



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2014

10am - 3pm

Merced County Fairgrounds

San Joaquin Hall

900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way,
Merced, CA 95341

Meeting Contact:

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AGENDA Friday, March 21, 2014			
Duration	Item		
5 min	I.	Convene Meeting; Introductory Remarks	Chair Ashley Swearengin
5 min	II.	Recognition of Our Sponsors	Chair Ashley Swearengin
5 min	III.	New Board Member Oath of Office	Secretary Karen Ross
5 min	IV.	Public and Board Comment <i>(non-agenda items only)</i>	Board and Public
5 min	V.	Consent Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes • Secretariat Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communications Update ○ Letters of Support • SJV Rural Development Center Update • SJV Broadband Consortium Update • SJV Housing Collaborative Update • SJV Regional Industry Clusters Update • Work Group Reports 	Mike Dozier
5 min	VI.	<i>Central Valley AgPlus</i> Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership designation proposal to U.S. Economic Development Administration	Mike Dozier
20 min	VII.	UC Merced Sierra Nevada Research Institute: <i>Are there long term solutions to California's long term drought?</i>	Dr. Dorothy Leland Dr. Martha Conklin
45 min	VIII.	Governor's Drought Task Force California Department of Health and Human Services State Water Resources Control Board California Department of Public Health _____ Federal Government's Drought Response _____ Q&A	Secretary Karen Ross Secretary Diana Dooley DeeDee D'Adamo Dr. Mark Starr Dr. Glenda Humiston Board and Public
30 min	IX.	Lunch	

20 min	X.	San Joaquin Valley Water Supply Overview	Sarge Green <i>California Water Institute</i>
1 hour panel	XI.	Roundtable Discussion: <i>Local and Regional Impacts of the Drought</i>	
1 hour discussion		Rural community impacts	Robert Silva <i>City of Mendota</i>
		Implications for agriculture	Amanda Carvajal <i>Merced County Farm Bureau</i>
		Labor market impacts	Jeffrey Michael <i>University of the Pacific</i>
		Impacts to Ag credit and lending	Stephen Moitozo <i>American Ag Credit</i>
		Public health impacts	Gabriel Jimenez <i>City of Orange Cove</i>
			Omar Carillo <i>Community Water Center</i>
			Representative <i>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</i>
		Impacts to community food banks	Andy Souza <i>Community Food Bank</i>
		Housing impacts	Rob Wiener <i>California Coalition for Rural Housing</i>
	K-12 Education impacts	Dr. Larry Powell <i>Former Fresno County Superintendent</i>	
	Retraining opportunities	Luis Santana <i>Reading & Beyond</i>	
	Discussion / Q&A	Board and Public	
5 min	XII.	Public and Board Comment and Meeting Feedback	Board and Public
5 min	XIII.	Adjournment	



2014-2015 Meeting Schedule *for* Board of Directors TENTATIVE

2014

DATE	COUNTY
March 21	Merced
June 20	Tulare
September 19	Fresno
December 5	Madera

2015

DATE	COUNTY
March 20	San Joaquin
June 19	Kings
September 18	Kern
December 4	Stanislaus

Please note this is a tentative schedule.

- *Meetings are typically scheduled on the third Friday of the month on a quarterly basis, with the exception of December which has been scheduled the first week of that month.*
- *Meetings are typically scheduled from 10am to 3pm.*



Board of Directors Meeting **DRAFT**

Friday, December 6, 2013

10am - 3pm

California State University, Stanislaus (CSUS)

One University Circle

Turlock, CA 95382

Conference Room: MSR 130

MEETING MINUTES

I. Convene Meeting and Introductory Remarks

The meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order at 10:08 am by Deputy Chair Corwin Harper who welcomed Partnership Board members and guests. Mr. Harper introduced California State University, Stanislaus, President Sheley and thanked him for hosting the meeting at the campus.

II. Recognition of Sponsors and Welcome

President Joseph F. Sheley welcomed the Board and guests and spoke of the history and growth of the campus. In conclusion he encouraged those present to take a few minutes to walk around the campus to admire its beauty.

Mr. Harper asked board members, advisory committee and candidates to introduce themselves then directed attention to the agenda.

Board members present were: James Aleru, Steve, Bestalorides, Monica Blanco-Etheridge, Vito Chiesa, DeeDee D'Adamo, Randy Dodd, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan, Dr. Carole Goldsmith, Pat Gordon, Corwin Harper, Blake Konczal, Dr. Dorothy Leland, David Long, Joe Oliveira, Billy Powell, Albert Rivas representing the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Max Rodriguez, Jim Suennen representing Secretary Dooley and Advisory member Robert Tse,

III. Public and Board Comment

Mr. Harper invited comments from the board and public, recognizing Mr. Rivas representing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Mr. Rivas advised the board of a large scale recruitment effort underway as the agency faces several thousand vacancies due to staff retirements. For further information, visit www.cdcr.ca.gov/Career_Opportunities

In addition, CDCR is partnering with Sesame Workshop in developing a new character to help support young children process the array of emotions when a life-changing circumstance occurs and a parent becomes incarcerated¹.

¹ http://sjvpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/CDCR_BC_LC_Incarceration_Dec2013.pdf

The CDCR is one of ten Departments selected within the United States to pilot the initiative and will help support families by making available parent education toolkits during family visits. Nationally, the number of children with an incarcerated parent has increased nearly 80% in the past 20 years with nearly 2.7 million children affected by an incarcerated parent.

Lorinda Forrest introduced herself as the Region C (Central Valley and Mother Lode) representative for the California Community Colleges' Doing What MATTERS program. The opportunity and intent is for community colleges to become essential catalysts to California's economic recovery and jobs creation at the local, regional and state levels.

Doing What MATTERS for jobs and the economy is a four-pronged framework to respond to the call of our nation, state, and regions to close the skills gap.

For more information go to: <http://doingwhatmatters.cccco.edu/>

IV. New Board Member Oath of Office and Recognition of Peter Weber

Ms. D'Adamo administered the oath of office to new Partnership Board members Steve Bestalorides, Lee Ann Eager and Bryn Forhan as well as reappointed members Pat Gordon and Blake Konczal. Ms. D'Adamo advised the board and its new members that the Governor is very engaged with the Partnership and its activities. Mr. Suennen confirmed that engagement, announcing the Governor has made decisions on 14 appointments, a mixture of new and reappointments with the categories and slots staggered to facilitate continuity of the board.

V. Consent Calendar

In the absence of questions or objections to the consent calendar, Mr. Dodd moved to accept as published and was seconded by Ms. Forhan.

VI. Annual Report

Mr. Dozier announced the Annual Report is complete and at the printer; locally printed copies were provided to all board members for their reference. Mr. Dozier spoke of the significant staff effort that went into preparation and production of this report, citing the work of Eduardo Gonzalez for his work in developing the demographics and Marcia Martin who worked magic with the content.

Mr. Dozier introduced to the Board Associate Directors Stacie Dabbs and Ismael Herrera.

Ms. D'Adamo suggested that during this next year, Board members provide information to Secretariat staff regarding local and regional successes as well as their activities with other organizations working to better the Valley.

Ms. Islas-Hooker congratulated staff and the board on the document and noted that given the many disparities across the Valley it is important to document efforts and accomplishments toward equity improvement in the Valley.

VII. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is mandated by State Housing Law as part of the periodic process of updating local housing elements of the General Plan. The RHNA quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. The most recently completed RHNA planning period is January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2014. The 5th cycle RHNA Allocation Plan, which covers the planning period from October 2013 to October 2021 was adopted by the Regional Council on October 4, 2012. Fifth cycle housing element updates must be adopted by October 15, 2013.

Communities use the RHNA in land use planning, prioritizing local resource allocation, and in deciding how to address identified existing and future housing needs resulting from population, employment and household growth. The RHNA does not necessarily encourage or promote growth, but rather allows communities to anticipate growth, so that collectively the region and subregion can grow in ways that enhance quality of life, improve access to jobs, promotes transportation mobility, and addresses social equity, fair share housing needs.

Mr. Dozier introduced Roy Wasden, City Manager and Debbie Whitmore, Deputy Director Development Services Department, Planning Division for the City of Turlock who presented slides on the impact and challenges of RHNA requirements.

VIII. EDA: Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP)

Mr. Herrera provided an update on the IMCP grant and subsequent opportunities for Valley communities.

IX. Partnership Organizational Update

Mr. Dozier explained the roles and responsibilities of the Partnership Executive Committee and Advisory Committee; Advisors are often alumni of board, while others have specialized expertise; these are people whose knowledge is critical to what the Partnership does but they are not board members and they may not vote. Advisory committee members include Robert Tse and Dr. Glenda Humiston, former Supervisor Ray Watson, Fritz Grupe, Sunne Wright McPeak and former Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, Vickie. Advisory members serve at the favor of the Board which derives great benefit from their membership due to the roles they currently or previously have played in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Dozier encouraged board members for recommendations of anyone they believe to have expertise and influence in areas unique to Valley needs.

X. Partnership Meeting Format

Mr. Dozier then kicked off a discussion about meeting format.

XI. Lunch

XII. Cap and Trade Discussion

Mr. Dozier reported that the Partnership Executive Committee is being restructured to consist of the following members: Chair of the Partnership, who can elect 4 of the 7 committee members; two deputy chairs plus the elected representatives from the north, south and central San Joaquin Valley.

XIV. James Irvine Foundation Grant Update

Mr. Dozier reported that the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) received 78 letters of support from cities, agencies and counties throughout the Valley. The James Irvine Foundation (JIF) staff indicated they will go to the JIF board requesting a grant of \$200,000 be awarded to OCED for another two years, the monies to be allocated to staffing and matching funds.

XV. Adjournment

In the absence of any further public or Board comments, Dr. Leland moved and was seconded by Ms. Forhan to end the meeting at 2:50pm.



Secretariat Report

March 2014

Message from Lead Executive

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Dozier

The attached Secretariat Report is intended to give you an update of Partnership activity during the last three months. Staff has provided for you the following:

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

Communications Update

Staff Outreach Efforts Dec 2013 through Mar 2014

Date	Event
11-Dec-13	San Joaquin River Restoration Project Meeting (Mendota)
11-Dec-13 to 13-Dec-13	UC Merced - SBDC Retreat, Monterey
18-Dec-13	Pathways to Prosperity Institute (Clovis)
19-Dec-13	California Emerging Technology Fund iPanther Initiative Award Ceremony (Parlier)
23-Dec-13	Digital Literacy Meeting with Sanger Unified School District (Sanger)
8-Jan-14	CVBI Board Meeting
9-Jan-14	Go-BIZ Meeting
9-Jan-14	City of Woodlake Economic Development Planning Meeting (Woodlake)
10-Jan-14	iHub Meeting
14-Jan-14	City of San Joaquin Economic Development Planning Meeting (Fresno)
15-Jan-14	City of San Joaquin Economic Development Planning Meeting (San Joaquin)
16-Jan-14	Center for Economic Development, Chico State – Economic Forecast Summit
16-Jan-14	Accessible Energy Solutions (Dinuba)
22-Jan-14	City of Parlier Economic Development Planning Meeting (Parlier)
24-Jan-14	Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) Strategy Meeting, USDA – Davis
24-Jan-14	Conference Call- Center for Rural Strategies, Digital Literacy Meeting
27-Jan-14	Institute for Sustainable Transportation Meeting
27-Jan-14	Community Facilities Challenge Kick-Off Event
27-Jan-14	NCCLF/Fresno State Community Facilities Challenge Kick-Off (Fresno)
28-Jan-14	2014 State of Tourism: Discover How the Fresno Region is Promoted to the World (Fresno)
29-Jan-14	San Joaquin Valley Drought Proposal Meeting
29-Jan-14	City of Parlier Economic Development Planning Meeting (Parlier)
30-Jan-14	City of San Joaquin Economic Development Planning Meeting (San Joaquin)
31-Jan-14	CDFA Fundamentals of ED Finance Discussion with CDFA, CALED and Fresno State
31-Jan-14	Welcome Reception: Donna J. Davis, Regional Administrator, SBA Region IX (Fresno)
4-Feb-14	Orange Cove Economic Development Strategy
5-Feb-14	High Speed Rail Authority Regional Meeting (Lemoore)
5-Feb-14	City of Madera/Fresno State SBDC Partnership Meeting (Madera)
6-Feb-14	High Speed Rail Authority Regional Meeting (Clovis)

Date	Event
7-Feb-14	State of the Valley Conference – Santa Clara
10-Feb-14	iHub Working Committee Meeting
11-Feb-14 - 13-Feb-14	Conference- Champions for Change: Leading a Backbone Organization for Collective Impact (Burlingame)
18-Feb-14	Orange Cove Economic Development Strategy
20-Feb-14	IMCP Legislative Visions – Sacramento
21-Feb-14	IMCP Meetings, USDA – Davis
28-Feb-14	On-Site Energy Generation and Sustainability Conference – SJV Clean Energy Cluster
4-Mar-14	Orange Cove Economic Development Strategy

Electronic Information Distribution

Date	E-Blast
4-Dec-13	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Newsletter
4-Dec-13	Go-Biz Tax Workshops
10-Dec-13	Appointments to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
12-Dec-13	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Annual Report Public Message
12-Dec-13	SJV Broadband Consortium CPUC Survey Notifications
2-Jan-14	Regional Industry Clusters Initiative: Global Trade & Logistics Training
7-Jan-14	Appointments to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
9-Jan-14	California High-Speed Rail Request for Bids
15-Jan-14	Greater Stockton Business Academy
22-Jan-14	Building Business & Educational Partnerships Conference
23-Jan-14	Clean Energy Cluster: On-Site Energy Generation & Sustainability Conference
30-Jan-14	Clovis Small Business Workshops
19-Feb-14	CALED Annual Conference
19-Feb-14	Speaker Announcement: Clean Energy Cluster: On-Site Energy Generation & Sustainability Conference
20-Feb-14	Bookkeeping for Business Owners

Communications Tools

Partnership Website

The Partnership website is fully operational. Visit www.sjvpartnership.org to find out the new features. Upcoming board meetings are now highlighted in the top section of the homepage (when you click Learn More, it takes you to an event page that includes a map of the location!). An interactive directory of board members includes bios and photos (if available) that pop up when you click on their name - the same goes for staff bios

and photos. A full listing of all board meetings, from the first one on Feb. 2, 2007, includes agenda packets for each. Work group pages are refreshed and simpler while pages have been added for the Regional Industry Clusters Initiative. A full directory of Valley electeds has been added to the Government Affairs section. State and federal sections include links to each elected's website. The Local section is listed alphabetically by county. PDFs have been made available to download contact information for boards of supervisors, mayors and city councils, if available.

Annual Report

The 2013 Partnership Annual Report is completed and covers the time period of July 1, 2012, through June 3, 2013. It is currently available on the Partnership website in the Document Library.

You may download the annual report by clicking the link below:

http://sjvpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2013_PartnershipAnnualReport.pdf.

e-Newsletter

Distribution occurs quarterly one week prior to the next scheduled board meeting. The latest issue was distributed on Mar 14, 2014. The newsletter reports on the Partnership's initiatives and collaboratives and is sent to all Partnership stakeholders (2,127).

Daily News Briefing

The Maddy Daily continues to be distributed by The Maddy Institute on a daily basis to more than 11,000 contacts including Partnership board members and work group consultants, business and community leaders, and other government and legislative contacts throughout the Valley. It is available in Spanish. (www.maddyinstitute.org)

Media

Traditional methods of communication efforts with the media include press releases, media advisories, and editorial content and interviews. In addition, Partnership activities have been picked up by Valley news agencies. See following table for recent activity.

Date	Description
3-Dec-13	Media Advisory: California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board Meeting
18-Dec-13	Media Advisory: CETF/iPanther Initiative
7-Feb-14	The Business Journal: Energy cluster seeks scholarship donations

Partnership social marketing efforts include Facebook and Twitter accounts. The Partnership Facebook page now has 469 "fans" and is linked to Facebook pages of several partner organizations.



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February 3, 2014

Katie Benouar
Chief, Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning
1120 N Street, MS-32
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies' Application to the Caltrans Partnership Planning for Sustainable Transportation Grant Program

Dear Ms. Benouar:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley in support of the FY 2014-15 Caltrans Partnership Planning for Sustainable Transportation Grant application submitted by the eight Regional Transportation Planning Agencies of the San Joaquin Valley. This application is a follow up to the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan that was recently completed through a previously funded Partnership grant. This exceptional two-year planning effort, of which we were part, has enabled our region to cooperatively work together for improvements to our regional transportation network and greater economy.

The Partnership, created in June 2005 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, is a public-private partnership that provides an organizational framework for collaboration as a way to improve the quality of life in the San Joaquin Valley. This unprecedented effort focuses on opportunities to collaborate within the eight-county region to create a more prosperous economy, quality environment, and greater social equity. The creation of the Partnership was designed to address the region's challenges while establishing a solid framework for the future. The Interregional Goods Movement plan has helped us identify the importance of goods movement to the Valley economy and continuing these efforts will be beneficial to the entire region.

The next phase of goods movement planning will focus on some of the key issues and next steps identified in the planning effort, and we feel that this additional work is necessary and critical for our region's growth and prosperity. The proposed work effort is of regional and statewide significance, meets state and federal transportation goals, and will be developed to align with and be compliant to the Sustainable Communities Strategies (SB 375).

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We are very supportive of Caltrans' efforts to promote a balanced, comprehensive multi-modal transportation system that improves mobility and access for all people while supporting economic vitality and competitiveness. We appreciate the collaborative efforts of Caltrans in the region, and encourage your consideration for awarding Partnership Planning Grant funds to our eight-county region. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Dozier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a trailing flourish.

Mike Dozier
Executive Director
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center

March 2014

Quarter: 1st Quarter 2014

Staff Lead: Ismael Díaz Herrera

Update: Assisted 14 different rural entities and participated in 88 community events

Small Communities Network

The SJVRDC continues to distribute a weekly newsletter to the region's rural stakeholders that contains information on available funding, upcoming events, reports and studies, job openings, rural-specific news stories, and an ongoing inventory of tools and resources.

USDA Pathways to Rural Economic Progress – San Joaquin Valley

SJVRDC met with representatives from the City of Mendota and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on December 11th to discuss San Joaquin River Restoration efforts that can enhance recreational, tourism and other economic development activities. During the month of January, SJVRDC staff conducted meetings with the Cities of Parlier, San Joaquin, and Woodlake to discuss planning technical assistance services that will be delivered in coming months. SJVRDC staff also administered surveys, designed with input from local municipal staff, to businesses in the Cities of Parlier and San Joaquin during the month of February.

Contracted Services

Great Valley Center: delivered digital literacy training sessions to residents in the communities of Firebaugh, Kettleman City, Kingsburg and Parlier. Training sessions were delivered at 4 local school sites and 1 community center. Services were delivered during December 2013.

Service Agreements

Parent University: continued partnership with local school districts to provide digital literacy, leadership development, college/career readiness awareness training sessions. A total of 68 training sessions have been delivered to district parents at the following school sites:

- Parlier Unified School District: Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School, John C. Martinez Elementary School, Matthew J. Brletic Elementary School, S. Ben Benavidez Elementary School, Parlier Junior High School, Parlier High School (ongoing)
- Reef-Sunset Unified School District: Tamarack Elementary School, Avenal Elementary School, Kettleman City Elementary School (ongoing)
- Coalinga-Huron Unified School District: Huron Middle School (ongoing)

Economic Development: in collaboration with City of Orange Cove, compiled a volunteer ad hoc committee to inform community's economic development strategy. Committee sessions began February 4th and are held twice a month. Project activities will continue onto 3rd Quarter 2014.

Communications

The SJVRDC website is currently being populated with content and will be officially launched in 2014.



Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium

March 2014

Quarter: 1st Quarter 2014

Staff Lead: Phillip Siegrist

Update:

San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium staff continues its efforts to increase and improve broadband adoption in the Central Valley. As part of these efforts, staff will hold a quarterly Regional Broadband Consortium (RBC) meeting in March with stakeholders to discuss the status of broadband in the Central Valley including broadband expansion opportunities, the status and impacts of SB 740 and AB 1299, and the status of the CETF. At this meeting staff will also discuss the desired outcomes and status of the 3 broadband workgroups (Infrastructure, Telehealth, Education).

Staff attended the CASF Annual Learning Summit in Sacramento on March 3rd and 4th. At the Summit, staff gave a presentation identifying the underserved and unserved communities in the Valley that are in greatest need of improved broadband access.

For the digital literacy portion of the consortium, SJVRBC and several regional partners continue work on a three-year, \$600,000 CETF Get Connected! grant aimed at increasing first time broadband subscriptions via increased digital literacy trainings.

Staff is also attempting to collect broadband speed and availability data in order to update the California Interactive Broadband Map (<http://www.broadbandmap.ca.gov/>). As part of this effort staff will distribute surveys to determine the quality and location of broadband service in the Valley. The information from these surveys will be sent to the California Public Utilities Commission and will be used to update the Broadband Map. Also during this quarter staff received grant funding from AT&T to provide additional digital literacy training in the Valley.



Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative

March 2013

Quarter: 1st Quarter 2014

Staff Lead: Stacie Dabbs

Update:

- **Americorps VISTA volunteer**

In response to the need for additional staff resources dedicated to the SJV Housing Collaborative, particularly around identifying funding opportunities, OCED applied for an Americorps VISTA volunteer in late 2012. Tim Ng of Chicago began his one year term in February 2013 and completed his service on January 30, 2014.

- **Strategic Action Planning**

At the first quarter board of directors meeting, it was decided the Collaborative was in need of a board retreat and strategic planning session. Staff is currently working with California Coalition for Rural Housing to develop a proposal for a day long facilitated retreat where the board of directors will be asked to develop a mission, vision and strategic goals for the Collaborative moving forward. This event is targeted for the second quarter of this year.

- **Administrative Changes**

Since its creation, the Collaborative has received a great deal of support from Darryl Rutherford at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Darryl recently accepted a new position as the Executive Director of the Sacramento Housing Alliance. Additionally, after four years of staffing the Collaborative without funding, OCED is working with other partners to develop a succession plan to ultimately transfer administrative duties to a partner by the end of the second quarter 2014.



Initiative: San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters

February 2014

Quarter: 4rd Quarter 2013

Staff Lead: Silas Cha

The Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI) partnered with the International Center for Water Technology to hold the Water Cluster Conference in December 2013. The Clean Energy Cluster held its *On-Site Energy Generation and Sustainability Conference* on Feb. 28, 2014. Attendance included high school students who participated in the mentoring session on how to prepare for a career after college. More than \$17,000 was raised through sponsorships which provided four scholarships for outstanding high school students showing promise and having a motivation to pursue study in clean energy and alternative fuels.

The Agriculture Cluster made a presentation at the February 28 conference to lay out the vision of the Ag Cluster. A momentum is building in this cluster to bring more partners from throughout the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) to help support the Cluster. The Ag Cluster, whose membership has a combined 50 years' experience within the Valley's farming industry, has great potential to become a vibrant and visible part of this industry.

A plan is in place for the Manufacturing, Energy, Water, and Ag clusters to meet in early March 2014, with respective chairs reporting on some of the early plans for this year. A more thorough report will be available in the next reporting cycle.

The Health and Wellness Cluster plans to meet in March to bring regional partners together to organize a conference in fall 2014. OCED staff members and other regional partners attended the Collective Impact conference in February 2014 in San Francisco. It was encouraging that the RICI effort has embarked on the concept already.

The Logistics and Public Infrastructure Cluster is partnering with the Community and Regional Planning Center, a division within OCED, to expand its efforts.

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Networking

4th Quarter Activity

11/21/13	Silas met with Daryl Baltazar and Ricardo Gonzalez, Clean Energy Cluster website development
11/21/13	Silas met with Richard Kalashian, chair of the Ag Cluster, discussed next steps
11/25/13	Silas met with website designer Ricardo Gonzalez to design the Clean Energy Cluster website
11/25/13	Silas met with Michael Yang, UC Cooperative, discussed state of minority farmers and their relations to the Ag industry overall.
11/25/2013	Mike and Silas met with David Erlichman, discussed network mapping to reflect organization partnerships.
11/26/13	Mike, Ish, and Silas met with Helle Petersen and Marianne Dunklin of the CVBI, discussed methods to revisit iHub and how it could be more active to support SJV initiatives – IMCP, RICO II, and RICI.
12/3/13	Ish and Mike attended HSR meeting in Madera
12/9/13	Ish and Silas attended Manufacturing Skills Gaps meeting with the community colleges, discussed partnerships to support aligning private sector needs and training programs.
12/13/13	Silas convened Clean Energy Cluster champions to discussed sponsorship package and other preparation for the February 28 th On-site Generation and Sustainability Conference.
12/18/13	Silas met with SJV CRA Collaborative – prepare next year’s activities and revisit previous year’s work.
12/19/13	Mike and Silas attended the Water Cluster meeting
1/6/14	Silas met with Daryl Baltazar, discussed preparation for the Clean Energy Cluster conf.
1/10/14	Silas convened the Clean Energy Cluster champions for a meeting- prep for conference
1/10/14	Mike and Silas attended iHub meeting in Merced – discussed how to make iHub more notable and other related work including RICI
1/13/14	Mike, Stacie, and Silas participated conference call on iHub – part of working committee
2/6/14	Mike attended High Speed Rail meeting
2/7/14	Ish and Silas participated in manufacturing conference call with partners from Cal Econ Summit
2/10/14	Mike, Ish, Stacie, and Silas participated in conference on iHub working committee, exploring next steps, name change and others.
2/11-14/14	Mike, Stacie, and Ish attended Collective Impact conference in SF
2/12/14	Silas met with Youth Centers of America, explored partnership with Clean Energy Cluster
2/24/14	Silas met with Luisa Medina, discussed ways to make RICI stronger with community organizations
2/25/14	Mike and Silas met with Richard Kalashian, Chair of Ag Cluster, and discussed how Ag could be as robust as the Clean Energy.
2/26/14	Silas met with Kelly Woodard, Director of Madera Social Services, and discussed RICI and introduction
2/27/14	Silas attended Selma Team Meeting, discussed partnerships and distributed flyer on Clean Energy Conference on February 28 th .
2/28/14	Clean Energy Conference held at Fresno State campus, with 85 in attendance and 40 are high school students – mentoring session included and scholarships ceremony
3/6/14	Mike, Ish, and Silas convened the MEWA clusters and had their respective chairs reported on new development, strategies, and collaboration.



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Work Group Reports

March 2014

PARTNERSHIP WORK GROUP QUARTERLY REPORT

Work Group	Advanced Communications Services
OCED Staff Liaison	Jason Waters
Lead Organization(s)	San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium
Lead Organization Contact	Jason Waters
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium staff continues its efforts to increase and improve broadband adoption in the Central Valley. As part of these efforts, a quarterly Regional Broadband Consortium (RBC) meeting was held with stakeholders to discuss the status of broadband in the Central Valley. At this meeting, staff discussed the desired outcomes and status of the three broadband work groups: Infrastructure, Telehealth and Education. Staff also tracked the status and implementation of broadband legislation in California (SB 740 and AB 1299) and provided updates to RBC. The 4th quarter RBC meeting took place on Nov 18. Staff continues to maintain a section of its website to communicate RBC information.

Staff provided and received updates on a monthly California Public Utilities Commission phone call and engaged in individual 1:1 conversations with other broadband consortia, where applicable. These calls included discussions related to the state's broadband mapping efforts which include interactive broadband availability map, speed tests, and surveys through California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, SJV Rural Development Center's Small Communities Network, and other various networks. As part of RBC's efforts to increase broadband adoption, staff identified communities and neighborhoods without affordable and reliable Internet connections. Staff continues to update research data on affordable connections to broadband and will integrate this data into planning efforts and the state's broadband mapping efforts.

Staff continues work on the CETF Get Connected! grant, which provides targeted digital literacy training with a focus on first-time broadband adoption in rural and urban parts of the Valley. The CETF Get Connected! grant provides digital literacy training to individuals who have not previously subscribed to the Internet, thereby fostering demand in underserved and disadvantaged communities. Staff provided digital literacy training in a number of Valley cities and has used these trainings as an opportunity to increase broadband adoption. Progress and results from CETF Get Connected! grant work are being recorded and implemented into the Deployment plan. This includes strategies to increase broadband subscriptions by residents in unserved and underserved rural communities. Also during this quarter, staff applied for and received grant funding from AT&T to provide additional digital literacy training in the Valley.



PARTNERSHIP WORK GROUP QUARTERLY REPORT

Work Group	Air Quality
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Lead Organization(s)	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Lead Organization Contact	Jaime Holt
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

Valley in attainment of the federal 1-hour ozone standard

For the first time in recorded history, the San Joaquin Valley in 2013 had zero violations of the hourly ozone standard established under the federal Clean Air Act. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District submitted a formal request to the federal EPA to declare the Valley in attainment of the key standard and lift the \$29 million penalty mandate that Valley residents have been paying since late 2010.

Funding for school buses and trucks

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District provided more than \$47 million in incentive funding to retrofit and replace aging school buses in the valley. To date, the District has replaced 240 school buses and retrofitted an additional 995 school buses. However, because the valley is home to the oldest school bus population in California, we continue to have a large population of older, higher polluting school buses operating throughout the region that are chronic self-polluters, putting children at risk. Valley school districts have been requesting funding assistance to upgrade aging school bus fleets. Recognizing the health benefits to children riding these buses, the Air District Governing Board appropriated \$3 million for school bus replacements. District funding will be utilized to leverage an additional \$3 million from Valley school districts by providing up to 50 percent of the cost of a new school bus.

Funding for alternative fuel infrastructure projects

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Public Benefit Grants Program was developed to assist local public agencies and educational institutions bring to fruition emission reduction projects that provide broad public benefits to Valley residents. In response to a competitive Request for Proposals for alternative fuel infrastructure projects released in July 2013, the District approved project selections totaling \$5,000,000 for projects throughout the valley.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Legislative Priorities for 2014

Federal Priorities

- Seek legislative common sense improvements to the Federal Clean Air Act.
- Support the establishment of an Air Quality and Health Empowerment Zone designation that would provide financial assistance to regions that have significant air quality, health, and economic challenges.



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- Support the continuation of air quality funding in the Farm Bill that is designed to accelerate the replacement of agricultural equipment.

State Priorities

- As the state develops updated policies/guidelines for the Carl Moyer program, the District will pursue policies that continue to focus the program on public health, maintain formulas that take air quality challenges into consideration, and that utilize cost-effectiveness surplus emission reductions as the primary eligibility criteria.
- The compliance regiment under the state's Cap and Trade program may lead to increases in criteria and toxic emissions or missed opportunities to reduce such emissions in certain areas. Therefore, the District will advocate for policies that target a portion of Cap and Trade revenues to regions that are already overly impacted by criteria pollutant emissions with a greater focus on environmental justice communities.
- Support measures that streamline the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by reducing unnecessary litigation, allowing credit for compliance with environmental regulatory requirements, and minimizing red tape.

State/Federal Priorities

- The District will oppose greenhouse gas measures that are detrimental to public health due to increases in criteria pollutant or toxic emissions, and support greenhouse gas measures that achieve criteria pollutant and toxic emissions reductions.
- When assessing state/federal policies concerning disadvantaged communities, the District considers poverty as a key factor contributing to diminished public health. The District will oppose efforts that lead to "redlining" these communities and inhibit economic growth. The District will support measures that improve quality of life and economic welfare by providing new state and federal resources. The District will oppose measures that dilute local control by diverting local revenues or the authority over the expenditure of local resources to the state or federal government.
- Seek funding and other support from the State Air Resources Board and federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to install and operate additional air quality monitoring instruments throughout San Joaquin Valley.
- Support efforts that provide for cost-effective alternatives to agricultural burning including subsidies and/or preferential utility rates for power produced from biomass and additional research to identify other technologically and economically feasible alternatives.
- Support energy efficiency/alternative energy policies and initiative that will result in emissions reductions and cost effective alternatives to burning agricultural waste.
- Support adequate resources and policies to reduce the impact of wildfires and their attendant public health impact.



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Work Group	Economic Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Silas Cha
Lead Organization(s)	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation
Lead Organization Contact	Jennifer Faughn
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation (CCVEDC) continues to embark on regional partnerships, working with the Office of Community and Economic Development on the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP), preparing quantitative research with partners. CCVEDC also is working with Collaborative Economics researching and gathering additional quantitative data on regional industry clusters, especially the Ag industry. Activities included brainstorming sessions to explore regional industry groups within the Ag industry, food processing, and manufacturing. Each partner is charged with tasks to update various industry lists in these sectors.

There is an ongoing effort to identify ways to bring in more partners from the private sector and other groups which may be able to play pivotal roles in the effort. Target geographical area is in the San Joaquin Valley's eight counties.

The effort is to provide a visible supportive role to move Ag business and create other opportunities for the Valley. Most tangible among these relationships is the effort to support Phase II of the IMCP proposal now being developed. CCVEDC also is leading efforts to market Valley resources nationwide, to make our region attractive, business-friendly, and a place to thrive economically. CCVEDC focuses on outreach, recruiting, and marketing in trade shows that draw a national audience.



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Work Group	Energy
OCED Staff Liaison	Silas Cha
Lead Organization(s)	San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
Lead Organization Contact	Courtney Kalashian/Paul Johnson
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

The San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO), through the C6 grant, created a web-based, interactive map that displays clean energy employers in the eight counties as well as employment opportunities with those employers. SJVCEO staff has focused early efforts on efficiency and solar employers but intends to grow the map as training opportunities at our community colleges grows.

SJVCEO is one of the six partners with the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State administering the State of California WIB RICO II grant which leverages existing partnerships in Kern County to replicate training programs between workforce investment boards and community colleges in numerous counties in the region.

SJVCEO and PG&E are discussing possible collaboration to complete energy efficiency technical assistance work in the eight-county region. Funding would be through Public Goods Charge (PGC) dollars.

Local government partnerships in Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, and Madera counties, as well as through an Ag-based outreach program in the three northern counties, have made it possible for additional energy efficiency resources from PG&E, Southern California Edison, and Southern California Gas to be delivered and shared with the following customer segments: agriculture, small business, medium business, residential, schools, water districts, and municipalities.

Implementers of local government partnerships Great Valley Center, County of Madera, Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno, SJVCEO and Kern Council of Governments, are using PGC dollars and resources from local government partnerships to direct resources to rural communities.

SJVCEO is working with PG&E to develop a community giving campaign in the City of Dinuba to fund energy efficiency projects in Dinuba. In fourth quarter 2013, SJVCEO hosted directed energy efficiency community events with PG&E in Stratford and Waukena.



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Work Group	Health and Wellness Cluster (aka Health and Human Services Work Group)
OCED Staff Liaison	Silas Cha
Lead Organization(s)	Central Valley Health Policy Institute Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco California Health Collaborative Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board
Lead Organization Contact	John Capitman PhD Darryl Rutherford
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

The Health and Wellness Cluster (HWC) continues to meet as four work groups: Leadership Education, Workforce, Healthy Communities, and Affordable Care Act. In addition to our lead organizations, HWC partners include Central Valley Health Network and Hospital Council of Northern and Central California.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) work group completed its task of delivering information about the federal Affordable Care Act (Act) to the group and cross-sector groups, distributing the latest developments on the Act. It is believed ACA will subsequently merge with Leadership Education to pursue Act funding for educating small businesses - a goal both groups shared from their strategy meetings in 2013.

Healthy Communities continued to interview and analyze its project on public health through the lens of local elected officials. Leadership Education in collaboration with Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State, applied with a Letter of Interest for funding with the California Wellness Foundation. Healthy Communities plans to meet with its regional partners, potentially bringing the Healthy Initiative Forum to the Central Valley. The Healthy Initiative Forum has already been conducted in the San Joaquin County area. Workforce met in October 2013 to discuss “collective impact” and how it might apply to our ongoing effort in the San Joaquin Valley.

All activities are in alignment with our goals: bringing more resources to the Valley; making our leaders more aware of public health and, thus, stronger advocates for the region; and creating economic growth opportunities in the region.



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Work Group	Housing
OCED Staff Liaison	Stacie Dabbs
Lead Organization(s)	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Darryl Rutherford
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

The San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative successfully hosted the 2nd Annual Affordable Housing Summit in Fresno at the end of September 2013, bringing together housing advocates, agencies, and staff to discuss the region's affordable housing challenges and opportunities. Presentations included "Financing Affordable Housing in the San Joaquin Valley" as well as, a showcase of affordable housing efforts and projects throughout the valley.

The Collaborative is administered by the Office of Community and Economic Development in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the California Coalition for Rural Housing, and Housing California. During this reporting period, there was substantial staffing challenges that made additional activity during the quarter very challenging. The board of directors will be meeting in the first quarter of 2014 to address these staffing challenges, and the future of the collaborative. Additionally, the Collaborative has benefited from the service of a VISTA volunteer over the past year, however, the term of service comes to an end in January 2014.

The Collaborative is a 501c3 nonprofit organization formed as a regional entity to specifically address housing issues in the eight-county region of the San Joaquin Valley (Valley). The Collaborative not only serves as a much-needed forum to discuss regional challenges and strategies to address the Valley's long- and short-term housing goals, it also serves as an invaluable tool for the region to organize as one voice when communicating with state and federal policymakers and regulatory agencies.



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Work Group	PreK-12 Education
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Lead Organization(s)	Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute
Lead Organization Contact	Marcy Masumoto EdD
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute (CVELI) partnered with State Center Consortium, Fresno County Office of Education, and Fresno Pacific University to present the 6th Annual Conference for Exemplary Practices in Educational Leadership, October 2013. Attendance hit a record of 510 educational leaders from as far south as Los Angeles and north from Monterey. They discussed leadership priorities across the educational continuum within the current environment and shared proven best practices to enhance student outcomes for preschool through college students from across Central Valley.

CVELI and ZeroDivide are collaborating on a Leadership and Technology Project for the Rural Schools Network. Through this effort, a professional development program for superintendents and educational leaders in rural areas will be designed to strengthen the existing network community and its collaboration through the use of technology, and increase participants' understanding of technology as a tool to transform classrooms and engage parents. Six Rural Schools Network events occurred during the 4th Quarter 2013 reporting period, with a total of 185 attendees, at Planada Elementary School District, Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District, DiGiorgio Elementary School District, Corcoran Unified School District, LeGrand Union High School District, and Fowler Unified School District.

The Building Coherence for Instructional Improvement (BCII) Project is a program designed to enhance coherency across instructional systems. CVELI is working with Harvard Graduate School of Education to engage school and district leadership teams in professional development over two years. Clovis Unified is piloting the project. Members from seven Clovis Unified K-12 sites will learn to work together to implement new instructions and improve overall student learning. Once the pilot is completed, CVELI is expected to provide professional development and coaching support to other Valley districts in subsequent years.

CVELI leads the Middle Leaders Program, a program for certificated and classified employees in urban, suburban and rural districts in the Fresno region which focuses on team building, leading change, and creating positive work environments.

CVELI works independently with school districts to improve student learning outcomes. They provide professional development and consulting to address specific organizational priorities and to build the capacity of leaders to meet the



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challenges of their system. Current contracts include Lindsay Unified, Fresno Unified, and Twin Rivers Unified. CVELI also organizes professional development events for educational leaders. Content is created to enhance leadership skills and abilities to implement research-based exemplary practices to raise student achievement, close achievement gaps, and prepare students for college and careers.

The Fresno Area Strive project is led by Fresno Compact (Fresno Unified, Clovis Unified, Central Unified, and Sanger Unified) and is partnering with CVELI, to create a seamless system “from birth to career” for students to reach their higher education and workforce goals. The project will be designed to strengthen educational and support systems. Initially, the systems will be developed for the Compact districts; subsequently, the Compact will develop systems to expand across Fresno County.



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Work Group Water Quality, Supply & Reliability

OCED Staff Liaison Silas Cha

Lead Organization(s) California Water Institute

Lead Organization Contact Sarge Green

Reporting Period 4TH Quarter 2013

California Water Institute continues to execute “special contracts” on water management activities that aid the eight San Joaquin Valley (Valley) counties in attaining Partnership shared goals. The goals include improved groundwater conditions and management, improved disadvantaged community water supplies, a healthy Delta and a Valley-wide water management plan. This quarter’s special contract effort involved an ongoing effort with Stanislaus County on its ground water ordinance on export and overdraft. The contract has been extended until mid-third quarter of the 2014 to assist in the implementation of the ordinance and the programs supporting the ordinance.

There is a continuing effort for underground water recharge improvement involving mapping and quantification of recharge capacities in the Valley. Continued efforts on drinking water supplies for disadvantaged communities in the Valley involved participating in various area-specific regional plans including the Tulare Basin and Upper Kings Forum and providing responses to communities seeking assistance. These efforts are being conducted in tandem with Dr. Karl Longley.

Other “Valley Water Plan” activities include working with the Delta Vision Foundation Task Force on water management efforts to meet state co-equal goals of water supply and ecosystem benefits and the specific Delta water transportation issues related to and impacting Valley water supplies. The two Task Force work groups are Surface Storage and Regional Water Management; staff participated in both this quarter.

The above efforts feed into the overall goals defined in the Valley Water Plan strategic effort adopted in 2009.



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Work Group	Workforce Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Mike Dozier
Lead Organization(s)	Central California Workforce Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Blake Konczal
Reporting Period	4 TH Quarter 2013

Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) that comprise the Central California Workforce Consortium (CCWC) are working to take advantage of training and job opportunities associated with the vast amount of public infrastructure work within the San Joaquin Valley

According to research conducted by Applied Development Economics for the CCWC (which includes eight LWIAs between Stockton and Bakersfield), there is approximately \$30 billion in public infrastructure work in the Central Valley slated between 2010 and 2020, **not including** the California High Speed Rail project.

Three projects in particular are taking advantage of these opportunities, including:

1. The Central Valley Back 2 Work Grant, with the Stanislaus LWIA as the lead;
2. The Heroes to Work Grant to fund PG&E utility worker training and job placement, with Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board (FRWIB) as the lead and Kings County and Madera County LWIAs as partners;
3. Public Infrastructure Multi-Craft Pre-Apprentice Training Grant, with FRWIB as the lead and Stanislaus and Kern/Inyo/Mono LWIAs as partners.



Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Designation

The Opportunity

The Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) Designation will be granted by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to 12 communities across the country to help accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing in regions. The IMCP will reward communities that combine their efforts around workforce training, infrastructure and research centers to implement an economic development plan that will attract, retain and expand manufacturing investment. Designated communities will receive the coordinated support of thirteen federal agencies and preferential consideration for \$1.3 billion in existing federal funding opportunities.

The Proposal

Through a strategic partnership between the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State, the Center of Economic Development at Chico State, Valley Vision, Innovate NorthState, and the Central Sierra Economic Development District, **Central Valley AgPlus** is an unprecedented effort to bolster California’s bio-based economy. It is widely recognized that production agriculture has been the Central Valley’s heritage and competitive advantage in the global economy; however, “food, fiber, forest and fuel” are the region’s growth opportunities of the future.



Increasing the amount of value-add agricultural manufacturing which occurs within the region will help reduce the amount of dollars and jobs that leak into other countries; primarily those along the Pacific Rim trade corridor. The region also is uniquely positioned to capitalize on alternative fuel production stemming from agricultural waste streams and biomass situated within the region’s forested areas. Reducing the biomass within the region’s forests will not only reduce the propensity of costly fires but also make the critical watersheds that irrigate the Central Valley more efficient and bountiful.

Through coordination and strategic investments in areas such as in-demand workforce training, commercialized research, strengthened supply chains, improved transportation and energy infrastructure, export promotion and enhanced access to capital, the four sub-regions of the Central Valley will mitigate their chronic poverty and unemployment by creating a globally competitive environment that will attract, retain and expand investments in manufacturing. This designation will enable California’s Central Valley to create good-paying jobs while expanding the nation’s manufacturing output and exporting value.

Preferential Consideration: Inventory of Programs

<i>Department of Agriculture</i>	RBEG; REDLG; Intermediary Re-lending; Rural Development Loans; Business & Industry Loan Guarantees
<i>Department of Housing and Urban Development</i>	Integrated Planning & Investment Grants; Delta Community Capital Capacity Initiative; Appalachia Economic Development Initiative
<i>Department of Labor</i>	Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant (TAACCT)
<i>Department of Transportation</i>	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)
<i>Environmental Protection Agency</i>	Targeted Brownsfield Assessments (TBA); Brownfield Site Assessment/Cleanup/RLF
<i>National Science Foundation</i>	Advanced Technology Education (ATE); I/UCRC (supplemental awards)
<i>Small Business Administration</i>	Accelerator Program
(Additional Technical Assistance available and programs that support IMCP objectives)	
<i>Department of Commerce</i>	MEP technical assistance
<i>Department of Defense</i>	Community Economic Adjustment technical assistance
<i>Department of Education</i>	Technical education technical assistance
<i>Department of Energy</i>	Clean Energy Company Incubation; CHP technical assistance; Industrial Assessment Centers; National Lab Resources

Benefits of the Designation

There are many direct benefits of the designation:

- Preferential consideration for \$1.3 billion in federal funding
- A federal point of contact to help access federal economic development resources
- Branding and promotion as a Manufacturing Community
- Potential consideration for federal financial assistance through challenge award grants

As well as, many indirect benefits:

- Enhanced cross-regional collaboration
- Strong network for resource sharing and peer learning
- Organizational structure for future investment opportunities

Central Valley AgPlus – California’s “Mega Region” for a bio-based economy

The proposed geography includes 28 counties and comprises four *sub-regions*:

