

# Partnership Summit Thursday, October 4, 2007

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Visalia Convention Center  
303 E. Acequia Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93291

**11:00 AM**  
**Registration Opens**

**Pre-event refreshments – Eucalyptus Courtyard**

**12:00 PM**  
**Opening General Session/Lunch**

**Welcome and Introductions**  
**Supervisor Connie Conway and Secretary Mike Chrisman**

Keynote Presentation



Dr. Mark Drabenstott  
Director & Research Professor  
RUPRI Center for Regional Competitiveness  
University of Missouri-Columbia

Mark Drabenstott is a seasoned observer of regional development and policy issues whose insights have gained national and international recognition. Mark was named founding director of the Rural Policy Research Institute's Center for Regional Competitiveness at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2006. The Center helps regions craft world-class development strategies for competing in the global economic race. Before coming to the Center, Mark was with the Federal Reserve System and led the creation and development of the Center for the Study of Rural America.

**Partnership takes off**  
**First Year Update**  
**KVPT Television**

**Partnership Annual Report**  
**Secretariat for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

**Ashley Swearingin, Director of Community & Economic Development**  
**CSU Fresno**

**1:45 PM** Break

**2:00 – 2:45 PM Work Group Session A**

Air Quality Charter Oak Ballroom

Mission: Enable residents to enjoy healthy air by removing the adverse impacts of poor air quality and improving the quality of life.

Presenters

Mark Keppler, Maddy Institute  
Secretary Linda Adams, California Environmental Protection Agency  
Pete Weber, Regional Jobs Initiative  
Katie Stevens, California State University Fresno

K – 12 Education San Joaquin Ballroom AB

Mission: 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.

Presenters

Lee Andersen, Merced County Superintendent of Schools  
Don Holder, Fresno County Office of Education  
Secretary David Long, California Secretary of Education  
Marcy Masumoto, Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute  
Jill Tafoya, Fresno County Office of Education

Energy San Joaquin Ballroom CD

Mission: Promote energy use efficiencies and adoption of clean, renewable energy technologies to ensure a reliable supply, grow the economy, and improve air quality.

Presenters

Tim Fisher, Great Valley Center  
Paul Johnson, Paul Everett Johnson & Associates  
Eric Stein, CA Department of Food & Agriculture

**3:00 – 3:45 PM Work Group Session B**

Water Quality, Supply & Reliability San Joaquin Ballroom CD

Mission: Ensure a reliable, adequate quality water supply to sustain a high quality of life, and a world-class agricultural sector, while protecting and enhancing the environment.

Presenters

Secretary Mike Chrisman, California Resources Agency  
Supervisor Ray Watson, Kern County

Kathy Wood, California Water Institute

Land Use, Housing & Agriculture San Joaquin Ballroom AB

Mission: Support and promote regional consensus on future land use through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Plan process that identifies appropriate areas for growth and economic development, contributing to the conservation of important agricultural land and natural resources and advancing the sustainability of the region.

Presenters

Jim Bourgart, California Business, Housing and Transportation Agency  
Secretary Mike Chrisman, California Resources Agency  
Barry Hibbard, Tejon Ranch  
Secretary A. G. Kawamura, California Department of Food & Agriculture  
Marjorie Kim, Merced County Association of Governments  
Rollie Smith, US Department of Housing & Urban Development

Higher Education & Workforce Development Sequoia Room AB

Mission: Expand higher education opportunities and develop the workforce preparation infrastructure to support sustained, long-term economic vitality.

Presenters

Lorraine Salazar, Sal's Mexican Restaurant  
Jeff Wyly, California Labor & Workforce Development Agency  
Jeff Rowe, Alliance WorkNet  
Cheri Cruz, Central Valley Higher Education Consortium

Advanced Communications Services & Information Technology Mineral King Room

Mission: Facilitate the deployment and utilization of advanced communications services and information technology throughout the region.

Presenters

Sunne Wright McPeak, California Emerging Technology Fund  
Dr. Maria Pallavicini, University of California Merced  
Barbara Patrick, Great Valley Center

**3:45 – 4:15 Break – Refreshments available in the Eucalyptus Courtyard**

**4:15 – 5:00 PM Work Group Session C**

Transportation San Joaquin Ballroom AB

Mission: Build innovative transportation systems to increase travel choices and improve mobility, regional and state goods movement, air quality and economic prosperity.

Presenters

Ray Beach, County of Madera  
Keith Bergthold, City of Fresno

Jim Bourgart, California Business, Housing & Transportation Agency  
Barbara Patrick, Great Valley Center

Health & Human Services      San Joaquin Ballroom CD

Mission: Achieve improved health status and well being by promoting healthy lifestyles, nurturing safe communities, providing timely access to necessary health care and social services, and embracing the cultural diversity of the region.

Presenters

John Capitman, Central Valley Health Policy Institute  
Juanita Fiorello, Valley Professional Services  
Jane Middleton, California State University Fresno  
Laurie Primavera, Central Valley Health Policy Institute

Economic Development                      Sequoia Room AB

Mission: Implement creative and collaborative solutions to region-wide infrastructure challenges, focus on the growth of target industries with comparative advantages, and promote the region as a business and tourist destination.

Presenters

Jennifer Faughn, Central California Economic Development Corporation  
Mike Locke, San Joaquin Partnership  
Paul Saldana, Tulare County Economic Development Corporation  
Stan Simpson, Buckman Mitchell Group

5:00 PM      Hosted Reception in the Plaza Courtyard