Q4)
- ☑ ➢ Secure additional EDC’s funding (Q5)

Contract # 6B910015 - Golden Capital Network (#24/28)

☐ **Building LocalPrivateEquity Investment Capacity**

- ☑ ➢ Create region-wide angel investor advisory board with expertise in growth sectors (20 members)
- ☑ ➢ Develop "Angel Group Formation" template and "Resource Booklet**" (Q2)**

- ☐ ➢ Organize angel education and organizing events in Greater Fresno, Greater Modesto and Greater Stockton (15 angels per spoke actively engaged)
- ☐ ➢ Recruit 2 angel investor champions per angel spoke trained in each location; help them recruit angels; develop angel spoke funds
- ☐ ➢ Develop marketing plan to help angel investor champions identify and recruit angels on an ongoing basis
- ☐ ➢ Formalize operating and management agreements, detailing each angel group's investment goals and preferences

☐ ***Develop Infrastructure that Supports Entrepreneurship and Business Growth***

- ☑ ➢ Develop and publish a comprehensive regional listing of key stakeholders engaged in economic and business activity (Q1)
- ☑ ➢ Convene two workshops to engage stakeholders in regional infrastructure development to support entrepreneurship and business expansion (Q2 and Q3)
- ☐ ➢ Design and develop a comprehensive Valley-wide economic vitality website (Q2 and Q3) (In Process)
- ☐ ➢ Conduct Entrepreneurship Level One Training workshops across the Valley in conjunction with community colleges (Q3-Q6) **(Ongoing)**

- ☑ ➢ Provide access to executive education opportunities to entrepreneurs of qualified growth companies throughout the Valley (Q3-Q6)

- ☐ ➢ Conduct informational workshops in each county to educate service providers on entrepreneurship and capital access (Q3-Q6) **(Ongoing)**
- ☑ ➢ Convene one Incubation Networking event to enable existing incubators and entities interested in incubators to share information and best practices (Q4)
- ☑ ➢ Select community college partner (Q2)
- ☐ ➢ Develop and implement pilot "Regional Community College Incubator" (Q2-Q6)

☐ ***Initiate and Sustain Deal Flow Generation Programs and Activities***

- ☑ ➢ Conduct conference on Capital Access and educate entrepreneurs on types of growth financing available (Q1)
- ☐ ➢ Develop and deliver eight regional interactive "Equity 101" workshops for entrepreneurs, one per county (Q2-Q6) **(Ongoing)**
- ☐ ➢ Organize three local "deal flow" showcasing events for angel funds and regionally-focused private equity funds to assist 30 growth oriented companies with receiving angel financing (Q2-Q6) **(Ongoing)**

Contract #6B910019 - Kings River Conservation District (#37)

☐ **Quarter 1 - 2: (7/01/07 – 12/30/07)**

Task 1: Develop Final Work Plan and Approach

Update the business plan for the SJV Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO), including a long-range financing plan and fundraising strategy and a

- ☑ description of how the SJVCEO will work with the public and investor-owned utilities on their ongoing effo
- ☑ Finalize and secure Partnership approval of initial work plan and board composition for SJVCEO
- ☑ Incorporate the organization;
- ☑ Recruit board
- ☑ Develop written "partner agreements" with key stakeholders forming the SJVCEO
- ☐ Secure resource commitments **(In Process)**
- ☐ Develop the scope of the proposed Regional Energy Plan **(In Process)**

☒ **Quarters 1 - 3: (7/01/07 – 3/31/08)**

Task 2: Begin Start Up Operation of the SJVCEO

- ☑ Hire part time Interim Director on contract basis
- ☑ Begin implementation of fundraising strategy
- ☑ Develop Web site
- ☑ Develop selected marketing and outreach
- ☑ Develop funding database

☐ **Quarters 2 - 6: (10/01/07 – 12/30/08) ongoing**

Task 3: Evaluate and Pilot Approaches for Building Clean Energy Capacity within Underserved Valley Communities and Agricultural Sector

- ☑ Compile and disseminate market specific information to underserved communities
- ☑ Provide assessments of 1-2 communities on affordable housing and public facilities
- ☐ Develop Ag sector data base; provide technical assistance to apply for funding **(In Process)**

☐ **Change to Contract Mid-Term:**

- ☐ It is anticipated that mid-term through the contract the SJVCEO will be fully operational and assume the responsibility of fiscal agent. (In Process)

☒ **Year One (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)**

☑ Objective A: Establish an ongoing collaborative partnership of local, state and federal representatives with a shared mission of decreasing the impact of methamphetamine and other drugs, to develop a model continuum of care.

☒ **Quarter 1: (7/01/07 – 9/30/07)**

☑ Convene a working collaborative that includes Valley Social Service directors, local law enforcement, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Justice, Corrections, Social Services, research faculty, community providers, and community consumer participants.

☑ Establish a meeting schedule of dates, times and locations most likely to support maximum participation by collaborative members.

☑ Finalize a project agenda, a detailed work plan, and standing and ad hoc committees needed to accomplish tasks and achieve milestones described in the work plan.

☑ Implement communication systems to assure widespread knowledge of and participation in collaborative activities.

☐ **Quarters 2 - 3: (10/01/07 – 3/31/08)**

☐ Identify and quantify regional issues and possible regional solutions. **(In Progress)**

☐ Using resources available through the collaborative members, as well as faculty, student and consultant resources, aggregate available local, state and national data to define the direct and indirect impact of methamphetamine and other substances and abuse. **(In Progress)**

☐ After definition of the scope of the problem, collaborative group will review and select concepts and theoretical models with the potential for improving Valley outcomes affected by substance abuse.

☐ **Quarter 4: (4/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

☐ Using the concepts and theoretical models as a foundation, develop a regional plan for development and adoption of a model to address local and regional prevention and treatment needs, including possible funding sources for planning support.

☐ **Quarter 5: (7/01/08 – 9/30/08)**

☐ Identify potential funding sources to support the cost of model development. Sources may include public and private donations, philanthropic awards, and governmental funding opportunities.

☐ **Quarter 6: (10/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

☐ Draft a Request for Proposal for the design of a comprehensive model that addresses all phases of substance abuse issues, including prevention education, community-based and residential treatment, aftercare, and relapse prevention. The Scope of Work will include measurable outcomes, recommendations for regional oversight and accountability, approaches to funding for direct services, and phased-in implementation timelines.

☐ Prepare written recommendations for moving forward to select a respondent, finalize a service agreement and begin model development; all recommended activities would be dependent upon available funding.

☒ **Quarter 1: (7/01/07 – 9/30/07)**

Identify Necessary Elements of a Health Enterprise Zone (HEZ) to attract and retain providers

- ☑ ➢ Establish a Regional Health Enterprise Zone Task Force, finalize Task Force membership and successfully convene the group
- ☑ ➢ Establish a consulting team of engaged experts from related Work Groups: Economic Development, Higher Education/Workforce Development, K-12, Land Use, Ag and Housing, and ACS
- ☑ ➢ Draft a work plan articulating scope of effort for the consulting team
- ☑ ➢ Conduct Task Force Meeting One
- ☑ ➢ Disseminate Meeting One proceedings
- ☑ ➢ Identify key questions to be answered prior to development of a SJV HEZ model
- ☑ ➢ Conduct interviews with authors and implementers of HEZ legislation in other states for lessons learned

☒ **Quarter 2: (10/01/07 – 12/30/07)**

Identify Necessary Elements of a Health Enterprise Zone (HEZ) to attract and retain providers

- ☑ ➢ Conduct 15-20 interviews with providers, recruiters, and health business consultants to identify attractive incentives
- ☑ ➢ Summarize interview data for inclusion in Task Force Report
- ☑ ➢ Conduct interviews with state agency and legislative staff to determine the feasibility of tax and other incentive legislation (10-15 interviews)
- ☑ ➢ Summarize interview data for inclusion in Task Force Report
- ☑ ➢ Report Quarterly project progress and incorporate feedback into project efforts
- ☑ ➢ Identify national, state, and local financing, health business and development stakeholders
- ☑ ➢ Contact list of stakeholders and determine best HEZ model for the SJV

☐ **Quarter 3: (1/1/08 – 3/31/08)**

- ☑ ➢ Analyze and summarize findings in "San Joaquin Valley HEZ Concept Report:"
- ☐ ➢ Distribute report to Partnership Board and other stakeholders
- ☐ ➢ Incorporate feedback into Concept Report
- ☐ ➢ Conduct Task Force Meeting Two: report summarized findings to regional task force; task force selects 8 communities (one for each county) for feasibility assessment

☐ **Quarter 4: (4/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

Conduct Feasibility Assessments in the 8 selected communities (one per county)

- ☐ ➢ Identify and invite diverse groups of stakeholders to a Community Forum on HEZ
- ☐ ➢ Conduct Community Meeting One: Discuss HEZ and consumer responsibility models; Final Task Force Report; identify barriers and opportunities
- ☐ ➢ Disseminate Community Meeting One proceedings to all stakeholders
- ☐ ➢ Conduct additional interviews with identified key informants in each of the communities (20-25 interviews) to address questions raised in Community Meeting One
- ☐ ➢ Summarize findings for inclusion in Community Feasibility Report
- ☐ ➢ Report Quarterly project progress and incorporate feedback into project efforts

☐ **Quarter 5: (7/01/08 – 9/30/08)**

Conduct Feasibility Assessments in the 8 selected communities (one per county)

- ☐ ➢ Conduct Community Meeting Two: Reach consensus as to recommendations for legislative and regulatory strategies
- ☐ ➢ Summarize findings for inclusion in Community Feasibility Report

- ☐ ➢ Prepare summary report, "Eight Community Feasibility Report," of community recommendations; disseminate report to all task force, financing, health business and development stakeholders, Partnership and community stakeholders
- ☐ ➢ Report Quarterly project progress and incorporate feedback into project efforts

☐ **Quarter 6: (10/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

Develop Recommendations for Proposed Legislation

- ☐ ➢ Draft Cost-benefit analysis report comparing at least 3 HEZ models
- ☐ ➢ Conduct Task Force Meeting Three: Review the 8 community Feasibility Report; include cost-benefit analysis
- ☐ ➢ Reach consensus on the optimal HEZ model for the Valley
- ☐ ➢ Engage partnership Board and engaged experts from other Partnership Work Groups in development of final recommendations. Obtain approval for public release of Final Report

☒ **Quarter 1 - 2: (7/01/07 – 12/30/07)**

- ☑ ➢ Hire and train staff
- ☑ ➢ Secure College-Access Center office space and develop operations
- ☑ ➢ Conduct three meetings to invite participation of counselors and outreach staff from high school, community colleges and universities
- ➢ Utilize meetings to strategize non-traditional outreach activities and develop marketing plan for parents and high schools to drive attendance at Manchester Mall
- ☑ Counseling Center
- ☑ ➢ Recruit and train college students as coaches to assist high school and college counselors and to staff the College-Access Center
- ☑ ➢ Coordinate and monitor volunteer staffing
- ☑ ➢ Schedule volunteers for presentations at high school events, businesses, and civic group meetings (ongoing through Quarters 1-6)
- ☑ ➢ Collect basic demographic data on all student and parent contacts
- ☑ ➢ Develop evaluation tool to measure targeted population and effectiveness of reaching them and engaging them in the College Access Center services
- ☑ ➢ Outcomes: 150 new outreach contacts, 75 Center contacts (Q1)
- ☑ ➢ Outcomes: 250 new outreach contacts, 125 Center contacts (Q2)

☒ **Quarter 3: (1/1/08 – 3/31/08)**

- ☑ ➢ Initiate discussions with interested partners in Madera County to replicate pilot program in Madera County
- ☑ ➢ Ongoing operation of the Center
- ☑ ➢ Outcomes: 300 new outreach contacts; 175 Center contacts

☐ **Quarter 4: (4/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Make presentations at 3 statewide conferences
- ☐ ➢ Conduct 300, three-month surveys on student status
- ☐ ➢ Ongoing operation of the Center
- ☐ ➢ Outcomes: 300 new outreach contacts, 225 Center contacts

☐ **Quarter 5: (7/01/08 – 9/30/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Draft a Program Encounter and Outcomes report with a program evaluation and sustainability component, and present report to the California Partnership
- ☐ ➢ Ongoing operation of the Center
- ☐ ➢ Outcomes: 300 outreach contacts, 225 Center contacts

☐ **Quarter 6: (10/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Initiate discussions with interested partners in any of the 8 county region for replication and provide technical support
- ☐ ➢ Ongoing operation of the Fresno Center
- ☐ ➢ Outcomes: 300 outreach contacts, 225 Center contacts
- ☐ ➢ Publish Program Encounter and Outcomes Report which will include demographic data on 1,000 students/parents contacted with detailed evaluation

Contract #6B10023 - Fresno County Office of Education (#68)

☒ **Quarter 1 - 2: (7/01/07 – 12/30/07)**

- ☑ ➢ Develop curriculum for Summer Academy
- ☑ ➢ Create nomination and Application forms
- ☑ ➢ Obtain nominations for Academy participants
- ☑ ➢ Screen nomination forms and inform accepted participants
- ☑ ➢ Create Academy Web Site and Moodle (EL Web site at fcoe.org)
- ☑ ➢ Hire part-time Academy coordinator
- ☑ ➢ Conduct Summer Academy
- ☑ ➢ Schedule dates for 7 follow-up sessions
- ☑ ➢ Develop curriculum for 7 follow-up sessions and schedule researchers and practitioners
- ☑ ➢ Collect STAR data for pilot schools disaggregated by subgroup for baseline
- ☑ ➢ Develop template to document mentor site visits (7 site visits per participant to be held annually) at each COE
- ☑ ➢ Develop template for individual sites' Instructional Plans and draft plans for participating sites
- ☑ ➢ Conduct Workshop Day 4

☒ **Quarter 2: (10/01/07 – 12/30/07)**

- ☑ ➢ Conduct Workshop Day 5
- ☑ ➢ Conduct Workshop Day 6

☒ **Quarter 3: (1/1/08 – 3/31/08)**

- ☑ ➢ Conduct Workshop Day 7
- ☑ ➢ Conduct Workshop Day 8
- ☑ ➢ Conduct Workshop Day 9
- ☑ ➢ Begin planning for Academy 2008 Cohort

☐ **Quarter 4: (4/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Conduct workshop Day 10
- ☐ ➢ Finalize planning for Academy 2008 Cohort (9/25/08)
- ☐ ➢ Obtain nomination for Academy participants 2008 to be done by each COE
- ☐ ➢ Screen nomination forms and inform accepted participants to be done by each COE

☐ **Quarter 5: (7/01/08 – 9/30/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Collect STAR data disaggregated by subgroup for Comparison Study when scores become available

☐ **Quarter 6: (10/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Publish results of Pilot Program based on STAR data and other quantitative and qualitative measures

Grantee commits to these four outcomes:

1. Facilitation of ongoing regional discussions of how best to conserve farmland
2. Development of a toolbox of best practices for farmland protection
3. Implementation of funding, policy, regulatory and other farmland protection mechanisms (from the toolbox)
4. Creation of an entity to hold and manage interests (like conservation easements) in protected farmland.

Processes by which these four outcomes will be achieved are:

☐ **Quarter 1: (7/01/07 – 9/30/07)**

Partner Agreements

- ➢ Develop partner agreements with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Conservation, and USDA/NRCS outlining their roles and ☑ commitments to the project.

Consultant and Project Coordinator Selection

- ☑ ➢ Hire lead consultant and project coordinator

Identification of Strategic Farmland

- ☑ ➢ Define a process or methodology of identifying and designating strategic farmlands
- ➢ Develop written criteria that explains the benchmarks for listing lands of strategic importance, including the thought process behind each criterion, and the process of consensus building to develop criteria. Standards from the International Organization for Standardization could be used, www.iso.org/iso/en/ISOOnline.frontpage. Criteria should include market sustainability, such as long-term viability of water supply for irrigated land, environmental impacts of cultivation of land, and energy requirements to ☐ keep land in production.
- ☑ ➢ Map lands of strategic importance
- ☑ ➢ Rank lands of strategic importance

☐ **Quarters 2 - 4: (10/01/07 – 6/30/08)**

Identification of Causes of Farmland Conversion

- ☑ ➢ Diagnose and measure the major causes of farmland conversion (past, present and future, i.e., FM Metro pressure)
- ☑ ➢ Define the problem and conduct outreach to understand the causes of farmland conversion
- ☐ ➢ Analyze primary and secondary data and produce report on primary causes of farmland conversion

☐ **Quarters 3 - 5: (1/1/08 – 9/30/08) ongoing**

Identification and Evaluation of Farmland Protection Tools and Strategies

- ☐ ➢ Review existing data and reports from American Farmland Trust's Information Center
- ☐ ➢ Develop peer-to-peer information exchange mechanism
- ☐ ➢ Conduct regional workshop with speakers, i.e., program administrators, experts and farmers from localities who have used tools effectively

☐ **Quarters 5 - 6: (7/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

Recommendation of a Package of Tools to Decision Makers & Implementation of the Farmland Conservation Model Program

- ☐ ➢ Based on diagnosis of causes and tools to address challenges, select a mix of strategies and refine them to meet the needs of the Valley communities
- ➢ Disseminate this "Best Practices Toolkit" of information to include: a written report on the Farmland Conservation Model Program for Fresno County and the rest of the ☐ Valley, detailing a course of action to be undertaken to implement a conservation strategy and specific impacts that can be expected and can be measured.

Contract # 6B910017 - Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (#90)

☒ **Quarter 1: (7/01/07 – 9/30/07)**

- ☑ ➢ Create Project Steering Committee. This will include representatives of the SJV Partnership, TCAG, KCAG, Fresno and Kern COGs, prominent community stakeholders and individuals with expertise relevant to all three grant deliverables. Engage an additional member of TBWP Core Project Team to augment strategic outreach and fundraising capacity and assist in Web site development.
- ☑ ➢ Develop Outreach Plan. Inform those developing Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans in the Tulare Basin about the TBWP's Conservation Plans and begin working with them.
- ☑ ➢ Develop and Draft Comprehensive Fundraising Plan. Develop strategy for scoping long-term funding needs, working with Project Steering Committee. Assure integration of the Outreach and Comprehensive Fundraising Plans.
- ☑ ➢ Begin Development of Conservation Bank. Initiate cooperation with TCAG. Use TBWP's Conservation Plans to help guide development of a Conservation Bank and aid in the selection and prioritization of candidate natural areas.

☒ **Quarter 2: (10/01/07 – 12/30/07)**

- ☑ ➢ Begin implementation of the outreach and fundraising plans.
- ☑ ➢ Enlist key partners to help the TBWP Core Project Team and Steering Committee identify the highest priority projects in the TBWP Conservation Plans and determine appropriate protection or restoration strategies and timeline, as well as funding and outreach strategies to support those projects.
- ☑ ➢ Complete initial cooperation period with TCAG, assist TCAG with Environmental Advisory Committee recommendations and review, and determine next steps needed to help TCAG.
- ☑ ➢ Develop initial web site.

☒ **Quarter 3: (1/1/08 – 3/31/08)**

- ☑ ➢ Continued implementation of the outreach and fundraising plans.
- ☑ ➢ Continue assistance to TCAG on development of Conservation Bank.

☐ **Quarter 4: (4/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Continued implementation of the outreach and fundraising plans.
- ☐ ➢ Continue assistance to TCAG re: Conservation Bank as needed.

☐ **Quarters 5 - 6: (7/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

- ☐ ➢ Continued implementation of the outreach and fundraising plans.
- ☐ ➢ Continue assistance to TCAG re: Conservation Bank as needed.

☒ **Quarter 1: (7/01/07 – 9/30/07)**

Task 1: Set Parameters for Regional Cooperation

☑ ➢ Work w/Agencies to develop a feasibility assessment of the multi-jurisdictional support for the project.
☑ ➢ Document the feasibility of political consensus around transportation and land use goals of the project and the potential for meeting farmland preservation and habitat protection goals
☑ ➢ Deliver a working paper, "Metro Rural Loop Regional Transportation and Land Use Consensus Feasibility."

Task 2: Establish Base Demographic & Market Framework

☑ ➢ Work with agency demographers to develop Year 2110 population, housing and employment projections for jurisdictions within the study area within and outside the proposed loop
☑ ➢ Develop database for determining market-based land use inputs
☑ ➢ Deliver Technical Report & Data, "Fresno and Madera County 2110 population, housing and employment projections by sector."

☐ **Quarters 2 - 3: (10/01/07 – 3/31/08)**

Task 3: Prepare and Assess the Land Use Allocation to Activity Centers and Linear Intensity Corridors

➢ Using assessment and projections completed in Tasks 1 and 2 above, develop recommendations for Regional Plan land use characterizations or conceptual designations for areas located within and adjacent to the
☑ Loop
☑ ➢ Use site planning and GIS to identify Regional Plan land use designations supportive of more intensive uses and proposed Regional Zoning designations
☐ ➢ Prepare a working paper, "Metro Rural Loop Land Use Assessment"**(2050 Complete, 2110 Needs finalization)**

Task 4: Prepare and Assess Transportation Network

➢ Use GIS-based land use allocation, transportation and indicator models to assess the impacts of the more intensive development futures on demographic distribution, transportation patterns and performance and
☑ other issues of concern in the Region
☑ ➢ Identify the capacity and performance of the multi-modal transportation corridors and sub regional transportation system or feeder system
➢ Draft a working paper, "Metro Rural Loop Transportation Assessment", and model files documenting the feasibility of the Loop in terms of its ability to reduce trips and vehicle miles traveled in the Region**(2050**
☐ **Complete, 2110 to be initiated)**

☐ **Quarters 3 - 4: (1/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

Task 5: Market Research and Feasibility Assessment to Inform Planned Land Use and Growth ***(Initiated)***

☐ ➢ Conduct market research and financial feasibility analysis to inform land use designations and growth scenario formulation
☐ ➢ Conduct prototype residual land value analysis of the planned land use within and adjacent to the Loop
☐ ➢ Develop framework for determining the feasibility of market-based land use inputs.
☐ ➢ Draft working Paper, "Metro rural Loop Market Based Land Use Choices"

☐ **Quarters 4 - 5: (4/1/08 – 9/30/08)**

Task 6: Explore Options for Regional Cooperation in Agricultural Preservation ***(In Process)***

➢ Work with regional agencies, the Ag Commissioners, Farm bureaus, the AFT, and other stakeholders groups to determine the feasibility of meeting long-term farmland preservation goals in areas located within and
☐ adjacent to the loop.
☐ ➢ Identify the extent of farmland preservation planning and funding required to implement preservation policies and programs
☐ ➢ Continue to build regional cooperation regarding farmland preservation and conservation
☐ ➢ Draft working paper, "Recommendations for Planning and Implementing a Bi-County Farmland Preservation Program

☐ **Quarters 4 - 6: (4/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

Task 7: General Feasibility Assessment of Meeting Habitat and Resource Conservation Goals ***(In Process)***

☐ ➢ Determine the feasibility of preparing a Resource Management Plan (RMP)for areas located within and adjacent to the Loop
☐ ➢ Identify the extent of RMP planning and funding required for establishing a RMP, the recommended political structure, applicable state and federal laws and the schedule and funding possibilities.
☐ ➢ Draft working paper, "Recommendations for Planning and Implementing a Bi-County Resource Management Plan"

☒ ***General and Administrative Tasks for Each Quarter:***

☐ ➢ Conduct weekly conference calls and implement project tracking system using Project Script software
☐ ➢ Coordinate with regional and local agencies

Contract #6B910026 - CSUF California Water Institute (#102)

Quarter 1: (7/01/07 – 9/30/07)

☒ ***Task 1: Develop Water Collaboration Framework in 8-County SJV Region***

- ☑ ➢ Identify existing water collaborations and/or willing participants if none exist, to engage in IRWM watershed & sub-watershed planning for Prop 84 and 1E bond funding
- ☑ ➢ Develop database of county existing or potential partners
- ☑ ➢ Form and document viable watershed and sub-watershed collaborations

Quarters 2 - 3: (10/01/07 – 3/31/08)

☐ ***Task 2: Conduct SJV Water Collaboration "Bootcamps" (Holding due to Prop 84)***

- ☑ ➢ Identify SJV IRWM regional and CA success stories and prepare 1-day trainings on "How to collaborate Effectively to Develop IRWM Plans" **(One-On-One Interviews)**
- ☐ ➢ Conduct two, 1-day Collaboration Bootcamps in the region
- ☐ ➢ Develop individual "Tool Boxes" for effective collaborations; develop and distribute electronic or e-copy of "How To" handbook

Quarter 6: (10/1/08 – 12/31/08)

☐ ***Task 5: Complete Watershed IRWM Plans Integration Framework***

- ☐ ➢ Incorporate Watershed IRWM Plans into master SJV IRWM Framework in harmony w/CPSJV Water Recommendations and Federal Integrated Water Plan development **(In Process)**

Quarters 1-6: Ongoing tasks

☐ ***Task 6: Develop City of Clovis & CSUF Farm Water Exchange*** *(CSUF Campus Pointe)*

- ☐ ➢ Develop collaborative regional Water Reuse Panel to parallel engineering design development
- ☐ ➢ Use Best Practices Water Reuse success stories from other areas of CA
- ☐ ➢ Develop collaborative implementation plan for water reuse w/City of Clovis & CSUF farm exchange as a regional template

☐ ***Task 7: Conduct ongoing communications***

- ☑ ➢ Communicate quarterly with SJV water community on development of IRWM effort
- ☑ ➢ Communicate quarterly with Clovis/Fresno/CSUF community on progress of water reuse project, via quarterly reports to CPSJV Board and water community
- ☐ ➢ Conduct two community forums annually on water reuse benefits and project progress. **(In Process)**

☐ ***Task 8: Continue to provide staff support to the Water Policy Working Group***

- ☑ ➢ Coordinate efforts with John Briscoe, board technical advisors and consultants to develop an equitable eight county water policy.
- ☐ ➢ Coordinate efforts with other technical professionals as advised by the Water Policy Working Group **(Ongoing)**

Contract #6B10027 - Self-Help Enterprises (#105)

☒ **Quarter 1-3: (7/01/07 – 3/30/08)**

☑ *Task 1: Hire and Train New Staff Person to oversee project coordination*

Task 2: Identify New Communities and Evaluate Need

☑ ➢ Contact State and County Departments of Health Services
☑ ➢ Prioritize potable water health needs
☑ ➢ Prioritize communities by financial hardship

☐ **Quarters 3 - 4: (1/1/08 – 6/30/08)**

Task 3: Contact Communities

☑ ➢ Contact and meet with staff and Boards
☑ ➢ Provide community board development and support **(Ongoing)**
☑ ➢ Survey communities where needed and provide community education

Task 4: Identify Potable Water Options

☑ ➢ Contact and meet with staff and boards
☐ ➢ Assist with engineering procurement

Task 5: Pre-development Activities

☑ ➢ Seek funding for preliminary engineering
☑ ➢ Seek funding and/or assist with environmental clearance
☐ ➢ Evaluate project financing and revenue needed

☐ **Quarters 5 - 6: (7/1/08 – 12/31/08)**

Task 6: Seed Money Loans/Grants

☐ ➢ Evaluate need for Seed Money by Community **(Ongoing)**
☐ ➢ Provide Seed Money funds to needy community projects **(Ongoing)**

Task 7: Develop Funding Proposals

☐ ➢ Review grant and loan opportunities **(Ongoing)**
☐ ➢ Evaluate funding options **(Ongoing)**

Task 8: Evaluation

☐ ➢ Evaluate Water Programs available to disadvantaged communities **(Ongoing)**

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California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Work Group Consultants' Reports

The attached reports summarize 2008 First Quarter Activity from January through March for each of the Partnership's 10 work groups and corresponding 14 seed grants.

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Work Group: **Advanced Communications Services and Technology (ACS)**
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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1: Expedite the provision of advanced communications services access in all areas of the San Joaquin Valley.

Objective A: Raise the profile of access to advanced communications services as a fundamental and necessary service for all residents and businesses.
Governor's Broadband Task Force report was issued same day as January meeting of the Advanced Communications services Work Group (ACS). Work group members reviewed report for discussion at April 3 meeting.

Objective B: Inform local elected officials about the benefits of ubiquitous access to advanced communications services and provide model policies and other tools to help facilitate deployment.
Research continues on model policies currently in practice in jurisdictions in California and elsewhere that are facilitating ubiquitous broadband deployment.

Objective C: Identify communities and neighborhoods without affordable connection to delivery of advanced communications services.
This has been accomplished with the release of the Governor's Broadband Taskforce Report. An appendix to the report is a list of all of the communities not served by wired broadband.

Objective D: Increase availability of affordable advanced communications services in rural and other underserved areas.
Mapping work continues with the evaluation of underserved communities by size. This is a joint project of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH).

Objective E: Increase deployment of advanced communications services by current and prospective service providers.
ACS is identifying champions among elected supervisors, mayors, city council members and school board members to participate in the ACS.

Objective F: Increase deployment through wired, fixed wireless, wireless and other available technologies.
With the release of the Broadband Report, ACS has determined that many of the "unserved' communities are currently being served by wireless, satellite and other available technologies. The report issued maps of communities served by wired and wireless technology.

Objective G: Eliminate installation barriers that discourage deployment.
Joint meeting of ACS and Transportation work groups held in January to discuss installation of conduit when Caltrans projects open trenches on state highways. Resolution adopted by Partnership board in support.

Objective H: Identify and seek all available funding for deployment of advanced communications services.
ACS is monitoring four bills relating to Advanced Technology. There is potential funding in several of these.

Goal 2: Promote accessibility and utilization of advanced communications services in targeting underserved communities and populations.

Objective A: Increase utilization of advanced communications services by all residents.
California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) President was a presenter at the January ACS meeting. Presentation also was made regarding Pixley Connect project which will serve as a model to increase accessibility and availability of advanced communications services to underserved communities.

Objective C: Implement projects to provide access to advanced communications services and information technology for all residents and businesses to eliminate the digital divide. Same as Objective A.

Objective D: Develop and implement a program to ensure all high school students graduate with the basic computer literacy skills. (See K-12 Education Recommendations.)

Goal 3: Expand and replicate successful model programs to increase access to advanced communications services and information technology to bridge the digital divide

Objective A: Develop and implement a plan to expand and replicate the most successful strategies and programs to bridge the digital divide.
Pixley Connect has been identified as a model program which serves disadvantaged communities. It will be a model for future projects funded by CETF.

Goal 4: Accelerate deployment of advanced communications services infrastructure through telemedicine and eHealth technology. (See Health and Human Services Recommendations.)

Objective A: Develop and implement a telemedicine and eHealth plan to connect health clinics with medical centers. Work on eHealth Seed Grant continues.

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

Goal 1: Objective A
Coordinating conversations will continue with CPUC and BTH staff to coordinate Work Group scope of work. ACS meeting scheduled for April 3, 2008.

Goal 1: Objective C
During the next quarter, the CPUC and BTH will be working on ranking by size of unserved communities so ACS can evaluate which communities might be high priorities for funding. Consultants have been invited to meeting of California rural communities that do not have ubiquitous service so that best practices might be evaluated.

Goal 1: Objective D
At ACS meetings planned for Q2 2008, work group will receive more information which ranks these underserved communities according to population so that we can work with the state agencies and CETF to identify those communities most likely to benefit by bringing broadband there.

Goal 1: Objective E
This work will continue in order to broaden the participation and identify champions among Valley elected officials.

Goal 1: Objective F
Work on the maps continues as the CPUC and BTH continue to refine the information in the initial report.

Goal 1: Objective G
Consultant attended meeting in Sacramento on this issue hosted by CPUC and BTH. Work will continue with industry representatives in fine tuning the effort by state officials to simplify process and better inform industry of future projects.

Goal 1: Objective H
Work Group will identify and discuss potential funding sources at the next ACS meeting.

Goal 2: Objective A
At next ACS meeting, there will be discussion of funding possibilities and potential communities of interest.

Goal 2: Objective C
Same as Objective A.

Goal 3: Objective A
Each quarter new families begin classes on computer and internet usage. Families are given a computer and printer upon successful completion of the program.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Goal 1: Objective A
While ACS is foundational to economic progress in the region, there are very few people within the region that have shown a consistent interest in participating in the work group. ACS members have been tasked with identifying individuals who have the interest and expertise to participate.

Goal 1: Objective B
Majority of California jurisdictions that have shown leadership in this area are in highly urbanized areas that have little in common with most San Joaquin Valley communities. Most successful rural jurisdictions are working under the leadership of their state government.

Goal 1: Objective C
Group is finally able to move forward since the release of the report. ACS will need to prioritize the Strategic Action Proposal items as several have been accomplished with the release of the report.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**San Joaquin Valley eHealth Network Project**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

1. **New Title:** UC Merced's Telemedicine Project is now titled: The Valley Telehealth Partnership (VTP). This change was made to reflect the changes with the FCC project, which basically eliminates small "network" ownership. We felt "partnership" better reflected the environment to come.

2. **UC Merced's Valley Telehealth Partnership's Vision, Mission & Purpose is:**

   Our Vision: To enhance the quality of life for patients and health care professionals who live and work in rural or underserved communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

   Our Mission: To develop telehealth programs that allow efficient, local access to health care specialists for the purposes of patient consultation, continuing medical education and physician support.

   Our Purpose: To address the severe health care disparities in San Joaquin Valley's rural and underserved communities by developing solutions to improve access by bringing services home.

3. **Site Selection:** We have now selected five core sites via surveys. They are:
   - Mercy Hospital Family Care Clinic, Merced – Merced County –end user
   - United Health Center, Kerman – Fresno County – end user
   - San Joaquin General Hospital, French Camp – San Joaquin County – mixed use; both end and provider
   - Sierra Kings Hospital, Reedley – Fresno County – end user
   - Castle Health System, Atwater – Merced County – specialty provider site
   - These core sites were chosen based on criteria matching:
     1. Extreme need
     2. Multiple physician group
     3. Anticipated mixed-specialty utilization
     4. Willingness to share costs/responsibilities key to sustainability
     5. Open to use of technology
     6. Administrative and physician buy-in
     7. Organizational match for our project's core vision
     8. Ability to provide specialty services to Medi-Cal and Medicare populations

   ✓ San Joaquin General Hospital may serve as a mixed-use site, both using and providing specialist services; potential to provide behavioral health services is greatest (staff of 19 psychiatrists), and physicians are used to working with the underserved populations.
   ✓ Castle Health Systems also is interested in providing specialty services via telemedicine; their doctors can be reimbursed decently enough to make it affordable.

   Our survey respondents ranked the top five needed specialties for their sites as:
   - Psychiatry/Psychology (with a special need for meds/case management)
   - Dermatology
   - Orthopedics
   - Endocrinology/Cardiology
   - OBGYN/Rheumatology/Neurology

   - Followed by:
     Radiology
     Gastroenterology,
     Pulmonology
     Critical Care
     Allergy/Immunology
     Pediatrics
     Oncology
     Hematology

4. **Site Preparation:** We are in the process of physically connecting the sites and ordering the appropriate equipment. This should be completed in May.

5. **Community/Stakeholder Outreach:** The need to connect openly with physicians and administrators for open discussion regarding the direction of telehealth in the Valley has become apparent, as there are many groups working separately who could benefit from working together. We are in the process of spearheading a "consortium" on telehealth, in order to provide roundtable discussions among Valley telehealth providers (and others considering telemedicine) regarding best practices, what works and what doesn't, etc., while also allowing for networking time amongst attendees. We anticipate the first meeting to occur in May, 2008.

6. **Data Collection:** We have collected surveys for 76 sites in the Valley, to date. The closing date for receiving surveys was 04/15/2008.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

1. Hire telemedicine coordinator to assist in the upcoming activities below, as well as for ongoing site support
2. Fully connect/equip/ prepare telehealth suites at the five partnership locations
3. Begin on-site training to the site's designated on-site support staff/physicians
4. Conduct training/distance continuing medical Education via the equipment
5. Begin to see patients via the video conferencing equipment (late June)
6. Create outreach materials and begin planning community outreach events/strategies
7. Design and begin to implement educational outreach programs at schools in each community
8. Conduct 1-2 telehealth consortium meetings with Valley members interested in telehealth (May, June)
9. Prepare an informational report from the data received through the surveys, reflecting the Valley's interests and readiness in using telehealth applications

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

The project is moving ahead well; we anticipate a very successful outcome for our selected sites.

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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Air Quality Work Group Monthly Meetings
The Air Quality Work Group (AQWG) held two meetings in the first quarter in January and February. Issues covered include the Air District's Healthy Air Living Summit, DMV Fee legislation, Short Sea Shipping, Prop 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program, Valleywide expansion of the School Flag Program, and the Air District's PM 2.5 plan.

Goal 1: Achieve U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards for 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 by the current attainment date, or as soon as practicable thereafter

- **Fast Track Task Force (FTTF)**

AQWG participated in monthly meetings of the Air District's Fast Track Task Force (FTTF) on Jan. 15, Feb. 12, and March 11. FTTF is responsible for progressing initiatives to help bring the Valley into attainment as quickly as possible.

Goal 2: Encourage EPA adoption of tighter federal emission control standards
No action taken.

Goal 3: Implement incentive mechanisms to accelerate adoption of air quality mitigation technologies

- **Air Quality Empowerment Zone**

Staff attended the Air District's advocacy trip to Washington, D.C., seeking additional incentive funding and the creation of a federal Air Quality Empowerment Zone (AQEZ). As a result, Senator Boxer agreed to take the lead on legislation, form an AQEZ, working in partnership with Senator Feinstein and Congressmen Costa and Radanovich.

- **Proposition 1B – Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program**

With assistance from the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's AQWG, the Valley received $250 million, or 25%, in Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program funding. The California Air Resources Board approved the funding at its February meeting. The state's FY 2007-08 budget included the first installment of the total bond funding of $250 million; the Valley's percentage of the funding will be made available through the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to primarily help fund the replacement, repower, or retrofit of heavy-duty diesel trucks traveling along the Central Valley Corridor as determined through the guidelines approved by the ARB on Feb. 28, 2008. In addition, it is expected that the funding allocated to modernization of the truck fleet servicing the ports also will bring some emissions reductions as many of those trucks traverse the Valley.

Goal 4: Promote clean energy projects (with Energy Work Group)

- **San Joaquin Clean Valley Energy Organization (SJVCEO)**

AQWG continues to participate in meetings of the established SJVCEO and provide input as necessary. Additionally, staff continues to provide legislative support as needed.

Goal 5: Improve transportation mobility and goods movement (with Transportation Work Group)

- AQWG consultants remain engaged in activities of the Transportation Work Group and the COG Regional Policy Council regarding goods movement plans and high speed rail.

- High-Speed Rail (HSR): Representatives from the Partnership have been invited to participate in a Working Group to pursue the idea of a "hybrid" Altamont route (higher speed rail) connecting the Valley. The Partnership is participating on this informal committee with the understanding that participation does not mean board support for the concept or a change in policy.

  Assemblymember Galgiani introduced a bill to modify the HSR bond, AB 3034. The Steering Committee has been working to analyze the bill and seek amendments that would include Altamont as a segment of construction in the bond, and prioritize the construction through the Valley. Staff continues to work with the Authority and the Administration to secure these amendments.

- Short Sea Shipping (SSS): AQWG helped coordinate the Traffic Congestion, Highway Safety & Air Quality Conference held in January in Fresno to convene stakeholders around the state for the purposes of discussing the potential for Short Sea Shipping on the Pacific Coast. Those in attendance included Ports throughout California, the Longshoremen, State Transportation services, and local and state government. Efforts currently under way include the creation of a release for proposals so that the SSS study can be completed.

Goal 6: Encourage "green" local government policies and sustainable communities
AQWG is working through the FTTF to schedule a Clean Air Technology Conference in coordination with EPA Region IX.

Goal 7: Accelerate research on emission-reduction strategies and clean-air technologies, establishing the San Joaquin Valley as a leader in innovation
No action taken.

Goal 8: Improve public understanding of air quality issues and solutions

- **Health Air Living Campaign**

AQWG is working with the Air District to prepare for its launch of "Healthy Air Living." It is a new, comprehensive, outreach initiative designed to further the District's mission to improve the health and quality of life for all Valley residents through efficient, effective and entrepreneurial air quality-management strategies. It replaces the District's long-running Spare the Air program. The new Healthy Air Living Week is scheduled for July 7-13, 2008. Healthy Air Living will help reduce Valleywide ozone precursor emissions and will supplement the District's very strong regulatory measures.

- **Seed Grant Award for Air Quality Education in Environmental Justice Areas**

The Maddy Institute was awarded $225,000 to team with The Project Team of Community Focus and Valley Clean Air Now (CAN), to implement a pilot project aimed at reducing air pollution in the Valley in three communities: Arvin, Avenal, and Parlier. They held the Tune-In Tune-Up event in Parlier in March.

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)
Continue to work with the High-Speed Rail Altamont Working Group and the Administration to pursue modifications to the HSR bond that takes the Valley into consideration.

Work with the District to ensure that the Prop 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program is successfully implemented in the Valley. Additionally, Air Resources Board (ARB) staff is developing a regulation to reduce diesel particulate matter (PM) and other emissions from in-use heavy-duty diesel powered vehicles operating in California. A proposed regulation is planned to be presented to the ARB in mid-2008. The proposed regulation would apply to diesel shuttle buses and vehicles greater than 14,000 pounds. AQWG will follow ARB's activities on this "truck rule" as it stands to greatly impact the trucking industry throughout the state and the Valley.

Follow the rollout of the District's PM 2.5 Plan which will be considered by the ARB on April 30.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback
Challenges include maintaining momentum and effectively engaging all stakeholders in activities. In an effort to address this and more directly to minimize meetings and redundant information, staff will propose at the April AQWG meeting to invite members of the AQWG to attend the monthly FTTF meetings which are open to the public. Additionally, the AQWG would continue to hold meetings, but now on a quarterly meeting schedule with the potential for ad hoc meetings to be called in the event that something requires immediate action.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly
AQWG remains directly involved with legislators and their staff, conducting consistent legislative outreach. The Partnership and Interagency Task Force convene Valley district office staffers from both the Congressional and State delegations monthly in which the AQWG attends and fully participates. Staff participated in the Fresno COG's One Voice legislative advocacy trip to Sacramento and spoke about the Partnership in most meetings. Additionally, as stated above, staff participated in the legislative advocacy trip to Washington, D.C., reaching out to Valley federal legislators and Administration officials on key air quality issues facing the Valley.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Air Quality Education in Environmental Justice Areas**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

On March 29, 2008, the Maddy Institute held its second "Tune In Tune Up" event in Parlier, Calif. (population approximately 13,000). The event was co-sponsored with Valley Clean Air Now ("Valley CAN"). Approximately 342 cars were tested; 270 cars failed and 230 cars received appointments for repairs.

In addition, a representative from Community Focus attended the "Tune In and Tune Up" event promoting the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's "Burn Cleaner" and "2008 Clean Green Yard Machines" replacement programs.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

In conjunction with Valley CAN

- Final Tune In Tune Up (TITU) to be held in Avenal, Calif., on May 17, 2008

In conjunction with Community Focus

- Hold focus group (in Parlier) to get feedback about how to improve the programs / better reach the community
- For additional feedback from the community about the programs, a survey will be passed out along with the lawnmower exchange brochure to the following community organizations:
  - Parlier High School
  - Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
  - Reedley College
  - Parlier Division of the Central Valley Family Health Clinic
  - Parlier Youth Center
- Contact Neutron, a retailer of electric lawnmowers, to get information about previous participants in order to measure future success of community outreach efforts.
- Contact or meet with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to identify available program assistance and incentives for retailers to market to their customer base
- Publicize both the lawnmower exchange and Burn Cleaner program via local media. Local radio station Q97 agreed to promote the programs.
- Arrange meetings with city officials and any other local organizations in Arvin for the weekend of 5/17
- Arrange meetings with city officials and any other local organizations in Avenal for the weekend of 5/17

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

None at this time.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

Community Focus outreached to the following organizations for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's "Burn Cleaner" and "2008 Clean Green Yard Machines" replacement programs:

- Lourdes Ramirez, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church's rectory manager, agreed to mention both programs in their monthly bulletin, make an announcement at Sunday mass and pass out flyers. She also said she would be interested in participating in both a focus group and/or advisory council.
- Elidia Padron, Parlier High School Principal, agreed to participate in an advisory council and send home flyers with each of her 850 students.
- The members of the Parlier Youth center (Francine Vindiola, Sonia Tovar, Sylvia Garcia) were very enthusiastic about promoting the programs in any way possible. They took about one hundred flyers to pass out around the community.
- Parlier Mayor Armando Lopez agreed to participate in a focus group and promote the programs at community events
- Community Focus in conjunction with the Air District prepared a translated version of the lawnmower exchange flyer
- Employees at the Parlier division of Central Valley Health Clinic agreed to put flyers at the clinic
- Representatives from Reedley College agreed to promote the programs by placing flyers in their offices and sending information home with students

- Local radio station Q97 agreed to promote the programs on their station

Valley CAN's TITU outreach was multifaceted and included:

- Grass Roots Outreach to the following:
  - Parlier Unified School District (PUSD) Healthy Start Program
  - PUSD Collaborative Partners
  - Fresno Metro Ministry, Hunger and Nutrition Coordination
  - Fresno County Children's Dental Health Program
  - Fresno County, Dental Health and Valley Women Care
  - Parlier Chamber of Commerce
  - Central Valley Family Health
  - United Health Centers
  - Buddhist Church of Parlier
  - Church of God, Parlier
  - Iglesia El Calvario of Parlier
  - Templo Lirio De Los Valley
  - Iglesia Fuente De Vida
  - Neuva Vida
  - Pentecostal Church
  - Christ Lutheran Church
  - Church of the Redeemer
  - Colony Covenant Church
  - Women Infants and Children (WIC)
  - United Health Centers of San Joaquin Valley

- Event Outreach
  - State Senator Dean Florez
  - Assemblymember Juan Arambula
  - Mayor Armando Lopez, Parlier
  - Edward Barela, Mayor Pro Tem, Parlier
  - Diane Maldonado, Council Member District 1, Parlier
  - Yolanda Padilla, Council Member District 2, Parlier
  - Raul Villanueva, Council Member District 3, Parlier
  - Lou Martinez, City Manager, Parlier
  - Judy Case, Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 4, member of Air Resources Board (ARB)
  - Blong Xiong, Council President, Fresno City Council, District 1
  - Ray Leon, Mexican American Political Association (MAPA)
  - American Heart Association
  - American Cancer Society
  - Parlier Police Department
  - Parlier Fire Department
  - Glass Doctor
  - Reedley Automotive
  - Bureau of Automotive Repair
  - San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
  - Central Valley Family Health
  - Reedley College Automotive Students and Instructors
  - Parlier Police Department
  - Parlier High School Principal Elida Padron
  - MEchA
  - Valley Clean Air Now
  - Roger Teschner, Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Initiative at Fresno City College

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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1. Objective A: Infrastructure (Champion: Mike Locke, San Joaquin Partnership):

The Economic Development Work Group (ED**)** is tasked with identifying the need for a regional financing authority.

- In addition to asking each city, each member county of Central California Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) has been asked to assist in gathering:
  a. Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) to understand the scope of funding requirements
  b. City or count finance policy

- To date, responses have been received from the following jurisdictions:
  - Fresno County: City of Fresno, City of Kerman
  - Kern County: Kern County, Bakersfield
  - Kings County: County of Kings, cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, Lemoore
  - Madera County: City of Madera
  - Merced County: City of Merced
  - San Joaquin County: Lathrop, Ripon and Stockton
  - Stanislaus County: Ceres, Hughson, Modesto and Oakdale
  - Tulare County: County of Tulare and Visalia

- Central Valley Regional Public Affairs Manager Stephen Qualls was contacted for ideas on bringing this issue to the forefront of City Managers regionwide.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- ED will attempt to get on the agenda for regional meetings of the League of Cities and the County Association to gain further knowledge of the plan.
- CIP Budgets will continue to be gathered.
- Meeting date will be set in 2008.

Goal 1. Objective B: Incentives (Champion: Bill Bassitt, The Alliance-Stanislaus County):

- ED completed a legislative visit on February 5-6, 2008, to inform legislators and interested parties about the Partnership and what is going on with economic development in the region. CCEDC board members and Partnership Government Affairs Coordinator Katie Stevens worked with Toni E. Symonds, Chief Consultant, California State Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy, on scheduling:
  - Assemblymember Greg Aghazarian
  - Assemblymember Michael Villines
  - Jennifer Tannehill, Legislative Director for Senator Jeff Denham
  - Assemblymember Tom Berryhill
  - Assemblymember Alan Nakanishi
  - Assemblymember Nicole Parra
  - Assemblymember Bill Maze
  - Round Table with Senior Staff working on economic development issues.
  - Senator Dave Cogdill
  - Ken De Vore, Legislative Director for Senator Roy Ashburn
  - Assemblymember Jean Fuller

- The first draft of a joint marketing brochure is complete for the San Joaquin Valley Enterprise Zones.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Finalize an Enterprise Zones brochure on the eight-county area and make it available to all groups.
- Meet with Kern Enterprise Zone Managers and finalize an issue paper for the Partnership.

Goal 1. Objective C: Marketing (Champion: Richard Chapman, Kern EDC):

- The very aggressive trade mission program has proved successful, generating **110** meetings with site selectors in national markets, **40** requests for information, **17** prospective companies requiring a location and **5** tours by those companies. The program includes visits with site selectors, brokers and tenant reps to discuss and provide information on Central California. The CCEDC directors rotate participation.
  - The missions this past quarter include:
    - New York/New Jersey in January
    - Sacramento in March
    - West Pack Trade Show in January resulted in **170** company contacts.
    - Real Estate Update 2008 Brochure was completed and sent out to all broker contacts.
    - Business and Real Estate in Central California, an electronic newsletter, was sent out nationally in February to site selectors and industry. It highlights growth stories in the Business Cluster Groups.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)
- CCEDC Board will conduct further trade missions to site selectors and tenant representatives (brokers) in the Los Angeles and Washington D.C. areas.
- CCEDC will attend CoreNet Events in Los Angeles and the Bay Area.
- Central California Investment Guide will be completed.

Goal 2, Clusters (Champion: John Lehn, Kings County EDC):

- On March 12, John Lehn and Jennifer Faughn **attended a joint cluster meeting** for manufacturing and food processing. Lehn gave a presentation on the proposed "cluster summits" and gathered feedback from attendees.
- Subcommittee **meetings have been held to discuss cluster summits** on January 8 and January 14 The committee has developed a proposed agenda and is working with W.R. Davis Collaborative to have an electronically facilitated meeting where 40 input units will be in the room so businesses can provide immediate feedback on topics. Meetings are being planned in both the northern and southern regions of the San Joaquin Valley so businesses will only have to drive one hour.
- Workforce and CCEDC directors continue to work together and have entered **3,000 businesses** into the **Executive Pulse** business tracking system. A final report is being produced by the Higher Education and Workforce Development Work Group (HEWD), which also is working with ED to produce a report on business expansion (for both issues and positive feedback).

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)
- Subcommittee is planning continued outreach to business cluster chairs.
- Consultant and ED will format a Web-based directory of business associations from the eight-county region.
- ED and HEWD will partner with the Office of Community and Economic Development to identify university researchers and programs that are aligned with each target cluster.

Goal 3. Entrepreneurship (Champion: Scott Galbraith, Merced County EDC, with Dr. Timothy M. Stearns, Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship)

- Lyles Institute held a National Entrepreneurs Week from February 23 to March 1. The topics included: Welcome to Entrepreneurship, Technology Tuesday, Assessing your Family Firm, and a tour of the Central Valley Business Incubator.
- Entrepreneurship Committee meeting to be held on April 2 in Porterville.
  - Meeting is culmination of abundant work with successful gatherings in Fresno, Clovis and Modesto.
  - People have come from across the eight counties to participate in sub-groups; some have made significant progress.
  - Delore Zimmerman, president of Praxis Strategy Group, will speak validating the progress made by ED in considering all the right 'markers' for our regional development.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)
- Meeting April 2, 2008
- Draft Action Plan
- Directory of support organizations for entrepreneurship Valleywide

Goal 4. Renewable and Clean Energy (Champion: Steve Geil, Fresno County EDC)

Board established sustainability objectives for the next five years:

- Make San Joaquin Valley a solar leader.
- Engage all eight counties and all 62 cities in sustainability efforts.
- Full notes are provided in the Energy Work Group Report.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Attend Energy Work Groups and follow their lead.

Goal 5. Tourism (Champion: Paul Saldana, Tulare County EDC)

- Strategic planning session held January 2008 with Central Valley Tourism Association (CVTA) to discuss a regional strategy.

Planned Activities (for next 3-6 months)

- Hold a regional stakeholders meeting.
- Identify revenue sources for marketing strategy.
- Continue discussions with CVTA.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

ED is reaching out to business cluster groups regionwide.

ED has contacted the League of Cities for assistance with the infrastructure goal.

Entrepreneur Committee is rotating subcommittee meeting locations throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Central Valley Marketing and Cluster Development**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

Goal 1: Position CCEDC as Regional Leader

Activity	Action
Exchange ideas with Partners at monthly/quarterly meetings of California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley	**Quarterly**-Complete. Meeting held February 22, 2008, in Bakersfield
Provide quarterly update for partners to use on their Web site	**Quarterly**-Complete. Report submitted January 2008 and posted to Web site.
Develop list of mutual marketing projects (Q1)	**Completed** as part of the Marketing Plan
Conduct planned visits to public officials (Q2) (Q6)	**Completed** February 4-6, 2008
Advocate for economic development policies through EDC media (Q1, Q3, Q5)	**Quarterly**- Complete. CCEDC developed a quarterly electronic newsletter to keep members and businesses up-to-date. (Sent Feb 2008) Working with Partnership Legislative arm to keep up-to-date on ED Legislation. The eight County EDCs advocate to their existing business through existing channels.
Develop brochure with key regional messages for regional CEO-to-CEO (Q2 to Q4)	**Completed (Q2)**- An overview of demographics, real estate, cluster growth and projections was developed for the eight-county region and Partnership Clusters.

Goal 2: Facilitate Job Creation and Investment in San Joaquin Valley

Activity	Action
Develop a Business Intelligence System for regional industry (Q1 to Q3)	**Complete**: 3,000 companies have been interviewed and entered into Executive Pulse. WIB and EDC joint project.
Contact 240 regional companies per quarter (950 annually) through EDCs	Each quarter the EDCs contact a minimum of 30 companies each.
Contact 250 companies outside Central California per quarter (1000 annually)	**(Q3)** A total of 250 companies were contacted in the City of Industry and Los Angeles areas. **(Q2)** A total of 350 companies were contacted in the Riverside area.
Contact 500 brokers quarterly	**(Q3)** 520 Brokers were contacted in the New York, Sacramento and Los Angeles areas. **(Q2)** 413 Brokers were contacted in the Atlanta, Chicago and Dallas areas. **(Q1)** 907 Brokers were contacted in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix areas
Initiate 10 tours of Central California annually	**(To Date)** 11 Tours have been held.
Go on seven National Missions	**Complete** Eight missions have been held. **(Q3)** Missions were conducted in New York, New Jersey and Sacramento. 26 meetings were held. **(Q2)** Missions were conducted in Atlanta, Chicago and Dallas. Meetings were held with 38 companies. **(Q1)** Missions were conducted in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Phoenix. 34 Meetings were held.
Attend CoreNet Event (Q4)	**Complete** CCEDC Reps attended the Atlanta CoreNet Event Oct. 28-31, 2007. Bobby, Delyn, Melinda and Shelley.
Attend SIOR Event (Q2)	**Scheduled** April 24-26, 2008

Goal 3: Promote a Positive Brand for Central California Research

Activity	Action
Research new data set for eight county regions (Q1 and Q5)	**(Q1) Complete**
Develop White Papers for New Cluster Industries (Q1 and Q2)	**(Q1) Complete**. New cluster Information added to Real Estate and Central California overview document.
Develop Real Estate Update (Q1 and Q5)	**(Q2) Complete.** Real Estate Update was completed and printed.
Develop New Trade Show Booth (Q2)	**(Q2) Complete.** New panels were developed for the trade show booth to include new counties.
Develop Regionwide guide for counties (Q2 and Q3)	**(Q3)** Developing text and demographics. **(Q2)** A grant was awarded by PG&E to initiate development of a regional guide.

Marketing Tools

Activity	Action
Post incentive zone brochure to Web (Q1)	**Complete**. Enterprise Zone Information has been posted to www.californiacv.com .
Develop Incentive Zone Map (Q3)	**(Q3)** Now working with Global Graphics to complete the map. Compass went out of business. (Q2) In Process- Enterprise Zone Map in the eight-county region. We are working together with Compass Maps. The map will be completed in the first quarter 2008.

Trade Shows and Events

Activity	Action
Attend WestPack Trade Show (Q3)	**(Q3) Complete.** Attended January 29-31, 2008, in Anaheim. 176 contacts were made with 34 leads.
Attend Food Processing Show (Q2)	**(Q2) Complete.** On Oct 15-17, 2007, CCEDC attended the Pack Expo in Las Vegas with Team California. Many contacts were made; 36 companies requested information.
Attend Renewable Energy Show (Q4)	TBD
Leverage Team California Trade Shows	CCEDC is a member of Team California and attended the Vegas Food Processing Show.

Web site

Activity	Action
Update CCEDC Web site with new county info (ongoing)	**Complete.** Web site updated with eight-county 2007 information.
Develop a "Best Practice" Web-based Site Selection Toolkit (Q4-Q6)	Reviewing products

Public Relations

Activity	Action
Shop Press Releases to media and ED channels	(Q3) Sent electronic newsletter February 2008. (Q2) Developed an electronic newsletter on Central California that focuses on the five clusters. Sent November 2007.
Use CCEDC Web to post latest stories	(Q3) Updated stories to coordinate with Feb. 2008 e-news. (Q2) Updated stories to coordinate with Nov. 2007 e-news.
Advertising – two placements in business journals (Q2 and Q4)	TBD

Goal 4: Identify and Market "Certified Sites"

Activity	Action
Outline infrastructure needs with each cluster (Q1 and Q2)	In Process. Will complete in association with the Business Cluster meeting scheduled for Oct. 2008.
Create Web Database of certified sites	(Q3) Updated sites on Web. (Q2) Initial List of sites has been developed for the eight-county region. It includes buildings over 50,000 square feet and sites ready for construction on a 100,000 square-foot building.
Place sites in White paper for each cluster	**Completed**

Goal 5: Foster Long-Term Funding

Activity	Action
Secure EDA District funding (Q2)	**Complete.** CCEDC was awarded $110,000 grant from EDA.
Seek Business Cluster and Regional Business funding (Q4)	PG&E provided a $7,500 grant for marketing materials to promote Valley clusters.
Secure additional EDC funding (Q5)	**Complete.** San Joaquin Partnership and Stanislaus Alliance joined CCEDC. $20,000 in additional funding.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

Pending Activity- next 3 months

- Central California Enterprise Zone Map
- Washington DC Broker Mission
- Society of Industrial, Office and Retail Brokers (SIOR) Conference Washington D.C.
- Industrial Asset Management Council (IAMC) Conference in Phoenix
- CoreNet Events in Los Angeles and San Francisco

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

None at this time.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

All of our marketing efforts include outreach to industry and brokers described above. In addition, each county works with their cities to undertake a more specific marketing program that enhances the efforts of the CCEDC. For instance, when CCEDC receives an inquiry from a business or broker as a result of the regional marketing program, each county uses its own marketing materials and people to coordinate a response for that client. Likewise, when there is a tour of Central California, local cities, brokers and cluster businesses are leveraged to “sell” each county.

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Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Building Investment and Entrepreneurship in the San Joaquin Valley**
Grantee Organization:	**Golden Capital Network/Pacific Community Ventures**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

The activities of this grant are designed to foster a dynamic business climate to encourage and support entrepreneurs (Strategic Action Proposal Economic Development Goal #3), by addressing important needs in three areas:

1. Building local private equity investment capacity, particularly at the stages between friends/family and later-stage private equity;
2. Developing a strong infrastructure that supports entrepreneurship and business growth;
3. Initiating and sustaining venture capital deal flow generation programs and activities.

During the third quarter of the grant (Jan-Mar 2008), the following activities occurred to support the overall goals:

- Pacific Community Ventures (PCV) and the Lyles Center partnered on the equity education workshop series continued with presentations and working sessions to groups in Madera County (Jan. 16) and another one in Fresno County (Mar. 13) and Tulare County (Jan. 10). In addition, several entrepreneurs that attended the workshops have requested follow-up meetings to learn more about the equity process. Individual meetings have been held with more than 15 entrepreneurs since the beginning of the year.

- PCV partnered with the Central California Small Business Development Corporation and UC Merced to deliver a successful executive education workshop. The workshop, "Hiring and Retaining Key Staff," was facilitated by Ray Smilor of the Beyster Institute. The interactive workshop combined presentations, case studies, and multiple opportunities to develop new insights and approaches to finding and keeping the best people. It focused on how to develop a hiring process that works to bring outstanding people on board and ensure their goals align with the company goals. It also explored ways to create a company where the best people want to stay and help the company grow by becoming peak performers. 25 entrepreneurs attended the workshop; we have had excellent feedback from the group, collected through an online survey following the workshop.

- Lyles Center organized a third work group for regional stakeholders in developing infrastructure to support entrepreneurs and business expansion was held on Jan. 17, 2008, and hosted by Alliance/Small Business Development in Modesto. Business development professionals, educators and representatives from state and local elected officials participated

- Central Valley Business Incubator sent representatives to the rural communities of Hanford, Lemoore, San Joaquin, Orange Cove and Firebaugh to discuss the benefits of entrepreneurship and incubation.

- Central Valley Business Incubator continues to develop relationships with West Hills Community College and State Center Community College District to facilitate expansion of business incubation services.

- Central Valley Business Incubator spoke before several civic or government organizations, including Madera Rotary, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development and the City of Fresno, to promote entrepreneurship and business incubation.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

- Another CEO InSight Forum is being planned for June that will focus on the challenge for entrepreneurs and CEOs of young, growing companies in providing health care for their employees.
- Plans are being developed for Equity Education workshop in Merced County and San Joaquin County during the next quarter.
- A fourth regional workshop for the Entrepreneurship Subcommittee group has plans of being held in Tulare County.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

- Cooperation and communication are key challenges in continuing the effort to bring “buy in” from all the stakeholders in the economic development of the region. The need to directly engage business and investment leaders shows the most promise to maximize results towards some objectives, not necessarily through nonprofit or quasi-government channels.

- Financial resources are also a bottleneck to complete some of the assignments (ie: the comprehensive directory). Limited funding has required a retooling of original goals in the creation of the directory but progress has been made in this endeavor.

- Travel distance remains a problem for some communities to have representation at the various workgroups. While efforts need to be made to have face to face interaction, video or telephone conferencing might be explored for interim planning sessions. Although some meetings may be rotated around the eight-county region, Fresno still offers the most venues for large meetings and is fairly central geographically.

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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Overview

The priorities of the Energy Work Group (EWG) are:

- Conduct marketing and outreach to increase the depth and breadth of stakeholder awareness and involvement in the EWG and its activities;
- Support efforts to successfully establish San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) as the principal vehicle and focal point through which the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) will implement the energy provisions of its Strategic Action Proposal; and,
- Continued work to implement EWG recommendations not directly related to the creation of SJVCEO.

Specific accomplishment during the quarter includes:

- Continued progress under the seed grant to develop SJVCEO and begin its startup operation. See Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) seed grant report. (Objective IA)
- SJVCEO board meeting, February 7, 2008, to report on progress toward implementing strategic initiatives for the organization designed to "green" the Valley's communities, increase production and use of fuels from renewable energy sources, increase production of electricity from renewable sources, and develop a regional clean energy plan. (Objective IA,B)
- Began the process to develop a clean energy project in Arvin – an underserved, air quality challenged community. (Objective 2B)
- SJVCEO board chair made a presentation at the national conference of the 25x'25 Initiative to report on renewable projects in place and under way in the region and regional potential for additional renewable energy development. These preliminary results show that the region has the potential to far exceed its goal of producing 25% of its energy from renewable energy sources by the year 2025. (0bjective 3A)
- SJVCEO continued to implement its development strategy. It received notice that Valley Clean Air Now had approved funding for a clean energy project through the SJVCEO in Arvin and that PG&E was expected to approve funding for a project through SJVCEO focusing on West Side communities. In addition, SJVCEO was included as a partner in a successful proposal submitted by Visalia to Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas to establish a local government partnership. To cover unrestricted costs for SJVCEO, a sponsorship strategy will be developed for presentation to the SJVCEO board at its April 3 meeting. (Objective IA)
- March 27 – SJVCEO representatives met with city representatives from Kern County at a councils of government (COGs) meeting in Bakersfield to explore city interests in partnering with SJVCEO to support their clean energy interests. With the assistance of the COGs, SJVCEO plans to hold in the near future similar meetings in the Valley's remaining seven counties. (Objective 2B)
- SJVCEO has developed a beta version of its Web site, expected to go live April 2008. (Objective IA)
- SJVCEO began tracking energy-related legislation of interest to the Valley in the California legislature. SJVCEO Interim Executive Director had numerous discussions with the Department of Energy and state and local representatives about opportunities for the Valley through the new developing block grant program to fund cities and counties to develop clean energy projects. Funding for this program will be available by 2009 if it is appropriated by the Congress this year. (Objective IA)
- EWG and SJVCEO initiated the planning process to hold in fall 2008 a clean energy conference focused on the agricultural sector. (Objective 3A,B,C, D,E)
- Several personnel changes were made to the SJVCEO board during the quarter in response to job changes of several board members. Tim Fisher, Great Valley Center (GVC), was added to the board after the Primafuels representative was transferred to the East Coast. (Objective IA)
- GVC and SJVCEO representatives met on February 27 at GVC to identify opportunities and strategies to work together to achieve mutual energy-related interests.

- Continued work on EWG recommendations not directly related to the creation of SJVCEO. This includes:
  - EWG met in Fresno on January 11 to attend a seminar on Green Building for multifamily residences in the Valley. (Objective 2D)
  - EWG (through GVC) is working with PG&E, local Building Industry officials & Build-It-Green to develop a Valleywide green building ordinance for new residential construction. (Objective 2 D)
  - February 7 – Tim Fisher attended the Water Policy Advisory Committee for the Partnership. (Goal 4)
  - February 29 – GVC staff made a presentation to PG&E Sales 7 Service Reps re: the need for energy leadership in the San Joaquin Valley.
  - March 10 – Tim Fisher submitted an abstract proposal to California Public Utilities Commission to achieve additional funding for projects including the work of SJVCEO. (Objective IA)
  - March 13 – EWG staff attended the Green Facilities Expo in Modesto. (Objective 2 D)
  - GVC continued its efforts to: develop Web links informing the public about clean vehicles (Objective 2A); document Energy Star residences in the region (Objective 2C); inventory model green building ordinances (Objective 2D); and begin development of energy policy primer for local governments (Objective 5C).

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

Over the next quarter EWG expects to:

- Continue efforts to market and expand the membership of the EWG.
- Provide updated information for the EWG Web site and "go live" with the SJVCEO Web site.
- Hold at least one EWG meeting.
- Continue progress on EWG objectives initiated; date and firm up priorities for tackling all EWG objectives.

Specific planned activities include:

- Continue development of SJVCEO (Objective 1A). During the next quarter, expect to continue support to SJVCEO. SJVCEO focus over the next quarter will be to:
  - Complete the Web site
  - Continue strategic planning and development activities
  - Continue efforts to develop work plan to create a Regional Energy Plan (Objective 1B) in conjunction with efforts to carry out the 25x'25 Initiative in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Continue development of 'Energy Primer' for local government officials (Objective 2D).
- Begin work on a Draft 'Green Ordinance' for Visalia. (Objective 2C & 2D).
- Begin support to at least one community in the north Valley (likely Stockton).(Objective 2 B)
- Begin audits of public buildings and Ag processors in the San Joaquin Valley for energy efficiency (Objective 5C).

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

- EWG worked closely with the team establishing SJVCEO through the seed grant to Kings River Conservation District from the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.
- SJVCEO held a meeting with Kern County cities to talk about both SJVCEO and San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust. We expect to continue these coordinated outreach efforts in other counties over the next few months.
- EWG (through GVC) coordinated with PG&E on energy efficiency training offered in Stockton.

The following attachments can be requested via email to Kelli Furtado, kfurtado@csufresno.edu:

- SJVCEO Feb. 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Growing Clean Energy Capacity in the San Joaquin Valley**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

The purpose of this grant is to formally establish and begin operation of the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO). On Sept. 13, 2007, the SJVCEO Board of Directors held its first meeting; the organization formally began operation. The SJVCEO will be the principal vehicle and focal point through which the Partnership will implement the energy provisions of its Strategic Action Proposal. Specific accomplishment during the quarter includes:

Accomplishment	**Applicable Seed Grant Task**	**Applicable Partnership Energy Work Group Goal/ Objective**
1. Board Support. Held Meetings of the SJVCEO Board of Directors on Feb. 7. The board: **a)** continued a strategic planning process to confirm the priority areas of focus for the SJVCEO; and **b)** continued the process to create a business plan and development strategy for the organization. The highlight of the meeting was in-depth presentations on the three priority activities areas of focus for the organization: **1)** development of a regional plan and report on progress under the plan; **2)** greening of all cities in the Valley; and **3)** support renewable energy for fuel and electric power production. During this period, planning began for the next board meeting held on April 3. Paul Clanon, Executive Director, California Public Utilities Commission, agreed to participate in the meeting. (See Attachments 1 and 2)	#1 #2	# IAB
2. Development. Continued implementation of development strategy for the SJVCEO. Received notice that Valley CAN had approved funding for a clean energy project through the SJVCEO in Arvin and that Pacific Gas and Electric was expected to approve funding for a project through the SJVCEO focusing on West Side communities. In addition, the SJVCEO was included as a partner in a proposal submitted by Visalia to Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas to establish a local government partnership. To cover unrestricted costs for the SJVCEO, we drafted a strategy for the organization to be discussed with the SJVCEO Board at its April 3 meeting. (See Attachment 3).	#2	#1A
3. Administration and Program Support. Continued development of administrative systems and support functions for the SJVCEO. This includes: **1)** continued preparation of the paperwork for the IRS nonprofit filing for the organization; **2)** development of a conflict of interest policy for the organization, **3)** development of a prototype Web site; and **4)** development best practice information from other sustainable communities (see Attachment 4).	#1, #2	#1A
4. Support to Communities. Continued to provide technical support and assistance to Visalia through our MOU with the city. This partnership will serve as a model for SJVCEO to other communities in the region. This support took the form of investigating options, tools and costs for conducting municipal and	#1 #3	# 2ADE

Accomplishment	Applicable Seed Grant Task	Applicable Partnership Energy Work Group Goal/ Objective
community level greenhouse gas emissions inventories, establishing related baselines and setting follow-on emissions reductions targets. Drafted a work plan and began interviews to initiate a clean energy project in Arvin (see Attachment 5). The bulk of the funding for this project will come from a grant that the SJVCEO received from Valley CAN (see #2 above). Conducted phone interviews with the Deputy City Manager in Stockton and set up an April meeting to explore ways that the SJVCEO could help the city meet its clean energy objectives. Wrote questionnaires for cities and counties to assess their current level of sustainability activity and interest in partnering with the SJVCEO (see Attachment 6 and 7). March 27 meeting with city representatives at COG meeting in Bakersfield to explore city interests in partnering with SJVCEO to support their clean energy interests. We plan to hold similar meetings, in the near future, with COGs in the remaining seven counties in the Valley. On behalf of the SJVCEO, SEI staff compiled and submitted a Flex Your Power Community Outreach Grant proposal, which was rejected by the Flex your Power organization in March.		
5. Regional Plan/Renewable Power Development. Developed and presented a presentation for the annual conference of the 25x'25 Initiative. As part of that presentation, regional energy projects under way and regional potential for additional renewable energy development were identified. These preliminary results will assist in the development of the regional clean energy plan. (See Attachment 8).	#1 #3	#1AB # 3A
6. Conference Development. SJVCEO began planning for a regional conference for fall 2008 to identify specific value-added activities that the SJVCEO could support to increase use of clean energy in the Ag sector and its communities.	#3	#1AB, #2ABCDE #3ABCDE #4ABC, #5ABCD

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

The SJVCEO will undertake a number of startup activities. These include:

- Meet with the SJVCEO Board in person every two months and electronically on an ongoing basis to continue development and implementation of the Business Plan and fundraising strategy for the organization;
- Continue to pursue funding consistent with Business Plan and fundraising strategy;
- Develop marketing material using new logo and begin full operation of the Web site;
- Submit final necessary paperwork to IRS for the nonprofit;
- Create work statement for developing a regional clean energy plan;
- Continue the partnership with Visalia and Arvin; develop partnerships with Stockton and additional cities;
- Continue to develop database on resources and best practices;
- Gather information on opportunities for Valley communities to participate in the design of the Federal Energy Block Grant program; and
- Participate in meetings sponsored by COGs to reach out to Valley cities to explore sustainability interests.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

The biggest challenge over the next few months remains to secure additional funding (particularly unrestricted funding) for the SJVCEO to supplement seed grant funding from the state and ensure the financial sustainability of the organization. The SJVCEO will aggressively work through its board and interim executive director to ensure that this effort is successful.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

We have initiated a series of meetings with cities, through the COGs, to explore their energy and housing-related needs and interests. We will continue to expand this effort during the next quarter of the grant.

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1. Minutes. February SJVCEO Meeting
2. Agenda. April SJVCEO Board Meeting
3. Sponsorship Framework
4. Best Practices Information
5. Arvin Work Plan
6. Cities Questionnaire
7. Counties Questionnaire
8. 25x'25 Presentation

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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1. Objective A: Establish a UC Merced medical school within 10 years.

Action: Work with UC Merced to identify and engage key leaders to champion effort.

- **In November 2007**, UC Merced presented an update to the Regents' committees on Educational Policy and Health Services. A number of Regents expressed interest in and support for UC Merced's plans. The update was for informational purposes only. It was determined that further discussion and review of a specific business plan for the development of a UC Merced medical school are necessary.

- **In February 2008**, recognizing the critical need to train and retain physicians in the San Joaquin Valley and building on growing support, Congressmen Dennis Cardoza (CA-18) and Jim Costa (CA-20) convened a meeting at UCSF Fresno to foster support for establishing a medical school at UC Merced. The result of the meeting was the establishment of The Valley Coalition for UC Merced Medical School. The Valley Coalition is made up of San Joaquin Valley leaders including individuals involved with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and who are committed to the development of a medical school at UC Merced. The goal of the group is to develop a medical school at UC Merced that builds on the campus' health sciences research base, leverages partnerships with UC Davis and UC San Francisco, and utilizes existing healthcare facilities in the Valley for clinical training. Obtaining support from the UC Board of Regents for UC Merced to continue planning and securing financial support from Valley businesses and individuals are among the coalition's milestones. Work group consultants from the Central Valley Health Policy Institute (CVHPI) were invited to join the Valley Coalition, and it was decided to leverage advocacy efforts for the medical school by joining forces.

- **In March 2008**, the Valley Coalition held a second meeting at Children's Hospital Central California in Madera. The group discussed holding its next meeting in Sacramento in conjunction with legislative visits aimed at communicating the need for a UC School of Medicine in the San Joaquin Valley.

Next Steps:
- **In May 2008,** at the request of Chancellor Kang, UC Merced is expected to update the Regents' committee on Health Services regarding the campus' medical school planning process and seek formal approval to continue planning from the Committee and the Board of Regents.
- *May 14 – an endorsement by the Regents is expected to be granted for continued planning to enable UC Merced to develop plans for curriculum, recruit staff, develop partnerships and launch a fundraising campaign.*

Goal 1. Objective B: Establish Central Valley Nursing Education Consortium.
Refer to report by Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes (Higher Education and Workforce Development Work Group, Goal 3: Objective B).

Goal 2. Objective A: Provide incentives for difficult-to-recruit health and medical professionals.

Action: Develop regionwide strategic plan for enterprise zones and financial incentives (Health Enterprise Zone project).
- Refer to HEZ seed grant report from CVHPI.

Goal 2. Objective B: Enhance public health management capabilities.
- Met with Public Health Partnership to address several elements of this goal. (1) The Public Health Partnership has initiated a review of the Public Health laboratories and their staffing with the goal of developing a regional plan to ensure the quality and affordability of these services. (2) The Public Health Partnership along with CVHPI is exploring regional approaches to epidemiological surveillance and reporting activities. A data collection process was concluded with Fresno County Department of Public Health examining its data resources and reporting processes. The result of this review will form the basis for data collection in the remaining counties of the region. Products of this regional assessment of epidemiology resources form the basis for planning a regional approach, including shared data resources and staff time and a regional template for reporting. In addition, a major focus will be an assessment of the adequacy of currently available data for documenting the region's challenges with chronic conditions and documenting the activities of the health departments in addressing key health challenges.

Goal 2. Objective C: Develop a regional plan to address the needs of the uninsured.

- A more recent strategy under consideration is a public education/consensus building concept paper that has been crafted since the recent failure to pass state health reform legislation. The concept is based on the need to increase civic engagement in continued health discussions specific to Valley needs.
- A special Health and Human Service (HHS) meeting was held to discuss this concept on March 13, 2008, in addition to ideas for other strategies to address the needs of the uninsured were discussed.
- This concept is being vetted through the HHS Work Group/Public Health Partnership for further consideration.
- In the meantime, HHS workgroup remains a part of and involved in the Children's Health Initiatives to expand health coverage to children, specialty care initiatives to address health professional shortages in the region and remains vigilante to health access legislation and other activities specific to the needs of the uninsured.

Next Steps:

- Work with the Public Health Partnership and others to decide if the public education and consensus building model is an effective strategy.
- Depending on the outcome and interests, prepare for further discussion with Department of Health Services, Co-Conveners, Secretariat staff and Human services.

Goal 2. Objective D: Improve delivery of health care services through the use of information technology infrastructure and services.

Action: Assess e-health readiness

- The first pilot study of the survey will take place at Golden Valley Health Centers on May 2, 2008. The survey will be tested and completed by a team of providers and managers.
- Four other sites have been contacted and arrangements to address their concerns and engage their participation are in progress. The other sites will include an Indian Health site, a rural and/or district hospital, private practice, county health department.

Next Steps:

- Complete the survey questionnaire at all five sites by mid-summer.

Goal 5. Objective A: Develop and propose alternative evaluation methods for state distribution of new grant sources.

- Refer to report by Central California Social Welfare Evaluation, Research and Training Center.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

1. Given the recent state budget shortfall, the UC Merced medical education program requires tremendous regional support, as does the UC Regents.
2. With the failure to pass health reform, it has been challenging to determine a strategy that will have the best impact and possible outcome specific to addressing the needs of the uninsured. Although there is some interest and support for public education/consensus building model, we have not achieved full consensus that the public education/ consensus model is the best strategy at this time. Time is required to vet this concept through the various venues before any decision can be made about which direction to proceed.
3. Funding to support the activities described in Goal 1, Objective B is an ongoing challenge.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

1. UC Merced coalition meetings involve outreach.
2. Regional outreach through the nursing consortium is ongoing.
3. The HEZ project has involved extensive outreach and linkages, well described in the HEZ seed grant report. The next HEZ regional task force meeting will be April 2008.
4. The telemedicine survey involves outreach to five provider sites that include a federally qualified health center, a rural health center site, Indian Health, a private practice and a small hospital.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

This quarter's activities focused on completing an extensive interview process conducted with providers, physician recruiters, economic development and business consultants, state and federal agency and legislative staff, and representatives from workforce development organizations. (See attached list at the end of this report). These results led to the development of a comprehensive policy framework with key findings that provide the basis for four proposed models that address the need to increase the health professional workforce in the San Joaquin Valley. The draft of "San Joaquin Valley Health Enterprise Zone Concept Report*:* A Policy Framework for Addressing Health Professional Shortages in the San Joaquin Valley and Proposed Models for Action*"* has been submitted to the Central Valley Public Health Partnership for review and comment as they are the lead organization in this project.

The San Joaquin Valley Health Enterprise Zone Project quarter activities have been responsive to the Health and Human Services Work Group Goal 2: "**Enhance access to appropriate health care services and improved public health management**" and it's activities support Goal 2 - Objective A: "**Provide incentives for difficult to recruit health and medical professionals.**"

The efforts of this quarter have provided the framework for developing models of creative strategies that are a direct result of responses from the above-mentioned interviews. These models are more inclusive of the various sectors involved in addressing health professional shortages than may have been originally conceptualized. An attempt has been made to address the feasibility of implementing these models in the context of the state's current "fiscal emergency." The hope is that these strategies will effectively increase and improve access to primary/ specialty/ and sub-specialty health providers in the San Joaquin Valley.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

1. Incorporate feedback from the Central Valley Public Health Partnership, as appropriate, into the draft concept report
2. Disseminate final report to the Task Force and other stakeholders
3. Schedule the second Task Force meeting for April
4. Develop consensus on which model(s) to implement in the feasibility assessment
5. Identify eight communities for conducting feasibility assessments
6. Begin Phase 2 of the project "Conduct feasibility assessments in the eight selected communities"

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Challenges: The challenge has been to synthesize the wealth of information received through the interview process into clearly articulated models with strategies that have the potential for actual implementation. Another challenge is that the data have driven development of some models that really don't fit into the parameters originally articulated in the first task force meeting. Proposing these models is a bit uncomfortable as we anticipate some controversy regarding the approaches.

Problems/Bottlenecks: Both the interview process and the development of the concept paper took much longer than anticipated resulting in a delay in scheduling the second Task Force Meeting by approximately one month. However, the extensive review process has strengthened the report with the development of a policy framework that is multisectored in scope.

Feedback: There continues to be a lot of interest in the project and the possibility of new collaborations. We are awaiting feedback from the Central Valley Public Health Partnership regarding the concept report and its findings.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

Significant outreach has occurred to sectors that were both included and not included in the Task Force membership. Although representatives from the economic development sector are on the Task Force, more connections were made at both the local and regional levels. Meetings were held with the Central California Economic Development Corporation,

Fresno Redevelopment Agency, Fresno County's Business Expansion Attraction and Retention (BEAR) project and the Central Valley Business Incubator.

Extensive effort also was made to reach out to "pipeline programs" which are only represented on the Task Force indirectly through the involvement of the K-12 Education and Higher Education and Workforce Development work groups on the Consulting Team. This connection added a critical dimension to the proposed models and poses an opportunity for further communication/collaboration on coordinating efforts among the various sectors.

Providers:

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2. **Dr. Edward Moreno**, Director-Health Officer, Fresno County Department of Community Health
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4. **Dru Quesnoy**, Director of Marketing, Kaweah Delta Health Care District
5. **Dr. Cesar Vazquez**, Pediatrician at Fresno Children's Medical Group
6. **Dr. Dominic T. Dizon**, Medical Director of Ambulatory Care
7. **Charla Parker**, Director of Planning and Program Development, Colusa Regional Medical Center
8. **Dr. Mark Sandburg**, Merced Urologist
9. **Dr. Fengaly Lee**, Fresno's first Hmong female OB/GYN at OMNI Women's Health Medical Group
10. **Sandi Palumbo**, Executive Director of Fresno-Madera Medical Society and Kern County Medical Society
11. **Bob Ward**, Chief Legal Officer, Community Regional Medical Center
12. **Lisa Folberg**, Associate Director for Governmental Relations at the California Medical Association
13. **Lynne Ashbeck**, Regional VP, Hospital Council of Northern and Central California

Recruiters:

1. Physician/staff recruiters from Children's Hospital of Central California: **Sandi Aleman (physician) Tracy DeYoung (physician) and Suzan Parsons (non-physician staff)**
2. **Maureen Larkin**, RHIT, CPMSM, Director of Physician Recruiting, Adventist Health Central California (Central Valley General Hospital)
3. **Dr. Dominic T. Dizon**, Medical Director of Ambulatory Care for Community Regional Medical Center and also the vision behind the University Centers of Excellence, specialty and sub-specialty practices staffed by core faculty physicians at UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program

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4. **Valerie Fisher**, Director of Region 5 (Central California Region), Regional Health Occupations Resource Center.
5. **Mary Metz**, Coordinator for the Medical Magnet Academy (Medical/Health Professions, Andrew Hill High School)
6. **Shirley Hargrove**, Health Program Instructor at Duncan Polytechnical High School in Fresno
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9. **Brenda Mitchell**, AHEC
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11. **Joel Rabin**, FUSD contact for the Fresno Career Preparation Initiative, a regional compact with FUSD, RJI, SCCCD, and California State University, Fresno
12. **Kathy Flores, M.D**., Director of the Latino Center for Medical Education and Research
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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

1. Goal 3, Objective A, Methamphetamine Recovery Project:
   a. Project Coordinators hired and on board mid-February.
   b. The Advisory Council held a legislative forum as its first quarterly meeting in 2008; it was done via teleconference between Stockton and Lemoore, with over 100 total attendees. The primary topic was policy and legislation related to substance abuse issues.
   c. Development of research and data resources initiated as the foundation for the final deliverable, a report on methamphetamine issues in the region.

2. Goal 4, Objective A, Foster Care Prevention:
   a. Continued partnership with California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), Children's Regional Committee; to address impact of substance abuse on foster care placements, including relative approvals.
   b. Advocacy through CWDA and other venues for selecting a Valley county to pilot AB340 implementation for Relative Placements.

3. Goal 5, Objective A, Competitive funding application process:
   a. Met with Partnership board co-conveners; agreed to take an informational approach to conditions in the region that should be considered when funding decisions are made.
   b. Initiated research and work outline to prepare a report that includes recommendations for future competitive funding evaluation processes.

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

1. Goal 3, Objective A: Project Coordinators will schedule community outreach and engagement meetings in the north and south sections of the region for public participation in the continuum of care development process. The Council's next quarterly meeting is June 20 in Madera.
2. Goal 4, Objective A: Continue advocacy and support; provide input if requested by California Department of Social Services/CWDA for selection criteria development.
3. Goal 5, Objective A: Prepare a draft report for review by co-conveners and other stakeholders by May 30, 2008.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

1. Assigned staff and key stakeholders in the region have extensive workloads and limited time to devote to Work Group activities
2. The state's budget crisis has had a negative impact on some stakeholders' interest in pursuing Goal 5, requiring a change in focus.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

Community outreach activities will begin in late April and continue through the first week of June.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Methamphetamine Recovery Project**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

- Two Project Coordinators hired and on board, one assigned to the north valley counties and one assigned to the south valley counties.

- The Advisory Council's first 2008 quarterly meeting was held at UOP in Stockton, telecast to West Hills College in Lemoore. Attendance included senators, a congressman, and representatives of several legislators and state departments. The primary topic was policy and legislation related to substance abuse issues in the Central Valley region. Speakers included individual consumers and family members sharing personal perspectives on the impact of meth and other substance on them and their families. The result was a better understanding for legislators about how policy directly impacts people and a mutual understanding about ways communities and legislators can work together to address substance production, use and abuse. It establishes the groundwork for legislators and community participants at local levels to continue working together to affect policy and resources specifically for the San Joaquin Valley counties.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

- Project Coordinators will conduct a series of community outreach meetings throughout the Valley between late April and the first week of June.

- Council's next quarterly meeting is set for June 20, 2008, in Madera. Will include several presentations of local efforts to respond to the impact of substance abuse, reports on community engagement meetings, and a draft outline for the final continuum of care report. Other quarterly meetings are scheduled for September and December.

- Report development will be ongoing; the goal is to have a draft report ready for the Council's review by the September meeting.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Primary difficulty will be getting resources established in multiple communities to obtain public input to the project development process.

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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1: Create a demand-driven workforce investment system that supports target clusters.

Objective A: Align workforce development resources to support target industry clusters. This umbrella objective will be accomplished through meeting the following supporting objectives:

Objective B: Conduct occupational analysis of key jobs in target industries. The regionwide survey of 3,000 employers is in the final stages of completion with focus on the surveys with incomplete information or employers that have not been inaccessible. This survey will provide real employment demand needs in each of the target industries. The Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) at the March meeting discussed adding automotive technology, information services and trade industries to future regionwide surveys.

Objective C: Develop Web-based inventory of vocational training and "gap analysis." The information compiled from the regionwide employment survey (Objective B) and an inventory of existing education will be available online by county. A Web site developer was selected and presented different Web site layouts (www.careersinthevalley.com) at the CCWC March 2008 meeting. The Web site will provide information such as jobs projected demand, wages, training and education required, and availability of training programs.

Objective D: Implement regionwide business intelligence tool. Executive Pulse is the software program being used by all eight county WIBs. It allows various entities to submit critical information regarding, but not limited to, individual business hiring, training, expansion, and relocation needs, which can be shared by all who have access to the program. Regionwide statistics show that as of March 14, 2008, there have been 1,668 businesses entered into the Executive Pulse system; 158 have entered detailed information; 206 users have registered in the system; 98 referrals for service have been made with 60 completed. Executive Pulse administrator meetings took place on March 12 and 13. The first was in Modesto (northern), the second in Tulare (southern), respectively. Executive Pulse owners will provide additional training to administrators and users in Modesto on May 5 and Visalia on May 6.
The Connectory is a Web site portal that will allow businesses across the supply chain to provide essential information on the goods and services they produce, allowing buyer and supplier connections to be made across the region. CCWC is working on a proposal for a Connectory portal cost and is identifying employers that could potentially use the Connectory. Also, in January 2008, nine people participated in a Connectory "webinar." CCWC is in the process of scheduling a "Train the Trainer" one-day session. Typically held in San Diego, plans are to provide one in the Valley to save on travel costs.

Objective E: Create a just-in-time training fund. This objective has been accomplished through the ETP grant with Bakersfield College. However, the training voucher fund is still underutilized. There appears to be a lack of use because of the difficulty in getting timely responses to partner businesses' "just in time" training needs. Discussions between CCWC and Community College partners will continue as they determine the best way to work together so that these funds are utilized to the maximum capacity by San Joaquin Valley businesses

Objective F: Address workforce supply on a regional basis.
Career Readiness Certificate and WorkKeys Implementation The eight Workforce Investment Boards in the region are licensed and trained to provide WorkKeys services to their business and job-seeker customers. WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical to job success. The WorkKeys system is centered on three major components—Assessments, Job Profiling and Training.

At the CCWC February meeting, Tom Kilijanek from ACT explained the various options on providing WorkKeys services to employers beyond CCWC's Central California Work Readiness Certificate. A regional marketing sub-committee was formed to lead efforts on decision-making related to WorkKeys collateral materials and other marketing endeavors. CCWC partners received documentation identifying the minimum information that should be included in the WorkKeys folders for both employers and job seekers. The committee will continue to meet as they finalize the packets and initiate rollout and outreach efforts. During the March meeting, each CCWC partner was given 500 WorkKeys System brochures to be used in their respective WorkKeys folders

Manufacturing Skills Standards Certification The Central California Manufacturing Association meeting held on Jan. 7, 2008, in Merced County was considered a success with two large employers recruited to pilot the project. To date, 43 of the 50 tests have been administered; seven remaining are scheduled to be administered to manufacturing businesses. This program provides a process for determining that an individual has the specific skills needed to be designated as a Certified Production Technician.

Objective G: Align vocational and career technical education with target industries. The work group has been gauging San Joaquin Valley partners interest in submitting SB70 regional applications. Four subregional CTE Community Collaborative applications to the Governor's Career Technical Education (CTE) Initiative were submitted. Final word on 07-08 SB 70 funding should be available in early May. 08-09 funds are also anticipated.

Objective H: Establish San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium. The eight Workforce Investment Board Directors and Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) in the region continue to meet on a regular basis to coordinate efforts for improving the economic conditions in the San Joaquin Valley by providing workforce development services that benefit both business and job seeker customers. Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) partners include San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Merced County, Madera County, Tulare County, Fresno County, Kings County, and the Kern/Inyo/Mono consortium.

Objective I: Align the efforts of the San Joaquin Valley's economic development corporations, the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium and the California Community College Central Region Consortium. The Central Regional Roundtable held Jan. 14, 2008, at UC Merced served as a rallying point for partners in the region. CWIB Executive Director Barbara Halsey re-enforced the concept that the transformation of the workforce development system in the state, to truly meet the needs of business, will require education, economic development, and workforce organizations to work together in a coordinated manner. Planning for an EDC/CCWC/Community College Convening is under way to continue the efforts toward stakeholder alignment.
Workforce Funding Collaborative The Fresno Regional Foundation has shown an interest in managing the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Funding Collaborative. The Collaborative supports the Fresno Regional Foundation taking the lead at this time to allow for application for grant funds, which help launch the Collaborative. A pre-application for Regional Funding Collaborative in Rural Areas is due to National Fund for Workforce Solutions April 8, 2008.

Goal 2: Develop a college going culture in the San Joaquin Valley

Mobilize our institutions to work collectively in aligning our consortia work with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Planning session held on Nov. 17, 2007, aligning the goals of the higher education institutions with the Partnership's Strategic Action Proposal. Eaton Cummings, a professional consulting firm, was contracted to provide a pre-work survey, tally the results in a SWOT Analysis, conduct facilitation at the event, and provide a final report. To ensure accountability, an executive committee was selected to meet March 2008 to implement a 2008-2011 work plan, which will be introduced at the CVHEC board meeting April 2008. The executive committee members include educational leaders.

A research council was formed in February 2007 to examine trends and data related to K-12 education, college going statistics, transfer rates, and workforce development training in the Central Valley. The council will reconvene in May to review the initial draft of the collective report which will be submitted to the Partnership board during 2008.

Launched the Central Valley first community-based college access center, The College Place in August, 2007. A "Shopping for College" event is scheduled for May 3; 60 families currently are registered.

Increasing educational attainment in the Central Valley Together, CVHEC's higher education institutions are making a positive impact on the educational achievement of our region. This past year, CVHEC institutions enrolled nearly 180,000 students, (Post-Secondary Education Commission). However, to become "on par" with the rest of the state in terms of college enrollment and completion rates, our work group realized that we need more data. We are struggling with why certain trends are occurring. As a result, we began to view some preliminary data. Research was compiled for college going rates, change in college going rates for Hispanic students, and percentages of associates degrees earned by ethnicity. Below are the results:

Change in College Going Rates – Overall

County	2001	2006	Change
Fresno	23.4	19.6	-3.8
Kern	41.3	42.9	+1.6
Kings	32.6	22.4	-10.2
Madera	23.2	16.6	-6.6

Mariposa	32.0	35.9	+3.9
Merced	41.7	44.7	+3.0
San Joaquin	44.4	42.4	-2.0
Stanislaus	48.7	32.4	-16.3
Tulare	50.1	46.2	-3.9
Tuolumne	48.4	37.1	-11.3
State	**45.4**	**46.7**	**+ 1.3**

According to the results, Tuolumne County, Stanislaus County, and Kings County experienced a decline in college attendance between 2001 and 2006.

Change in College Going Rates – For Hispanic Students

Area	2001	2006	Change
North San Joaquin Valley	34.7	31.2	-3.5
South San Joaquin Valley	42.3	42.5	+0.2
Entire CVHEC Region	**37.9**	**35.6**	**-2.3**
State	**41.3**	**43.9**	**+2.6**

We are concerned that the north San Joaquin Valley is experiencing a decline in college going rates while the south San Joaquin Valley is not, though it is not showing growth either. We also found that between 2001 and 2006, the number of students in the CVHEC region who transferred from a community college to a UC or CSU campus increased overall by 90 students. This number, however, decreased by 102 students among South San Joaquin Valley community colleges (in Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties).

Between 2001 and 2006, the percentage of associate's degrees attained by Latino students increased by 2.1 percent, and the percentage of associate's degrees attained by nonwhite students increased by 5 percent overall. Percentages were determined using the total number of students who attained an associate's degree and who reported their ethnicity as the population.

The Higher Education Work Group has participated in the P-16 meetings in Kern, Merced, Tulare, and Kings counties. The chair of Merced County's P-16 Council also is the chair of the K-12 Work Group and continues to keep HEWD informed on policies, initiatives and practices of K-12 education. We are now coordinating with Cal-Pass on a regional approach to a data system that will help the San Joaquin Valley move forward in raising student achievement. The bottom line is educators/parishioners need a common data source and also need to be making informed, collective decisions on best practices for this region.

Advocacy/Policy Since our last report, the Higher Education Committee has endorsed these major initiatives:

1. SB 890, The Early College Commitment Act of 2007
2. AB 178, Incentive for College Readiness
3. SB 70, Career Technical Education Initiative
4. AB 2340 Adult ESL
5. Senate Bill 325

Goal 3: Develop comprehensive education and training systems to meet the healthcare worker shortage in the region

Objective A: Establish a Medical Education Program at University of California Merced within 10 years
Anticipate May 14 UC Regents approval of UC Merced Medical Program planning continuation.

Objective B: Establish the Central Valley Nursing Education Consortium The San Joaquin Valley Nursing Consortium was developed with a goal of increasing the number of RN graduates in the San Joaquin Valley each year by 250 starting in 2008.

- **Student Support** This objective translates in assisting students with the ability to increase NCLEX passing scores and retention. The NCLEX scores have increased from 80% passing in 2004/2005 to 84.32% in 2007. This translates into approximately 200 additional RNs for the Valley.
- **Centralized Faculty Resource** As part of this objective, we have determined to increase faculty resources. As a result, California State University, Fresno, presented a faculty training online course. An additional 24 clinical faculty completed the course and are now available to serve as clinical faculty in our Valley nursing programs
- **Computerized Clinical Placement** RFPs have been reviewed and a grant has been awarded to the San Diego Nursing Service-Education Consortium. Implementation is scheduled to begin in May.

- **Distance Education** Monies from the grant are being awarded to three community college nursing programs that have a distance education program with rural colleges for mentoring and tutoring distance education students. In addition, monies from the grant will help fund a new cohort of LVN-to-RN nursing students Fresno City College has begun with West Hills College.

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

Goal 3: B
Student Support The San Joaquin Valley Nursing Consortium is presenting one-day programs for students to address the professional role of the RN specifically regarding student and new graduate retention. The first class was held on April 11 in Bakersfield. The second will be May 16 in Merced with a third planned for early fall in Fresno.

Centralized Faculty Resource Second online faculty training course will begin on July 7 and will have 30 slots open for faculty students. Colleges and hospitals will recommend students for this 2-unit graduate level course. The grant will pay the tuition for all the attendees.

Computerized Clinical Placement Implementation meetings with stakeholders on the Computerized Clinical Placement Program will begin May 2008.

Distance Education Tutoring and mentoring for distance education students continues.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Goal 3: B Computerized Clinical Placement Delay in implementation of Computerized Clinical Placement Program due to having to resend RFPs out. System will not be used until spring 2009 semester.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Developing a College Going Culture in the San Joaquin Valley**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

- Initiate discussions with interested partners in Madera County to replicate pilot program in Madera County
- Ongoing operation of The College Place
- Outcomes: 300 new outreach contacts; 175 contacts for The College Place

Benchmark 1: Initiate discussions with interested partners in Madera County to replicate pilot program in other communities. CVHEC has replicated the pilot program by setting up satellite centers in the following locations:

Coalinga Library	**Huron Library**	**Porterville Public Library**	**Springville Public Library**	**Tulare Public Library**
Carol Kreamer 305 N. Fourth Street Coalinga, CA 93210 (559) 935-1676	Carol Kreamer 36050 O Street Huron, CA 93234 (559) 945-2284	Vikki Cervantes 41 W. Thurman Avenue Porterville, CA 93257 (559) 784-0177	Donna Jones 35800 Highway 190 Springville, CA 93265 (559) 539-2624	Michael Stowell 113 F Street Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 685-2341

Benchmark 2: Ongoing Operation of The College Place – Open from 3-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The College Place offers various levels of service; any client can enter the continuum according to their needs, strengths, knowledge, and interest. Services include:

- Intake/interview
- Needs assessment (clients interest, e.g., certificate program, AA degree, BA/BS degree, and also the clients' potential for success in college
- Aptitude and interest inventories
- Review of student education plan–a computerized tracking procedure that tracks all A-G college prep courses, high school exit exam and course grades. This helps the coaches determine exactly where they currently are and how best to proceed.
- Researching colleges and universities online
- Financial aid assistance
- Career planning—ACT PLAN or STRONG Assessment
- Setting up appointments with admissions directors and/or referral to college open house and outreach events

Technology is used in a variety of ways

- College and career Web sites
- Interactive Web sites, such as www.mymajors.com
- Setting vocational training and higher education goals as well as:
  - Exploring interests
  - Creating a college-going plan
  - Degree/major exploration
  - Scholarship exploration
  - Reviewing housing options
  - Locating the Guide to Central Valley colleges and universities
  - Financing a college education

CVHEC uses a coaching model/philosophy at The College Place endorsed by the Harvard School of Business to produce "behavioral change and growth in the clients." "We believe that coaching leads to behavioral change." - Harvard Business (Online, December 2004).

Benchmark 3: The College Place contacts (scroll down). We have secured the assistance of an external evaluator for the remainder of the project. The evaluator will work with the data that were gathered as we launched the project and will assist us to refine our evaluation plan to improve data collection. So far, we have improved and standardized our recordkeeping by designing databases to capture student data. We met with our evaluator in February to place our objectives into a framework that will capture solid evaluation data. The evaluation plan will incorporate the Aspen Institute's Theory of Change approach to evaluation as our project is considered a community initiative. The plan includes, for each goal:

- Interventions – activities and strategies to implement in order to meet our goal
- Outcomes – process, impact and outcome indicators

- Target population – all partners that will be involved in each intervention
- Benefactors – all persons who will directly benefit from each of our interventions
- Thresholds – the minimum unit of success
- Time lines – dates when we plan to reach our outcomes
- Standards of quality – for each intervention ask if outcomes are likely to happen; do we have the human/financial resources; and can we track progress in credible and useful ways

Methods
Contacts made: 320. Intake forms: 244 from all of The College Place respondents were entered into an Access database and later analyzed using SPSS analytical software. Graphs were generated using Microsoft Excel. The full report includes findings for select variables of interest and can be requested via email to Kelli Furtado, kfurtado@csufresno.edu.

Other
- CVHEC has secured $50,000 from Walter S. Johnson Foundation to maintain the internship stipend for interns beyond December and assist with tracking and logistical support.
- CVHEC has received $60,000 to provide scholarships to The College Place seniors who are admitted to a Central Valley college or university. Information can be found on www.collegenext.org.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

- Make presentations at three statewide conferences
- Conduct 300, three-month surveys on student status
- Ongoing operation of The College Place
- Outcomes: 300 new outreach contacts, 225 contacts for The College Place

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

In the beginning of implementation CVHEC had to overcome the following challenges:
- The **lack of follow-through by the family** is one of the most challenging issues. Encouragement is needed for the parents to encourage their children to make a decision to go to college and then take the necessary coursework to accomplish their goal. We attempt to do this in the very first contact; however, many of our families often view college as a luxury, rather than a necessity. A common mindset is that college is not affordable. Parents tend to overestimate the cost of college tuition; therefore, we encourage coaches to be assertive about conducting follow-up with each individual visitor within two weeks of contact.
- Overcoming territory issues within CVHEC institutions. We have had to work very hard to demonstrate that collaborating on The College Place benefits all of our colleges and universities; but, more importantly, changes the economic climate of our region. Inviting UC and other CVHEC representatives to participate on the advisory committee has helped alleviate competition and provides a greater amount of in-kind support to The College Place.
- Training of interns who are employed for one semester at a time, and move on after training hours complete.
- Maintaining relationships with FUSD, the colleges, workforce connection, and community agencies. We have established an advisory board to assist in this. The board meets twice a month.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

We have engaged in the following activities this quarter:
- Cash for College event – financial aid workshop geared for parents and students
- College Career Fair
- Outreach to local high schools and presentations
- Gained referrals form the workforce connection program

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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

The guidance received from the Partnership board at the Feb. 8 and April 10 meetings has significantly impacted the priorities of the work group and the direction to be taken over the next year.

Goal 1: Increase the achievement level of students, schools and school districts in the San Joaquin Valley.

Objective A: Implement a school and school district support system through county offices of education.
Two work group meetings were held this quarter, Jan. 16 at Kern County Office of Education (KCOE) and January 26 at Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute (CVELI). The core of the work group comprises superintendents and staff of the eight county offices of education. We have worked this quarter on expanding the work group to incorporate others as well. Several of the county superintendents and staff were involved with presenting at the Feb. 8 Partnership board meeting and were involved with multiple meetings and conference calls to prepare for the special April 10 Board meeting. Lee Andersen met with six of the eight county superintendents at the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) conference in March.

- The Regional System of District and School Support (RSDSS), through the Madera County Office of Education, has provided support, in collaboration with four counties, to help move schools and districts off of School and District Assistance Intervention Team (SAIT and DAIT) designations.
- The county offices of education have continued to provide technical support to school sites and districts that are designated "Program Improvement."
- Developed and sent out a survey eliciting input from work group and other interested individuals regarding priorities as identified in the Governor's Commission on Education Excellence report.

Objective B: Implement a curricular and instructional program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade level. The Merced County Office of Education has begun a Preschool Coordination and Alignment Project (PCAP) for the region. The purpose of the PCAP is:

- To bring together county offices of education, school districts and other stakeholders from the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley region to collect and coordinate information and expertise in preschool planning and implementation.
- To research current preschool planning projects throughout the Valley.
- To convene a regional conference, "From Local to Regional Preschool Planning," to gain input from stakeholders for designing goals and objectives that help meet the indicators already established by the Partnership's Strategic Action Proposal.

Stakeholders were contacted during the months of February and March, and continue to be contacted, to discuss this plan. Topics and dates for the regional conference are still pending. The Packard Foundation has expressed an interest in funding the regional planning process related to connecting preschool to workforce development and college and enhancing after school programs. These activities would support curricular and instructional programs for students.

Objective C: Provide school choice, and intra-district and inter-district options consistent with state and federal law. The K-12 Work Group in collaboration with Lozano Smith is presenting Legal Issues Workshop on School Choice and Charter Schools on May 19. The eight County Offices of Education are responsible for implementation and oversight of intra- and inter-district options within their jurisdictions. Clovis Unified is launching a Collaborative Online Charter School for high school students who are disengaged. The school has the potential to address this population (to reduce dropout rates) while enhancing digital literacy and aligning with college and career curriculum and may be a new possibility for students seeking school choice options. California Charter Schools Association is now working with the K-12 Work Group.

Objective D: Establish an executive leadership academy to train principals of low-performing schools in "turn-around" educational and management services. The third in a series of Executive Leadership Center seminars was conducted Jan. 17 with 26 school districts represented from six counties. Subject was "The Strategic Superintendent: Aligning and Focusing Resources to Improve Districtwide Performance Results." The work of the English Learner Leadership Academy for Superintendents' Teams continued this quarter.. As part of our continued executive education support to educational leaders in the region, we co-sponsored a Feb. 14 presentation by national school improvement

expert Dr. Mike Schmoker who spoke on “The Opportunity: From ‘Brutal Facts’ to the Best Schools We’ve Ever Had”; 65 participants represented 20 districts, five counties, two county offices of educations and two schools of education.

Objective E: Coordinate and integrate health and human services organized around school attendance boundaries. A model school-neighborhood service program in San Joaquin County was surveyed to assess the program’s viability as a model for the region.

Goal 2: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley: Objective A: Support collaborations between school districts and the community colleges, CSU and UC Systems.

Objective B: **Increase the rates of high school graduates completing courses for college admission.**
KCOE has taken the lead and facilitated a work group meetings as its focus. UC, CSU, and Community Colleges representatives participated as well as K-12. KCOE shared regionwide and county-specific data related to college-going in an attempt to begin identification of appropriate indicators, data problems, and baseline measures for this goal. A spin-off from that meeting was the initiation of a joint research/data group between Higher Education and K-12. With the leadership of Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC), this group met in person on Feb. 4 and again on Mar. 14. The joint group formed two subgroups: a policy and a data group, each with representatives from higher education and K-12. Representatives of CVHEC continue to attend K-12 work group meetings regularly.

KCOE reported its findings from an initial eight-county survey, taken in December 2007, which identified primary policy areas and components of critical college-going strategies. Based on the initial survey, three policy areas were identified and ratified as priorities by the county superintendents (Preparation, Articulation and Expectations). A second survey was conducted during this quarter to identify priority to System Changes, Best Practices and Key Elements to become critical elements of a work plan to enhance a college-going culture in the region. The intent is to develop a workable plan for the eight-county region to address this goal.

American College of Testing (ACT) has met with is interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the K-12 Work Group. ACT is a nonprofit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in education and workforce development.

Goal 3: Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum.
On March 4, the K-12 Education Work Group in association with Anytime, Anywhere Learning Foundation (www.aalf.org) hosted a Leadership Summit: Building 21st Century Skills through One-to-One Technology. The conference was held at California State University, Fresno, with more than 65 people attending. The conference focused on the role of technology in eliminating the achievement gap. Presenters hailed from Corcoran and Fresno Unified in our Valley and as far as Pennsylvania and Australia.

Corcoran Unified continues to implement its districtwide laptop computer initiative with remarkable results and is beginning to be recognized as a model district of 1-to-1 learning. They are testing the International Computer Drivers License curriculum and testing modules. They will be presenting at a conference in Washington next quarter. Fresno Unified and County Offices of Education in Fresno and Kings counties have identified individuals to become more involved with the development of further activities in this area.

Dr. Masumoto met with the Region 7 director of the Computer Technology Area Project (CTAP7) functioning out of the Fresno County Office of Education. While CTAP7 primarily serves as a support system to counties and districts in a six-county area, they are seeking support to continue funding levels to expand into curriculum and instruction services to impact what occurs in classrooms across the region. California is rated D+ based on the 50 State Report on School Technology 2008.

Dr. Masumoto met with the Workforce Development and Advanced Communications Services work groups to assess potential for collaboration across the three groups. A tentative schedule was set for a joint meeting in May.

Goal 4: Implement research-based programs to reduce substance abuse, including voluntary drug testing.
Objective A: Implement a substance abuse program. K-12 Work Group members participated in a legislative issues forum sponsored by the Health & Human Services Work Group Methamphetamine Recovery Project on March 7 in Lemoore.

Objective B: Coordinate and integrate health and human services organized around school attendance boundaries. (See goal 1 E above.)

Goal 5: Align career technical education to target industry clusters. Special meeting held on March 6 with ConnectED: The California Center for College and Career, which has a multiple-pathways model for college and career. ConnectED presented model academies in the state and critical elements of successful career and technical programs, one of which is Center for Advanced Research and Technology, a collaborative project-based high school in Clovis and Fresno Unified school districts. This is currently the only project identified as a model in the San Joaquin Valley. Stanislaus area educators and workforce development agencies are proposing for career technical education in high-priority sectors including energy, manufacturing and other careers.

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

Goal 1: Increase the achievement level of students, schools and school districts in the San Joaquin Valley.
Establish priorities as relates to the Governor's initiatives to recommend to the Partnership board.
Objective A: Implement a school and school district support system through county offices of education.
The eight county superintendents will meet in April to consider priorities, structure and process for advancing the goals of the work group and Partnership.
Objective B: Implement a curricular and instructional program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade level. Efforts continue in compiling recommendations for policy and funding initiatives in high-leverage activities.
Objective C: Provide school choice, and intra-district and inter-district options consistent with state and federal law. Legal Workshop on School Choice and Charter Schools set for May 19.
Objective D: Establish an executive leadership academy to train principals of low-performing schools in "turn-around" educational and management services. English Language Learner Leadership Academy ends this quarter. Fresno County Office of Education is seeking funding to continue and expand the academy for next school year.

Goal 2: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley:
Objective A: Support collaborations between school districts and the community colleges, CSU and UC Systems. Collaborate with CVHEC and Higher Education and Workforce Development Work Group on research and data system priorities. Next meeting is May 21.
Objective B: **Increase the rates of high school graduates completing courses for college admission.**
Continue work on developing a regional plan which engages all eight counties, including higher education and support organizations to address this goal.

Goal 3: Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum.
Schedule a joint meeting with ACS and Work Force Development, California Emerging Technology Fund and the region 7 Computer Technology Access Project to address this issue.

Goal 4: Implement research-based programs to reduce substance abuse, including voluntary drug testing.
Objective A: Implement a substance abuse program. Continue to support Methamphetamine Recovery Project.
Objective B: Coordinate and integrate health and human services organized around school attendance boundaries.

Goal 5: Align career technical education to target industry clusters.
Participate in the Work Force Development meeting April 25 and to plan other cross-over activities to support Career Technical Education projects such as the Stanislaus Alliance Project and others. Ensuring options of multiple post secondary pathways for students while addressing the employment and economic needs of the region remains a priority.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback
Mixed priorities and feedback from the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors at the February meeting. At the same time, major state level reports were to be released addressing significant education needs/recommendations and while school systems face significant financial reductions based on the state's fiscal crisis.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.
Outreach was done to advertise the events we supported including the computer leadership summit, national speaker event and legal workshop.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**English Language Learner Leadership Academy**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

Academy Session Five January 2008

- Expected Outcome #3 Participants will gain knowledge of effective, research-based instructional strategies for English Learners (EL) which will allow teachers to increase the impact of their lesson.
- Expected Outcome #14 Participants will be able to develop systems for identifying struggling students and design research-based intervention programs, enabling more students to participate in grade level instruction.
- Session Outcomes included deepening the understanding that transforming education and closing the racial achievement gap will require courageous leadership; applying the 21 behaviors of leadership to improve learning opportunities for EL students; learning methods of application of Best Practices at the District and School level, and becoming familiar with a systemic tool to support and measure instructional effectiveness for EL students.

Academy Session Six February 2008

- Expected Outcome #7 Participants will learn skills of observing a classroom for effective EL instruction and to provide feedback to teachers on ways to improve content delivery.
- Expected Outcome #8 Participants will be able to analyze the nature of their EL populations and understand that not all EL students are at the same level either academically or in acquiring English, enabling them to create master schedules more effectively
- Session Outcomes included a Continuous School Improvement Model, its design and implementation; a method of shadowing EL students in order to best determine instructional and intervention strategies; continuing the conversation regarding academic performance through Best Practices outlined in Classroom Instruction That Works for English Language Learners; a classroom observation tool to support and measure instructional effectiveness for EL students; and looking more deeply into differentiating California English Language Development Test (CELDT) scores in order to improve instruction within language acquisition groups.

Academy Session Seven March 2008

- Expected Outcome #2 Participants will gain knowledge of effective, research-based staff development for teachers of English Learners which will allow them to make informed decisions when selecting professional growth opportunities.
- Expected Outcome #3 Participants will gain knowledge of effective, research-based instructional strategies for English Learners which will allow teachers to increase the impact of their lessons.
- Session Outcomes included: identifying the key components of Professional Learning Communities to take collaboration deeper than teachers "meeting to talk"; exploring the necessary shift in focus in order to take districts beyond technical change to cultural change; using the Best Practices outlined in Classroom Instruction That Works for English Language Learners as a Professional Development book study; learning engagement strategies for EL students in order to optimize and accelerate learning; and identifying steps to action.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

April 2008 ▪ Modesto - Apr 14 ▪ Visalia - Apr 15	Strand 6 **Professional Development**
May 2008 ▪ Modesto - May 6 ▪ Visalia - May 7	Strand 7 **A Plan of Action**
June 2008 ▪ TBA ▪ June 26	Strand 8 **Courageous Leadership**

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Participant districts/schools are similar in percent of Es and levels of socio-economic populations, but vary drastically in type—urban/rural, size, availability of resources, and number of and experience of administrators. Developing knowledge,

as well as the leadership skills necessary to transform existing programs is our major focus. Providing current, meaningful, and applicable content to ensure relevance for all is the challenge.

Current challenges include:

1. sustaining attendance at Academy sessions while spring schedules make pressing demands on administrators' time;
2. encouraging districts/schools to move to action, develop nonnegotiables, implement change, and ensure fidelity of existing programs, practices, and expectations;
3. stressing the imperativeness of monitoring for results

Work Group: **Land Use, Agriculture and Housing (LUAH)**
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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1: Foster regional consensus to support development and implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.

Objective A: Assist development of regional consensus on values, goals, strategies and guidelines for the Regional Blueprint Plan.

- Consultant participate in two meetings per month with the COGs' Regional Coordinating Council. Consultant attended each of the COG directors' meetings in person or by conference call. Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) meeting was held on March 28. Consultant participated in American Farmland Trust convening at UC Merced regarding increasing public participation in Blueprint.

Objective B: Develop a high-value parks and open space strategy to be used in the development of the Regional Blueprint Plan.

- Applied for grant under Resources Legacy Fund. Had additional meetings with Resources Agency regarding San Joaquin Coordinating Council.

Goal 2: Promulgate and promote adoption of community design guidelines that will ensure strong and quality neighborhoods.

Objective A: Increase the overall average density of new development.

- Met with Klein DeNatale Law Firm to develop model parking ordinances. Consultant met with assistant city manager of Stockton to connect with law firm working on model ordinances.

Objective B: Reduce urban run-off by decreasing the land covered by commercial and industrial parking.

- Met with Klein DeNatale Law Firm and Stockton assistant city manager regarding development of ordinances for permeable surface parking lots.

Objective C: Promote the adoption and implementation of zoning ordinances that are form based and more flexible to encourage desired outcomes.

- Presentation of form-based codes at January LUAH meeting.

Objective D: Study and adopt a strategic concept for accommodating new growth by encouraging communities with the necessary elements and constraints to be cost-effective and self-sufficient in achieving the overall goals and objectives.

- Discussed proposal with Betty Deakin at UC Berkeley to look at the optimum size for self-sufficiency in San Joaquin Valley communities. LUAH subcommittee formed on Shape and Location of Development chaired by Richard Watson and John Wright.

Goal 3: Determine requisite regional infrastructure and funding strategies to support implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.

Objective A. Develop and implement a plan for the provision of regional infrastructure.

- This activity will follow regional plan.

Goal 4: Improve the planning and development process to be consistent with the Regional Blueprint Plan and to provide incentives for smart growth.

Objective A: Improve the sharing, access and use of planning and environmental resource data among state, COGs, local governments, business organizations, environmental groups, other stakeholders and the public for more informed decision-making.

- Mike McCoy of UC Davis led discussion at BRAC meeting regarding proposed Valleywide scenarios. Modeling subcommittee continues to provide input.

Goal 5: Develop a long-range strategy for agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley that ensures its viability and sustainability.

Objective A: Develop a long-range plan to maintain the viability of agriculture in the region, as a leading strategy for economic development and as a key component of the Regional Blueprint Plan.

- The development of an agricultural plan for the San Joaquin Valley has been delegated by Secretary A.G. Kawamura to the California Food and Ag Board. Work continues on this process. GVC staffer, in partnership with Ag Leadership Foundation, convened discussion of Sustainable Agriculture and a Healthy Ag Economy. Attended by 85 agriculture leaders from throughout region.

Objective B: Minimize the proliferation of ranchette development on important farmland.

- Discuss above idea with LUAH members to see if it is of interest to San Joaquin Valley communities.

Objective C: Reduce the loss of farmland attributable to General Plan amendments.

- Presentation was given at January 16 LUAH meeting on the four-county Metro Rural Loop Seed Grant proposal which would strengthen link between efficient transportation and development and preservation of farmland.

Goal 6: Ensure safe and healthy communities that provide a variety of housing types affordable to all residents with increased opportunities for home ownership.

Objective A: Increase the number and availability of housing units for people of all income levels, especially working families.

- The San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust moves forward with an appointed board of directors. Currently seeking funding for staff and a draw-down of Prop 1C funds.

Objective B: Provide incentives for affordable housing that meets the needs of all income levels in the region.

- The San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust moves forward with an appointed board of directors. Currently seeking funding for staff and a draw-down of Prop 1C funds.

Goal 7: Identify legislative and regulatory changes necessary to facilitate the implementation of the adopted goals and strategies.

Objective A: Use the San Joaquin Valley as a pilot for testing new permitting and environmental review incentives that will facilitate infill and refill developments.

- It is too early to develop specific goals. Consultant is monitoring current legislative proposals, including SB 375 (Steinberg), related to climate change.

Objective B: Develop an innovative approach to establishing a voluntary high-value open space conservation system.

- See Goal 1, Objective B.

Objective C: Increase the coordination among local General Plans regionwide to facilitate better land use, transportation, air quality, and energy outcomes.

- Through Blueprint, elected officials will be brought together to discuss opportunities for greater regional coordination.

<u>Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)</u>

Goal 1: A
Executive Forum for elected officials is in the planning stages. All city and county elected officials were invited to attend on April 25. Goal is to increase public engagement and participation by Valley policy makers.

Goal 1: B
Under the aegis of the Valley Blueprint, will develop a public education and outreach plan for remainder of the year

Goal 2: A
GVC also working on model ordinances for self sufficiency. Intern will be researching energy efficiency standards.

Goal 2: B
Polled California Planning Roundtable regarding model ordinances and policies. Assimilated information is being sent to Klein DeNatale Law Firm

Goal 2: C
Review codes that planners wish to share with other jurisdictions.

Goal 2: D
Study will be done in three months. Committee will look at information and decide applicability.

Goal 4: A
Mike McCoy will model scenarios for BRAC and present maps and regional data at next meeting.

Goal 5: A
LUAH created subcommittee to evaluate Farmland Conservation Strategies. Chaired by Ed Thompson of American Farmland Trust. Work to be completed by end of 2008.

Goal 5: B
Discuss above idea with LUAH members to see if idea is of interest to SJV communities.

Goal 6: A
Funding effort continues in 2008.

Goal 6: B
Funding effort continues in 2008.

Goal 7: A
Close coordination with state agency representatives continues.

Goal 7: C
Executive Forum is scheduled for April 25, 2008.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Goal 1: B
Large-scale conservation planning has few advocates. Implement education and outreach plan to inform public.

Goal 2: C
Flexible and form-based zoning is controversial in some circles. Information may be offered as an option, not a recommendation.

Goal 2: D
Political difficulties always arise in discussion of local land-uses.

Goal 6: A
Key to success of this trust will be the implementation by local elected officials of a means to garner matching funds that will be required to draw down Prop 1C funds.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Farmland Conservation Model Program/Uniform Farmland Database**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

Development of the Farmland Conservation Model Program has been proceeding at a very rapid pace. As a result, many tasks have been completed over the past several months. Some of those tasks include:

- Defined membership of the Farmland Conservation Model Program (FCMP) Advisory Committee and held the first meeting in January. The FCMP steering sought to identify industry leaders in the Fresno County agricultural industry to provide us with guidance and feedback on the development of the program. The first meeting was very well attended and we were able to get a lot of valuable feedback on our activities. We are convening our second FCMP Advisory committee obtain on April 17, 2008 to provide the group with another update and receive their feedback.

- Public outreach meetings were held the end of January to solicit feedback from interested community members. Two large evening meetings were held for the general public, one in Parlier and the other in Fresno. The meeting in Parlier was attended by only seven members of the public but those people were local farmers so the information we were able to derive was very good. The second meeting in Fresno was attended by around seventy members of the community. However, around thirty-five of those people were from a class at the local university but nonetheless, the information received was very good. One thing I will point out from the meeting in Fresno is it was interesting to see how little understanding the college students had on the significance of agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley. Once they understood the pressures at play against agriculture, it was refreshing to see their interest in the subject increase quite noticeably.

- The second part of the public outreach of the Farmland Conservation Model Program consisted of interacting directly with the agricultural community. Seven 'town hall' type meetings were held over the course of three days in the smaller outlying cities in order to provide participating farmers a schedule that worked with their harvests. The Fresno County Farm Bureau assisted us and did an excellent job of getting the word out to get a good turnout at these meetings. The meetings with the agricultural community were all well attended but what was most important, was the quality of the feedback received. This information has been incorporated into the Farmland Conservation Model Program currently in development.

- The GIS mapping exercise has been completed. This has been instrumental in defining what constitutes 'strategic farmland' in Fresno County and where it is located.

- Currently, the American Farmland Trust, our consultant is meeting with city managers in impacted communities to determine their thoughts on the Farmland Conservation Model Program. Information gathered in this process will be incorporated into the final report that will be completed within the next six months.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

Activities for the Farmland Conservation Model Program are as follows:
Development of a 'planner's toolkit' for elected officials, policymakers and community leaders. The 'toolkit' is basically best practices, advice and guidance on implementing agricultural conservation practices in Fresno County and, eventually, the rest of the San Joaquin Valley. Development of the 'toolkit' is ongoing.

- The 'toolkit' is just one part of the deliverables for the Farmland Conservation Model Program. A final report will be delivered that outlines all of the findings and recommendations for the project. Development of the final report is expected to commence and be completed within the next three to six months.
- One of the conditions for the Farmland Conservation Model Program is that it is scalable and applicable to other counties in the San Joaquin Valley. Standardizing the activities of making up this project will be documented so that they can be easily implemented in other communities. Completion of this task is expected to take place within the next six months.

In November 2007, the Council of Fresno County Governments put this project on fast track to have it completed by August/September 2008 so that data can be incorporated into the Blueprint planning process taking place Valleywide. This project is currently on task to be completed on time in August/September 2008.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

There are no significant challenges, problems or bottlenecks. The only challenge has been to coordinate the schedules of many different stakeholders. Many of these stakeholders are elected officials, business leaders, civic leaders and community leaders and have demanding schedules; so getting everyone in the same place has been challenging.

The feedback received on the Farmland Conservation Model Program to date has been very positive. Most everyone has indicated there is a need for the program. Many—especially those in the general public who are not in the agricultural industry—have mentioned how they were not aware of the significance that agriculture has on the economy as well as society. To date, we really have not received any negative comments or feedback.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Integrating Land and Water Solutions in Tulare Lake Basin**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

During the third quarter (Jan 08-Mar 08) of this grant, the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (TBWP) undertook activities strongly geared toward leveraging its Tulare Regional Conservation Plans and Priority Conservation Projects through the Integrated Outreach and Fundraising Plan (see second quarter report). Specific examples follow:

- January 4, submitted Watershed Coordinator Grant to Department of Conservation with three-year goal, objectives, and work plan to implement land and water solutions in the Tulare Basin through Basin-wide Integrated Watershed Management Planning (Note: on April 11, we received notice that this grant request will not be funded; the reason given was that the funding source was Prop. 50, related primarily to CalFed goals). No grant requests to this source from entities in the Tulare Basin hydrological unit are on the funding list. This grant request nevertheless provides a solid framework for our activities for the next three years.
- January 15, received grant agreement and $70,000 in funding from the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation/ Preserving Wild California Program, to complete the Tulare Basin Wildlife-Corridor Conservation Plan for the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP)
- January 22, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners' president Robert Hansen presented our vision, history, current activities and plans to the California Biodiversity Council (CBC) on the occasion of the roll-out of the State of California Wildlife Action Plan. The TBWP received high praise for its activities and endorsed the TBWP as its first major pilot project under the California Wildlife Action Plan. CBC Executive Committee formed a Tulare Basin Management Group—U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DFG, California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and Department of Commerce (DOC)—to assist our efforts going forward. Marc Hoshovsky, DFG-Sacramento, has been assigned to staff the follow-up effort.
- February 9, the TBWP met with Kern Water Bank managers and provided information and assistance on grazing and weed management concerns, continuing a partnership relationship begun during completion of the TBWP's Kern Lake—Buena Vista Lake Conservation Plan in late 2006.
- February 25, the TBWP presented its Tulare County Measure R Riparian-Wildlife Corridor Report to the board of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG). This report was a result of a $40,875 grant from TCAG in August/September 2007 to provide in-depth information to the Tulare County regarding riparian-wildlife corridor mitigation opportunities under its recently passed transportation measure.
- February, the Council of Fresno County Governments provided a $32,700 grant to the TBWP and approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the TBWP to provide a riparian-wildlife corridor report ,similar to the report it had prepared for TCAG, to assist Fresno County with mitigation planning under its Measure C transportation requirements.
- January–March, the TBWP worked with UC Merced Sierra Nevada Research institute faculty and Vice-Chancellor John Garamendi, Jr., to initiate and plan a University of California Natural Reserve System Field Station with satellite branches in Tulare Basin. Prop 84 and major fundraising requests are planned to further this initiative.
- January–March, the TBWP participated in the Partnership's Land Use, Agriculture and Housing Committee Work Group (LUAH) through meeting attendance and close attention to LUAH notices.
- January–March, the TBWP made several presentations at the request of the Kings County Planning Agency as part of an ongoing effort to assist staff of that Agency to identify funding for a riparian-wildlife corridor survey to be completed by December 2008 ($32,700 request). The Agency desires TBWP assistance to complete the Resource Element of its General Plan Update and to meet requirements under AB 162.
- March 10, the TBWP met with Ted James, director of Kern County Planning Agency, to request $66,000 in funding for a Kern County Riparian-Wildlife Corridor survey.
- January--March, the TBWP arranged to attend Poso Creek IRWM, Kaweah Basin IRWMP, Upper Kings Forum IRWM and Kern County IRWMP (startup) initiatives to provide assistance to these efforts through its multipurpose Priority Conservation Projects (list approved at October 17, 2007.) TBWP Vice President Richard Moss continued to play a leadership role in the formation of a Basin-wide IRWM(P) effort through a Joint Powers Agreement.
- January–March, the TBWP continued its work with DFG, California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and USBR under $265K Central Valley Project Conservation Program grant to launch a landscape scale wetland-upland acquisition project in Goose Lake (an integrated "land and water solution").
- March 17, the TBWP met with Sarge Green and John Shelton to explore and develop a possible "Lower Arroyo Passajero Solutions" project to its Conservation Priorities list.

- March 19, the TBWP held a meeting to explore the possibility of a Lower Deer Creek project as an addition to its Conservation Priorities list.
- March 27, the TBWP received a $49,000 (five-year) assistance grant from the BLM in recognition of the service we provide to BLM through coordination of the Tulare Lake Basin Working Group, management of a grant $189,000 grant that we received to assist BLM with wetland enhancement and species re-introduction for BLM's Atwell Island Project, and analysis and parcel information provided through our Tulare Basin Regional Conservation Plans.
- January–March, the TBWP planned extensive re-development of its Web site and began work to implement that plan.
- January–March, the TBWP continued the close consulting assistance of Will Murray Company and Conservation Strategy Group under this grant.

The above activities further the following Partnership goals and objectives (as mentioned in our first and second quarterly reports): Goal 1 (Objectives A and B), Goal 4 (Objective A), Goal 5 (Objective A), Goal 7 (Objectives B & C) of the Land Use, Agriculture, and Housing Work Group of the Partnership Strategic Action Proposal (pp. 49- 53). They also further Goal 1 (Objectives A and B), Goal 2 (Objective A), Goal 3 (Objectives B and C), Goal 4 (Objective A) and Goal 5 (Objective A) of the Water Quality, Supply and Reliability Work Group (Proposal, pp. 62-64). Our efforts also support Goal 6 (Objective C) of the Air Quality Work Group (Proposal, pp. 59-60).

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

- TBWP is planning a major outreach and fund-raising request ($1M) to the USBR to continue integrated land and water solutions project implementation, outreach, and fundraising efforts begun under this grant (2009-2019). On April 28, a presentation was made to USBR, USFWS and other agencies in Sacramento to set the stage for success with this grant application. A planning event with the assistance of Kathy Wood, California Water Institute, San Joaquin Valley Water Plan took place April 28.
- Continued work with TCAG as needed to assist it in implementation of the Measure R report and mitigation site recommendations.
- Continued work under the Council of Fresno County Governments MOU referenced above.
- Continue work with Kings County Planning Agency staff to identify funding source for Kings County Riparian-Wildlife Corridor Survey and Report.
- Continued work to pursue the development of Lower Deer Creek and Lower Arroyo Passajero Solutions projects, as additional possible "integrated land and water solutions."
- April 3, the TBWP to submit a funding proposal for a Tulare Basin riparian-wildlife corridor survey and report to Ted James, Kern County Planning Agency. We will pursue this request during the next quarter.
- The TBWP – UC Merced Natural Reserve System initiative will continue to develop, with TBWP providing leadership through writing a case statement, making major foundation contacts, and setting meetings.
- April 8, Conservation Strategy Group staff will provide testimony in support of Assemblymember Nicole Parra's legislative initiative to establish the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley on a permanent basis. The TBWP and Conservation Strategy Group will continue to make support of this legislative initiative a high priority.
- The TBWP will continue re-development of its Web site during this quarter.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

None

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

All of the efforts listed above involve outreach and coordination of outreach. In addition, the TBWP organized and coordinated the January 14 meeting of the Tulare Lake Basin Working Group (TLBWG). In March, the TBWP planned the April 14 meeting of the TLBWG.

The following attachments can be requested via email to Kelli Furtado, kfurtado@csufresno.edu:

1. Abstract of January 22 presentation to California Biodiversity Council
2. TBWP Measure R Report to Tulare County Association of Governments (and map)
3. TBWP & TLBWG Conservation Priorities List (approved at our October 17, 2007 TLBWG meeting, as described in our second quarter report)
4. Agenda for January 14 TLBWG meeting
5. Agenda for April 14 TLBWG meeting

Work Group: **Transportation**
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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1: Implement a universally accepted Route 99 Corridor Master Plan (Enhancement and Business Plan Elements) for the 274-mile section within the San Joaquin Valley as a leading economic development strategy.

Objective A: Improve Highway 99 to freeway standards to increase safety.

- Funding has not been identified for all projects required to improve Highway 99 to freeway standards. Caltrans and the San Joaquin Valley Councils of Government have pledged to scrutinize all potential sources of financing in 2008 to identify most viable funding option.

Objective B: Increase Highway 99 capacity which will result in improved mobility and reduced congestion while protecting environmental resources and fostering economic vitality.

- A joint meeting of the Transportation and ACS work groups was held in January to explore ways to facilitate telecommunications infrastructure being included in state highway projects in the Valley. A resolution was adopted by the Partnership Board encouraging CPUC and Caltrans to improve process. Consultant attended "Wiring California" meeting in Sacramento on conduit issue. Discussions between COGs and Caltrans regarding potential interstate designation were renewed at January work group meeting.

Objective C: Create a San Joaquin Valley Route 99 Corridor identity.

- The plan to attach San Joaquin Valley Route 99 corridor logo to existing interchange signs is on hold. Caltrans has determined that this plan may provide safety challenges. Update at March Transportation Work Group meeting indicated no progress has been made on this issue.

Objective D: Build an ongoing coalition of civic leaders to support improvements to the Highway 99 corridor.

- Caltrans is coordinating update of the Highway 99 Master Plan Element and Business Plan Element. Two meetings held in Q1 2008.

Goal 2: Improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors.

Objective A: Support construction of projects to improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors.

- COG directors/project managers gave update on status of east-west corridors at Q1 2008 work group meeting. Work on Highway 198 is progressing.

Objective B: Incorporate plans for improving east-west corridors into Regional Blueprint Plan.

- COG directors/project managers gave update on status of east-west corridors at Q1 2008 work group meeting. Work on Highway 198 is progressing.

Goal 3: Improve goods movement within the region to increase economic vitality, traffic safety, and mobility.

Objective A: Increase benefits to the San Joaquin Valley from goods movement through a “goods movement enhancement system” specific to the region.

- Valley formed coalition with other Northern California regions to support equitable funding of Goods Movement funds from Prop 1B. Staff and the California Transportation Commission recommended that five Tier 1 projects be funded from the Valley. Final decision has yet to be made but indications during Q1 were that the coalition would receive funding as indicated in November 2007. Carol Whiteside spoke at Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies conference on Partnership activities.

Goal 4: Enhance goods movement capacity while increasing safety, decreasing congestion, improving air quality, and promoting economic development.

Objective A: Accommodate current and future goods movement needs while improving air quality and economic prosperity.

- See Goal 3, Objective A. Shafter Intermodal Facility is among Tier 1 recommended projects.

Goal 5: Develop a sustainable regionwide transit system.

Objective A: Implement a comprehensive and efficient alternative transportation system for intra-regional and inter-regional passenger trips.

- Very brief status report was given at March Transportation Work Group meeting. Merced County Association of Governments applied for and received a grant to study inter-regional transit in the Valley. The study has just gotten under way.

Goal 7: Improve mobility through more efficient land use patterns that will reduce single-occupant trip generation and support use of alternative modes.

Objective A: Encourage the Regional Blueprint Plan process to integrate land use and transportation planning to improve mobility.

- Both the LUAH and Transportation Work Groups have members that have integral involvement at the local Blueprint level. The work of the Blueprint will continue through at least fall 2008. Local meetings are making the land use/ transportation link. Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) meeting was held on March 28 with discussion of elements of Valleywide scenarios.

Objective B: Incorporate into regional transportation plans those actions that support and encourage implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.

- Blueprint efforts continue in the eight Valley counties. Counties are developing the elements of the preferred local scenarios. The locally preferred elements will be incorporated into two other Valleywide scenarios to be vetted through the BRAC and a local process as well.

Goal 8: Improve understanding by public officials and public of the relationship between investments in transportation improvements and economic development.

Objective A: Develop and implement a system for tracking economic development that results from investments in transportation improvements.

- Study of economic impacts of the improvement of Highway 99 will be completed this quarter by Caltrans consultant. An effort will be made to contrast economic impacts of federal interstate designation as well.

Goal 9: Implement "intelligent transportation system" (ITS) technologies to assist the region in achieving mobility goals.

Objective A: Integrate ITS into all transportation planning and construction projects.

- Presentation on this topic was made at the March work group meeting. ITS systems are required in all projects constructed with federal funds. Explanation of 511 system was a part of the briefing as well.

Goal 10: Assure the high-speed rail system, if implemented, supports the San Joaquin Valley in achieving its economic, environmental, land use, and mobility goals.

Objective A: Provide tangible benefits and mitigate impacts to the region while assisting the state in meeting transportation goals.

- Consultant represents the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley at Altamont coalition meetings that are held in person or by conference call. Because Pacheco Pass was chosen as the adopted route, many Northern California transportation agencies have been meeting to secure guaranteed improvements for the Altamont Pass alignment. Consultant provided testimony to Senate Transportation Committee Hearing on High-Speed Rail in Oakland.

<u>Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)</u>

Goal 1: A

- Continue project construction and design while seeking additional funding opportunities to include revisiting self-help tax in counties without it and all other feasible sources of funding.

Goal 1: B

- Caltrans and California Public Utility Commission will continue to work with telecommunications providers to facilitate conduit installation. Caltrans has identified funding for a study of the economic benefits of interstate designation vs. building Highway 99 to freeway capacity.

Goal 1: C

- Consultant has asked for update at Q2 2008 meeting on this goal.

Goal 1: D
- Work group will continue to monitor status.

Goal 2: A
- Status report will be given at the Q2 2008 work group meeting.

Goal 2: B
- COG directors/ project managers will give update on status of east-west corridors at Q1 2008 Work Group meeting.

Goal 3: A
- Partnership representative presented testimony to California Transportation Commission on behalf of the five Tier 1 projects recommended in Goods Movement Action Plan. Consultant will continue to monitor until final decision is made by California Transportation Commission.

Goal 4: A
- See Goal 3, Objective A. Shafter Intermodal Facility is among Tier 1 recommended projects.

Goal 5: A
- Continue to monitor progress through work group meetings.

Goal 7: A
- Local and regional work on the Blueprint continues.

Goal 7: B
- Another BRAC meeting will be held in the next quarter and all local scenarios should be developed by May 2008. Discussion of preferred elements on a Valley-wide basis will continue at June BRAC meeting.

Goal 8: A
- Congress of local elected officials is being planned for April 2008.

Goal 9: A
- Several counties have funded the 511 system for cell phones. Others will consider adopting as funds become available.

Goal 10: A
- Meetings of coalition will continue to secure improvements in language and funding for the bond which will go to voters in fall 2008.

<u>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback</u>

Goal 1: A Adequate funding will be an ongoing problem. When prioritization of unfunded projects has been formalized, an opportunity for engagement by the Partnership board will exist. Caltrans and the Valley CPGs will explore all potential funding sources in 2008.

Goal 1: B Discussions continue regarding interstate designation with the COGs lacking consensus as to their support for pursuing the designation.

Goal 1: C Costs for this project (initially estimated to be $75,000) will rise significantly if existing poles cannot be utilized.

Goal 6: Transform roadside rest stops into user-friendly amenities that benefit the overall region and host communities.

Objective A: Improve roadside rest stops amenities and facilities to benefit user safety, facilitate tourism, and educate users about the environment and local communities.
- The search for funding to maximize the potential of San Joaquin Valley rest stops continues to be a problem.

Goal 7: A Some of the transportation action items need to be timed with the Blueprint process which is on a different schedule than the work of the Partnership. There is still no transparent connection between the two efforts.

Goal 9: A Funding is an impediment to full adoption of the 511 system to varying degrees within Valley counties.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Metro Rural Loop Corridor Preservation Feasibility Study**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

The Metro Rural Loop (MRL) Feasibility Committee prepared for and hosted a multijurisdictional workshop. The workshop included topics on regional cooperation, MRL history, project status, conceptual corridor priorities and "clicker" results on MRL topics from attendees at the workshop.

A full summary of the workshop, PowerPoint presentation, mapping and other graphics can be found at the following link: www.Fresno.gov/Government/DepartmentDirectory/PlanningandDevelopment/Planning/Ongoing+Planning+Studies.htm .

Follow-up meetings with key agencies have also been held to clarify and prepare the final elements for the feasibility study.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

Continue to finalize the components of the Feasibility Study.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

There is a continuing challenge of trying to integrate a four-county model into a single-county blueprint.

Work Group: **Water Quality, Supply, Reliability and Environmental Restoration (CSUF Foundation 38481)**
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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1: Develop and implement a comprehensive San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan
Goal 2: Strengthen levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Joaquin Valley to safeguard regional water quality and quantity and provide flood control.
Goal 3: Augment surface, groundwater banking programs and recycled water projects in the San Joaquin Valley.
Goal 4: Develop and implement water quality and salinity management infrastructure.
Goal 5: Expand environmental restoration and habitat conservation strategies.
Goal 6: Expand agricultural and urban water-energy use efficiency programs

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

Goal 1: Development of the San Joaquin Valley Water Plan is moving forward very well under the leadership of California Water Institute's executive director Kathy Wood and technical advisor Sarge Green. The diverse, 11-person, Valleywide advisory group is moving forward to develop a Water Plan outline by May 2008. The first draft of the Water Plan is scheduled to be released for public comment in early August 2008. The second draft will be released by early November 2008. Adoption by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors is scheduled for the February 2009 board meeting. Plan development is on target to meet this aggressive schedule.

Goal 2: The Delta Vision strategic plan is to be released in draft form by early summer 2008. Included in the strategic plan will be major elements of significant importance to the San Joaquin Valley that will impact not only flood control but also water quality, supply and reliability in the eight-county region. California Water Institute (CWI) staff expect to review and comment on the Delta Vision strategic plan and make arrangements for a comprehensive executive level presentation to the Partnership Board at the September meeting.

Goal 3: Development of the San Joaquin Valley Water Plan will incorporate augmenting surface, groundwater banking and recycled water projects in the region as initiatives in each of these areas favorably impact the overall macro-goals of the Partnership. Additionally, CWI staff will seek to use the recently released California State University, Fresno, Integrated Water Management Plan for water reuse at the Campus Pointe project as a Best Practices template for the central San Joaquin Valley and seek out other innovative projects in both the southern and northern Valley as well.

Goal 4: CWI staff is currently working proactively with the water community to develop a San Joaquin Valley Water Management Structure that would have salinity management as one of the major program areas.

Goal 5: CWI staff continues to be engaged with local, state and federal agencies for environmental restoration as a key strategy in integrated water planning. Award of a Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinators grant expected in May 2008 should favorably impact and advance attaining this goal. The partial restoration of the San Joaquin River flows continues to be stalled as local, state and federal officials recalibrate their respective support for the settlement in light of 37% export water delivery reductions through the Delta by recent judicial action as a strategy to address declining delta smelt numbers. Staff will continue to stay apprised of the overall direction of the action.

Goal 6: The Center for Irrigation Technology, a sister entity of CWI, continues to be at the forefront of developing and implementing comprehensive water/energy conservation and management programs throughout California for the California Public Utility Commission, Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern Cal Edison. This work is expected to continue through the 2009-2012 period.

Unplanned Activities in Support of Partnership Goals

Staff continues to provide support to the Partnership Water Policy Working Group as it proactively engages with the water community and public interests in the region to develop an equitable and sustainable water policy that meets the needs of all counties. Board members Fritz Grupe, Ray Watson, Gene Voiland, Leroy Ornellas, Gary Podesto, Alan Autry, DeeDee D'Adamo and Sunne McPeak have been actively engaged since the group convened in October 2007 which has met eight times in various San Joaquin Valley and Southern California locations.

The importance of this initiative cannot be understated if a unified San Joaquin Valley Water Plan is to be adopted by the Partnership board prior to June 30, 2009. John Briscoe, a water attorney with Briscoe, Ivester & Bazel San Francisco, was

recommended and has been retained at the request of this group following the February 2008 Partnership board meeting. Existing Partnership contract funds were redirected from OCED and CWI to accomplish this action.

Fritz Grupe and the San Joaquin Business Council in Stockton have been quite generous at supporting the collaborative effort. Similarly, all participating board members and technical advisors have been extraordinarily generous with their time and resources to support the water forum and should be commended by the wider board for their efforts. For more information on the efforts of this group contact Gene Voiland, Gary Podesto or Jim Tischer (559) 260-6148 email: jtischer@csufresno.edu

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

The development and implementation of an equitable and sustainable water policy in California is an effort of immeasurable complexity. Water is so vital to the sustenance of all segments of California society that no action of any significance is taken without competing interests fully engaging at all levels and in all arenas. This will continue for the foreseeable future. What is heartening however to this observer is how the San Joaquin Valley water community and elected leadership is prepared to be proactive and fully engage and resolve the really hard issues with the vision that regional people should solve regional issues and not default to state, federal or judicial authorities that may or may not have their bests interests of the region at heart.

The challenges will continue but many leaders are trying to get ahead of and avert the coming “Perfect Storm” in California’s stewardship of its precious water resources. Stay tuned.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

Staff maintains regular connections with allied work groups to include Energy, Air Quality and, particularly, Land Use, Agriculture and Housing through the Blueprint process. Regular liaison with these work groups has proven to be quite effective and beneficial to all.

Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plans Integration**
	University Farm Recycled Water Usage (Seed Grant-CSUF Foundation 37540)
Grantee Organization:	**California Water Institute, California State University, Fresno**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

Development of working water collaboration in the eight-county region in furtherance of developing a San Joaquin Valley Water Plan is well under way. Major items are coming together under the leadership of Kathy Wood, executive director of Water Plan Development at CWI. Working collaborations have been set up with major established water entities in all eight counties local, state and federal agencies. The advisory board has been selected and actualized. The team is on target to deliver a final San Joaquin Valley Water Plan framework to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley board for affirmation at the February 2009 meeting. A working draft will be out for comment by early summer 2008. Revisions will be made and a second draft out by November 2008. Affirmation will be sought from water community and county elected leadership in the region. A well-crafted water plan will have a major favorable impact on the San Joaquin Valley by proactively forging a shared vision for what is possible, what can be implemented and that can be joined with existing local water planning efforts already under way.

Contact Kathy Wood (559) 298-6072 ext.201, e-mail kawood@csufresno.edu, for more information on the development of the San Joaquin Valley Water Plan.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

Staff will pursue the development of the Water Plan through 2Q 08 and 3Q 08 to meet the aggressive schedule for completion. At the same time, work will proceed on developing watersheds integration framework. This effort will be materially assisted by the award of a Department of Conservation Watershed Grant expected in 2Q 08.

A major opportunity in the next two quarters is for the development of a San Joaquin Valley Water Reuse Task Force to evolve the use of water reuse to a high level and replace fresh water supplies that are regulatorily constrained through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The publication of the just completed California State University, Fresno, Integrated Water Management Plan may serve as a Best Practices case study for water reuse in the central San Joaquin Valley. Other potential water reuse case studies will be sought in both the northern and southern San Joaquin Valley. CWI staff member Sarge Green (559) 298-6072 ext. 209, e-mail sgreen@csufresno.edu, is the responsible individual for the water reuse initiative.

The CWI communications effort is becoming highly evolved with the release of the second issue of the bi-monthly San Joaquin Valley Water Planning E-News. Link: http://www.californiawater.org/PDF/SJRWP_newsletter_3_28_2008.pdf

This valued communications link should materially assist in helping advance the water element of the Partnership's Strategic Action Plan. CWI staff member Theresa Sebasto (559) 298-6072 ext 212, e-mail: tsebasto@csufresno.edu, is responsible for the e-newsletter. Contact Theresa to be placed on the mailing list.

Staff will continue to support the work of the Partnership's Water Policy Working Group over the next two quarters as it seeks to develop an equitable, sustainable water policy that benefits all eight counties.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

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Dates of Activity:	January 2008 through March 2008
Seed Grant:	**Sowing Seeds for Community Health**
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) contacted representatives of the following communities: Lanare, Planada, Monterey Park Tract, Fairways Tract, Matheny Tract, Pixley, Plainview, Tooleville, Richgrove, and West Goshen regarding water system issues.

Community surveys in Seville (Tulare County) and Fairmead (Madera County) are completed. The survey of Seville indicated the median annual household income is about $14,000 compared to survey data for much larger area which was over $40,000. Similarly, the survey in Fairmead indicated a low-income percentage of 90 percent as compared to census tract block group (40 plus square miles) in which Fairmead resides, which has a low-income percentage of 62%. The results of these surveys make these communities more competitive in funding resources for water system improvements. Seville will likely receive California Department of Public Health (CDPH) funding; Fairmead, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Seed money loan needs were evaluated, and three seed money loans were approved for a total of $59,418. The first loan commitment was made to the Allensworth Community Services District for $23,700 (emergency operations); second, Richgrove Community Services District for $9,468 (preliminary engineering for SDWSRF application); third, Fairways Tract Mutual Water Company in the amount of $26,250 (preliminary design for CDPH Prop 84 funding). Seed money funding from the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is being matched by SHE's Community Development Fund to provide the balance of funding for these loans.

Communities were prioritized in relation to drinking water health issues and community incomes.

All of these activities supported progress in meeting the Partnership's objective of assisting communities in securing funds to provide water that meets state and federal drinking water standards.

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

Work will continue to develop the priority list of needy communities with drinking water issues.

Additional seed money funds will be committed/expended to pay for preliminary and design engineering services for community water projects.

Follow-up will be required, during this period, to respond to questions related to the eight applications to CDPH for water project funding.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Delays in moving ahead with CDPH Programs for safe drinking water are delaying implementation of solutions to many disadvantaged communities.