



## Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 17, 2017  
10am-3pm

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Madera Municipal Golf Course  
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California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

## 2017-2018\* Partnership Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

### 2017

DATE	COUNTY
March 17	Madera
June 16	Kings
September 15	Kern
December 8	Stanislaus

### 2018

DATE	COUNTY
March 16	Merced
June 15	Tulare
September 21	Fresno
December 7	San Joaquin

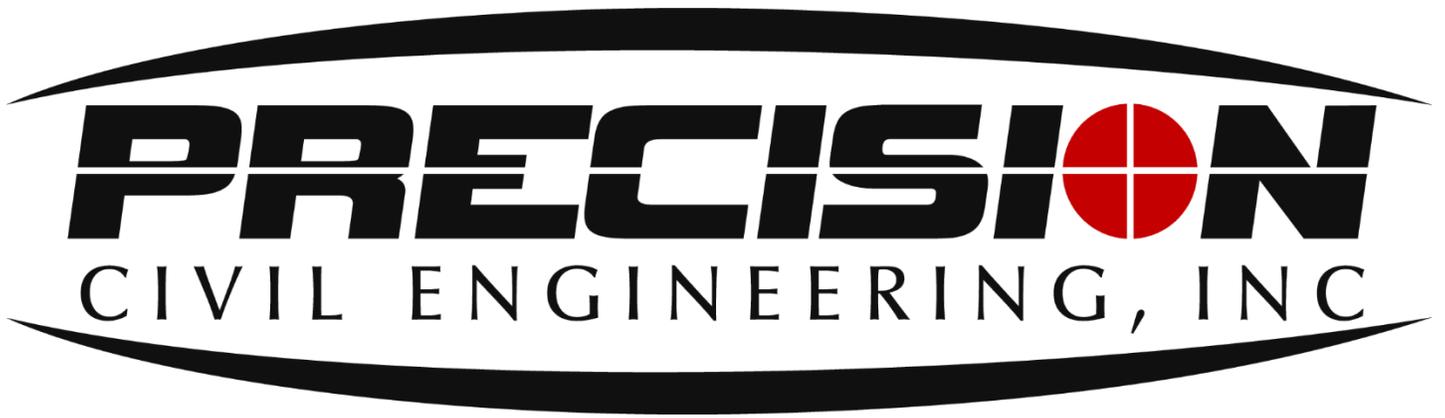
\*Meeting schedule is tentative

### Meeting Scheduling

- Meetings are typically scheduled on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of the month with the exception of December.
- Meetings are typically scheduled from 10am to 3pm

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of MADERA COUNTY

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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

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**DRAFT**

Friday, June 17, 2016, 10am – 3pm

Tulare County Ag Commissioner's Building  
4437 S. Laspina  
Tulare, CA 93724

### 1. Convene Meeting – Introductory Remarks

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The second quarter 2016 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was called to order by Deputy Chair Luisa Medina at 10:13am. Introductions were made around the board table and from the speakers, staff and community guests in the room.

Board members present were: James Aleru, Lynne Ashbeck, Steve Bestolarides, Elaine Craig, Randy Dodd, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Mike Gallo, Andrew Genasci, Pat Gordon, Genoveva Islas, Carlton Jones, Dorothy Leland, Luisa Medina, Andrew Mendoza, Suzi Picaso, Mary Renner, Luis Santana and Ted Smalley.

Board Deputies present were Sharri Bender Ehlert from California Department of Transportation, Jim Houston from California Department of Food and Agriculture and Sonya Logman of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

Partnership Board Advisory members present were Glenda Humiston, UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Robert Tse, State Broadband Coordinator for USDA CA Rural Development

### 2. Recognition of Sponsors and Dignitaries - Welcome

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The board recognized and thanked the meeting sponsors which were the County of Tulare, Tulare County Economic Development Corporation and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG).

The Partnership board and guests were welcomed to Tulare County by board member Ted Smalley from TCAG, Craig Vejvoda, Chair of the Tulare County EDC and board member Carlton Jones from the Tulare City Council.

### 3. Resolution Adoption

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At the recommendation of board member DeeDee D'Adamo, a resolution has been drafted to recognize Ron Addington on his recent retirement for his work with the Partnership. Ismael Herrera from the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), secretariat to the Partnership, read the resolution to the board and proposed its adoption. Bryn Forhan formally moved to adopt the resolution. Lynne Ashbeck seconded and the motion was approved. The resolution to commend Ron Addington was adopted.

### 4. Public and Board Comment

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Board advisory member Glenda Humiston discussed collaboration among the USDA, UC's and county based organizations.

Deputy Chair Medina directed the board to the sponsorship flier at each board member's seat at the table. The Partnership's 10-year celebratory event is scheduled for October 5, 2016. The board was encouraged to work with staff to help identify and recruit sponsorship for the event.

### 5. Consent Calendar

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Ismael Herrera presented the consent calendar, including the last meeting minutes, updates on the Partnership strategic efforts and work group reports. Lynne Ashbeck moved to accept the consent calendar as published. Elaine Craig seconded and the motion was approved.

### 6. Partnership Strategic Effort: Water

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Sarge Green delivered a brief synopsis of his report to the board before introducing the first of three panels to speak about the Partnership's strategic effort on Water.

The first part of the presentation was the Bureau Basin Study presented by Arlan Nickel and Mike Tansey from the US Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento. The purpose of the Basin Study Program is to work with the state and local partners in 17 Western States to evaluate future water supply and demand imbalances in a changing climate. The basin studies include assessments of the risks and impacts of climate change on water resources and development of adaptation strategies to address impacts to water supplies and demands.

The study incorporates the entire watersheds of the Sacramento, San Joaquin and Tulare Lake Basins and also includes portions of the Klamath-Trinity River watersheds. The reclamation's cost-share partners include the California Department of Water Resources, the Stockton East Water District, the Partnership, the El Dorado County Water Agency and the Madera County

Resources Agency. Major stakeholders are the Friant Water Authority, Mountain Counties Water Resources Agency, Northern California Water Association, State Water Contractors and San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority. The presentation on this study can be found on the Partnership website at [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

A panel presentation on Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) drinking water was made by Paul Boyer of Self Help Enterprises which works with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities. Self-Help Enterprises has assisted over 150 communities and is currently working with over 70 communities with water issues in an 8 county area with water that is contaminated by arsenic, nitrates and uranium among other substances, and in communities with dry wells. Mr. Boyer reported on the temporary household tank program and loans to drill deeper wells. The full presentation can be found on the Partnership website at [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

James Maughn, Assistant Deputy Director of the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance presented about drinking water funding, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Prop 1, The Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program, Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) and Technical Assistance. Mr. Maughn's presentation can be found on the Partnership website at [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

Dane Mathis from the California Department of Water Resources and Boykin Witherspoon, California State University Water Resources Policy Initiative, also presented on the DAC drinking water issue and the Prop 1 funding of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). This presentation can be found on the Partnership website at [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

The third part of the Water panel was a presentation on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in the Valley from Sarge Green of the Fresno State California Water Institute. The IRWM was adopted by the Partnership in 2009 as a strategy to improve water conditions in the Valley. The water work group included leadership from San Joaquin and Kern Counties and chose the operating principle of working on the activities agreed upon. It resulted in a report prepared by the California Water Institute and IRWM recommended to improve water conditions. Federal legislation offered support in order to develop a Valley-wide plan. Sarge Green's presentation to the board can be found on the Partnership website at [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

After discussion, Lynne Ashbeck made the motion which was seconded by Andrew Genasci and passed by the board that recommendations be brought to the December meeting which would determine just how the Partnership can collaborate with Integrated Regional Water

Management Plans in the region to identify water projects from disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley for the purposes of Proposition 1 funding.

## 7. LUNCH

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### 8. Community Choice Energy for the San Joaquin Valley

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Woody Hastings, Renewable Energy Implementation Manager for Clean Power Exchange, made a presentation on Community Choice Energy for the San Joaquin Valley. Community Choice is a local, not-for-profit public agency which buys and generates electricity for residential and business customers. This organization promotes local control and brings more jobs to the community. Mr. Hastings encourages board members to host a workshop and consider the program for their communities. His presentation can be found on the Partnership website at [www.svjpartnership.org](http://www.svjpartnership.org).

The Board directed Secretariat staff to follow up with Woody Hastings of Clean Power Exchange to evaluate the feasibility of a community choice project in the San Joaquin Valley.

### 9. Highway 99 Funding

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Board member Ted Smalley, Executive Director of the Tulare County Association of Governments, made a presentation on Highway 99 funding. Mr. Smalley gave a brief history of the transportation projects since Proposition 1B was approved by the voters in 2006 bringing \$19.9 billion in total, including \$1 billion for State Route (SR)-99 and \$250 million for the Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account.

In 10 years, the SR-99 projects were delivered. More railroad grade separation projects were delivered in the San Joaquin Valley than any other region. However, in June the California Transportation Commission (CTC) had to cut more than \$700 million from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The San Joaquin Valley projects deleted include Fresno SR-41, Kern SR-14, Madera SR-99 and Merced SR-152. This presentation can be found online at the Partnership website [www.svjpartnership.org](http://www.svjpartnership.org).

The Partnership can help the next steps by encouraging that a solution/compromise can be implemented – anything that encourages the legislature. If the money is available, Caltrans can deliver. The Valley is ready, but we need some encouragement to the state to get it done.

Discussion from the board included input about the STIP program's history of being funded by a gas tax. In 2010 when gas prices were very high it was changed and projects that were

completely funded by the per gallon gas tax were pulled. There needs to be a new model to collect revenues for the state highways.

The board directed Secretariat staff to draft a letter to Governor Brown requesting that a representative of the San Joaquin Valley be appointed to the California Transportation Commission. Currently there is no representative from the region serving on the CTC.

#### 10. Central Valley Health Information Exchange: Improving the Health of Our Valley

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This item was removed from the agenda.

#### 11. Least Conflict Solar Development Project

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Robert Tse from the United States Department of Agriculture California (USDA CA) Rural Development and Dustin Pearce of the Conservation Biology Institute presented information on the Least Conflict Solar Development project which is a Geographic Information System (GIS) web-based electronic map that identifies renewable energy sources.

The study resulted in a snapshot of least conflict lands in the San Joaquin Valley for solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Next steps include a dialogue around the identification of least conflict lands, mapping reflecting changing conditions and increased knowledge surrounding solar PV development. Mr. Tse believes that additional discussions and conversations are needed, but this report can serve as a guide and a foundation for future work.

The significance of the project includes the accessibility of the platform and spatial data for all users; public, stakeholder groups and local government. The functionality and ability to overlay data layers in real time and to move from a regional to a local perspective is also relevant. The current data can be easily updated and the platform can be expanded for other groups, geographies and other questions.

Mr. Tse stated that it is a convenient tool for accurate mapping that's fast and doesn't cost anything. The full presentation can be found online at the Partnership website [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org).

#### 12. Public and Board Comment

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Robert Tse announced the upcoming agricultural hackathon. The California Statewide "Apps for Ag" competition will be a 48-hour Ag Tech coding contest on July 15 through July 17, 2016 in Davis and Sacramento. This hackathon is sponsored by the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and the California State Fair and invites web developers, designers,

entrepreneurs and students to collaborate and innovate to help solve the challenges in agriculture today. Mr. Tse reminded the board that it was through the Partnership that the first hackathon was launched.

Board member Lynne Ashbeck suggested that the board rethink the meeting schedule and agenda and was concerned that there were too few people in attendance to hear the final presentation at the meeting.

### 13. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm by Deputy Chair Medina.



## Meeting of the Board of Directors

**DRAFT**

Friday, December 9, 2016 – 10am – 3pm

Manteca Transit Center  
Community Room  
220 Moffat Boulevard  
Manteca, CA 95336

### I. Convene Meeting and Introductory Remarks

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The fourth quarter 2016 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order by Secretary Karen Ross at 10:12am at the Manteca Transit Center in San Joaquin County. Introductions were made around the board table and from the speakers, staff and community guests in the room.

Board Members present were: Steve Bestolarides, Vito Chiesa, Elaine Craig, LeeAnn Eager, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Pat Gordon, Genoveva Islas, Dan Leavitt, Andrew Mendoza, David Nelson, Joe Oliveira, Suzi Picaso, Billy Powell and Secretary Karen Ross.

Deputy Board Member Jim Suennen from the Health and Human Services Agency, designee for Secretary Diana Dooley was also present as well as Advisory Board Members Diane Howerton, Larry Martin and Robert Tse.

### II. Recognition of Sponsors and Dignitaries

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Manteca Mayor Steve DeBrum welcomed the board members, speakers and guests to the Manteca Transit Center and discussed the growth of the 120 Corridor and the challenges that this large growth area brings. Manteca is also working on a water park facility with hotel and convention center to support the region.

The board recognized and thanked sponsors who supported the meeting; David Nelson from AG Spanos who remarked on the growth in the City of Manteca and Dan Leavitt from the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and Andrew Chesley from the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

### III. Board Vote for New Chairman

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Due to lack of a quorum, this agenda item was deferred; however, Vito Chiesa was formally nominated to serve as the new board chair.

### IV. Public and Board Comment

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No comments were made from the public.

The Partnership's 2016 Annual Report was presented to the board by Mike Dozier, Fresno State's Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) Executive Director. The new report include the adopted priority goals and the status and activities of those goals as well as reports on each of the 10 partnership workgroups.

Secretary Ross called out the Fresno State OCED staff and the Partnership work groups for their accomplishments, hard work and motivation on a limited budget.

#### V. Consent Calendar

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The consent calendar vote of approval was carried forward to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

#### VI. New Digital FPPC Form 700 Instructions

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The board members were informed of the new digital FPPC guidelines by board secretariat staff Emily Pasquarelli from OCED. The form 700 can be electronically submitted beginning January 2017. Members' 2016 annual forms have a filing due date of April 3, 2017 and are subject to fines of \$10 per day when late.

A user name and password was already emailed to each board member from [Form700@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:Form700@fppc.ca.gov) which contained a link to log in to the new system with a temporary password. For help with this new system there is a downloadable Filer's User Guide and an eFiler Quick Reference Card. Board Members with further questions were directed to contact Rene Robertson at the FPPC at (916)324-3722 or Emily Pasquarelli at OCED at (559)278-0709. [Download New Digital FPPC Form 700 Instructions](#)

#### VII. Proposal Summary for Partnership to Assist Disadvantaged Communities in Drinking Water Issue

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Sarge Green from the California Water Institute presented a proposal summary for the partnership to assist the disadvantaged communities of the San Joaquin Valley in providing safe, affordable drinking water for all.

Issues that were identified during the recent Tulare Basin Disadvantaged Community Water Study which universally apply throughout the San Joaquin Valley include; a lack of funding for operations and maintenance, lack of technical, managerial and financial capacity, poor water quality, inadequate or unaffordable funding constraints for improvements, lack of informed, empowered or engaged residents. Other issues identified during the study were: the lack of vision and integrated planning to develop solutions, inadequate existing infrastructure, a lack of information on disadvantaged communities, a changing regulatory environment and insufficient quantity of water. Because of the drought, there are places that have just run out of water, such as East Porterville.

There are several partners that were listed in the report that are addressing the issue and three areas of the ten in the Tulare Basin study with which the Partnership can provide significant value: 1. Develop and Maintain Information on the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Water

Needs, 2. Improve Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity (TMF), and 3. Improve Funding for the DACs. [Download Safe Drinking Water Presentation](#)

Secretary Ross of the Department of Food and Agriculture added from her knowledge of recent enforcement actions taken to solve the nitrate problem in groundwater, that there were at times still an issue of arsenic present in the water. The Secretary suggested that she connect Sarge Green with the California Water Board personnel that are working on these problems and spoke about the need to include agriculture in the discussions for the solution.

Vito Chiesa commented that CalEnviroScreen is an easy tool to use to show the impact of the water problems in the valley and believes it should be a priority to invest in the area and offered his help.

Andrew Gensaci discussed the importance of working together to find long term solutions to solve some of the problems.

Robert Tse added that the USDA can help with planning grants and integrate with state resources. There is an opportunity on the technology and innovation side to find a way to remove some of the water contaminants which could be simple to operate and substantially less expensive. Mr. Tse discussed the summer water hackathon challenge being presented by 59DaysOfCode which will be focused on finding solutions for the water problems in the San Joaquin Valley. The Partnership can work to help filter out the solutions.

#### VIII. SED – Substitute Environmental Document

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Supervisor Vito Chiesa introduced Herb Smart with the Turlock Irrigation District to report on the Substitute Environmental Document (SED) which affects many of the rivers and tributaries of the San Joaquin Valley. The unimpaired flows are trying to improve the health of our river system which is in dire straits. There have been differing ideas of what to do and how to do it. All stakeholders need to come to an agreement.

Mr. Smart's presentation has been shared throughout the community and has been discussing the study. The plan would force a dedication of 40 percent of unimpaired flows along the Tuolumne River which could mean a \$4.1 billion impact to the regional economy. People of the region are needed to advocate and are invited to go to [www.worthyourfight.org](http://www.worthyourfight.org) and sign the petition, write formal letters and speak at hearings.

#### IX. Health Priority Update

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Board member Andrew Mendoza from Kaiser Permanente presented a Health priority update with board member Genoveva Islas who represents Cultiva La Salud and is also a Covered California board member. The Health White Paper priorities which include, "a prosperous economy, quality environment, and social and health equity throughout the San Joaquin Valley" were reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Islas recommended a presentation on Health in All Policy from the Office of Health Equity for a more in-depth discussion for further education to determine what more we can do to prevent people from getting sick and to care for people when they do get sick.

Mr. Mendoza reported on the five health-related California ballot measures from November 2016; Prop 52 – Hospital Fee for Medi-Cal, Prop 55 - Prop 30 Extension of income tax provisions, Prop 56 - Tobacco tax increase, Prop 61 – State Prescription Drug Purchases, and Prop 64 – Adult Use of Marijuana Act. [Download CA Ballot Measures Summary](#) [Download Health White Paper](#)

Mr. Mendoza also talked about how the Community Health Needs Assessment is underway now for the 2016-2018 cycle. Survey information is collected regarding the needs of the community and monies can then be used for programs and services to help with health disparities.

Mr. Mendoza further shared that in the counties of the San Joaquin Valley, more than 110,000 individuals are now receiving healthcare through Covered California who may not have had healthcare before. The three top health plans being chosen are from Anthem, BlueShield and Kaiser Permanente. The top counties for enrollments were in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Fresno and Kern counties. There is still work to be done in Merced, Madera, Tulare and Kings to help close the disparity gap.

Secretary Ross discussed nutrition literacy as a way to help close the loop with the emphasis on nutrition and good food choices for health. She believes that the San Joaquin Valley Partnership should be intentional about our California grown food that is very accessible to those especially in the heart of the Valley.

Ms. Islas added that each county does receive nutrition education funding and there are metrics that are being collected. It may be an easy set of information to aggregate. The schools are also being connected. She emphasized again about how well Covered California is doing, but there is still work to be done in enrollments.

#### X. California's Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) Program

Jim Suennen from California Health and Services Agency, board designee for Secretary Diana Dooley, discussed California's Earned Income Tax Credit (Cal EITC) Program. The California version is a compliment to the Federal version. The program aligns with the Partnership's goals in terms of addressing how to reduce poverty in the region and economic development.

This effort is only successful if it is effective at the community neighborhood level engaged with leaders both business and community leaders and faith-based leaders to convey the message through trusted messengers so that this resonates with the individuals in the community which may qualify.

Mr. Suennen introduced Jason Montiel from the California Franchise Tax Board and Manuel Romero from Central California Legal Services to help explain how the tax credit helps the San

Joaquin Valley and how best to promote the program. Mr. Montiel reported last year's data for the eight counties of the Partnership as 57,178 credits issued which amounted to \$39,347,407 issued. The average credit was \$688. Mr. Montiel said that trusted community members are needed to help get the word out, especially to first time filers.

Manuel Romero spoke to the board about the history of the Cal EITC program and how it helps working families to get money back on what they've earned and they will hopefully spend it in their communities and boost the local economy. The program can help bring people out of poverty and sometimes take them out of the streets.

Mai Vang from Community Partnership for Family of San Joaquin spoke to the board about their part in running the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Stockton. They have 19 sites throughout San Joaquin County. They service low income families from within their neighborhoods where they work with the families to try to take back those neighborhoods and make them safe. The VITA program allows them to help the families understand how to use the tax refund money to help get them out of poverty.

There are resources available online at [caleitc4me.org](http://caleitc4me.org), including an easy to use tax calculator and help in different languages. [Download CalEITC Program](#) [Download CalEITC Suggested Newsletter Content](#) [Download CalEITC Employee Notification Procedures](#)

#### XI. Lunch

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#### XII. State Transportation Funding

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Andrew Chesley from the San Joaquin Council of Governments presented to the board an update on State Transportation Funding, a priority issue in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Chesley's first update was on the FASTLANE Grant program. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of December is the deadline for submission and of the regional agencies in the Valley have agreed to be supportive of one another. Only 18 programs were funded nationwide last year and only one in California. A large portion of the funded projects deal with freight which is a priority issue for the San Joaquin Valley.

Another priority issue for us is the passing of new legislation, Assembly Bill 28. Mr. AB28 is the NEPA delegation to Caltrans. On March 1 they will be taking three priority issues to Sacramento: air quality, greenhouse gas reduction issues and freight movement.

Last year the California transportation system had \$780 million cut from the state transportation improvement program which left the program in desperate need of legislation to act on the transportation proposals to increase a wide range of transportation funding sources in the state of California. It does involve tax increases on gas and diesel and registration fees but they are necessary to fund the programs which have a great impact in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Chelsey thanked Secretary Ross for stepping up for the San Joaquin Valley on the Strategic Growth Council work. Proposition 1B projects are being successfully completed throughout the

San Joaquin Valley and making good improvements. On November 8 there were four brand new sales tax agencies as ballot measures passed to help state transportation funding.

### XIII. Ag Tech Program – SJV Regional Broadband Consortium

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From The Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), Eduardo Gonzalez reported on the AgTech Pilot Program, funded by CETF and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium, working to close the digital divide.

The Regional Broadband Consortium is an initiative of the Partnership and is being administered by OCED. This initiative is dedicated to accelerating the deployment, accessibility and adoption of broadband within the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley.

The AgTech Pilot Program serves to help develop a comprehensive approach in utilizing broadband for agriculture, increase the availability of broadband infrastructure in Ag industry and introduce AgTech capabilities to Fresno County farmers and growers. The primary goal is to reduce water usage and increase crop yield by improving automated irrigation systems currently in place through an on farm wireless sensor network and UAV image analysis technology.

[Download AgTech Presentation](#)

### XIV. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding Update

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A Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding update was presented to the board by Jenna Chilingirian, Program Manager at OCED. The program categories of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund are Transportation and Sustainable communities, Clean Energy/Energy Efficiency, and Natural Resources/Waste Diversion. The investment categories are Continuous Appropriation, 50% Reduction in Petroleum, Local Climate Action, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, Safeguarding California/Water Action Plan, Safeguarding California/Carbon Sequestration and Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy. [Download GGRF Update](#)

### XV. Amtrak San Joaquins

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Board member Dan Leavitt from the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and ACE lead a panel discussion on the Amtrak San Joaquins and the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE). The panel included Supervisor Vito Chiesa, SJJPA board member and Virginia Madueño, President of IMAGEN, LLC, as well as David Lipari, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator from SJJPA.

Amtrak San Joaquins makes 7 daily round-trips through 11 counties and covers 364 miles. The SJJPA is responsible for the management and administration of Amtrak San Joaquins service. SJJPA is governed by board members representing each of the 10 member agencies along the 365-mile route. Amtrak is responsible for the operation of Amtrak San Joaquins service, employing the train operation staff and maintaining the equipment.

Amtrak San Joaquins service is funded by the State of California through Caltrans. The state owns the majority of the equipment used on the San Joaquins. As a state funded service, Amtrak San Joaquins belongs to the communities it serves.

Virginia Madueño introduced a video and discussed why she rides the train. She described the people and the experience she has riding the train, which she does almost weekly.

David Lipari discussed the new grassroots approach to marketing, including reaching the communities the train serves, not just larger markets, and reaching out to minority and non-English speaking residents. With Hispanics comprising well over 50% of the San Joaquin Valley population, a key part of marketing is reaching out to Hispanic communities and providing promotional materials in Spanish. [Download Amtrak San Joaquins Presentation](#)

#### XVI. Presentation of Award

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A book was circulated around the board table to be signed for outgoing board chair Ashley Swearingin. The book and award will be presented after the meeting.

#### XVII. Public and Board Comment

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Supervisor Chiesa suggested an update on CalEnviroScreen for a future meeting; Jenna Chilingirian discussed bringing the Housing Collaboration to present; and Secretary Ross talked about outreach to a renewable energy portfolio.

#### XVIII. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.



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## Partnership Strategic Efforts

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## Priority: Water Supply and Quality

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March 2017

Quarter: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016

Reporting Period: October through December 2016

Staff Lead: Sarge Green, Mike Dozier

Report:

### Goal 1 – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

CWI has remained active in the formation and development of a specific groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) that also encompasses the Fresno State campus. The CWI staff represents the campus in the implementation process and has contributed to the design of the organization. The organization, the North Kings River GSA, was formally organized in the reporting quarter with the first official Board of Directors meeting in November. The organization has adopted a budget, appointed key staff and committees and begun the process of developing a sustainability plan. The activities of the agency are substantially coordinated and assisted by Fresno Irrigation District. The efforts are further along than many other groundwater areas in the San Joaquin Valley and therefore serves as both an early learning opportunity on the implementation issues of SGMA but a template for how to proceed on a very complex activity. Working within one of these new groundwater agencies will also assist with understanding the complexity and management alternatives for the number one water priority of the Partnership, safe drinking water for all San Joaquin Valley citizens.

### Goal 2 – Water Supply

One goal of the water supply focus is to a) support and advance appropriate surface and groundwater projects. The main support effort in the quarter involved participating in the technical and application sub-committees for the Temperance Flat water storage project. Five of the Partnership counties formed a joint powers authority to develop an application for State Proposition 1 funds that will finance the “public benefits” portion of the Temperance Flat costs. The JPA formally convened in the quarter and tasked its sub-committees to develop the information necessary to complete an application to the California Water Commission (CWC). The work was started by organizing existing information prepared by the US Bureau of Reclamation and identifying the gaps needed to address the application requirements of the State. The requirements were only in draft form to start but then became final with CWC adoption in December. The work has thus far determined that there are very likely substantial benefits to the environment and groundwater with the construction of the envisioned facility. The future work involves detailing those benefits in the format expected by the CWC but at the same time in a manner that the US Congress can include in spending authorization, mainly for the US Bureau of Reclamation customer water supply benefits. CWI staff is participating in both the technical and application subcommittees on behalf of the Partnership and as a commitment of the President’s office. President Castro authorized staff support to the principals of the JPA.

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A second goal of the water supply effort was to update the Partnership Valley-wide water projects list. No time was invested in this activity during the time period of this report.

### Goal 3 – Funding

No specific effort was conducted to update funding opportunities during this quarter. However, the CSU WRPI staff was authorized to conduct organizational activities under the State Water Resources Control Board's disadvantaged community assistance program. The program has the goal of preparing eligible applicants for State Board funding, including Proposition 1 funds.

### Goal 4 – Education during the quarter

- a. Drinking water – the December Board meeting included a presentation on and a recommendation to make safe drinking the highest priority for the Partnership water efforts was unanimously approved. The first action item proposed to develop a list of the communities and citizens meeting criteria for the priority. Work on the list has begun and will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.
- b. SGMA – see above; the full impacts of SGMA are not as yet understood but once the groundwater sustainability plans get further under way much more will be known about Valley groundwater conditions and where likely areas of concern are located. An update would be likely at that juncture. The “plans” are due by the beginning of 2020 but a lot of the condition assessments will likely be available by 2018.
- c. Drought – the drought began to abate during the quarter, however our Valley groundwater has been so depleted we are still seeing ongoing subsidence and the lowered water levels will pose a challenge for anyone who does not have access to surface water. Groundwater replenishment is a very slow process so one wet year will not recover enough of the groundwater to avoid ongoing problems in those areas. An update on these conditions will likely be part of any water reports at Partnership Board meetings.
- d. Conservation – the staff at the Water Institute's “Center for Irrigation Technology” continue to aid with conservation assistance during the quarter by conducting education seminars for the Ag and landscape sectors.
- e. Groundwater recharge – CWI staff began advising Sustainable Conservation on the metrics and designs needed to optimize groundwater recharge on farm land during the quarter. Sustainable Conservation received a grant and along with UC Davis is implementing and monitoring farm land recharge in several locations in the Valley.
- f. Healthy soils – no activity to report.
- g. Delta fix – no activity to report during the quarter.

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- h. Legislative update – one interesting piece of legislation was adopted; AB 1755 (Dodd) was signed. The bill brings consolidation and better reporting of water data under a coordination structure that pulls more agencies into a collaborative data management and information effort.
- i. CV SALTS – this program had substantial activity and reports finalized this quarter. Policy recommendations on salt and nutrient management for the Valley are part of the work and the policies are scheduled for public review and adoption the next two quarters. The results and impacts will likely be reported to the Partnership in the third quarter of 2017.
- j. Regulatory programs – no specific activity to report.

## Priority: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding

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Quarter: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016

Reporting Period: October through December

Staff Lead: Mike Dozier, Jenna Chilingirian

Report on the priorities that have had activity for the period October 1 through December 31, 2016.

1. Leveraging- Through regional collaboration, assist applicants in the San Joaquin Valley identify and access outside funding to be used to leverage Green House Gas Reduction Funds.
2. Advocacy- Monitor GGRF policy to ensure that funding availability is accessible to potential SJV applicants. As appropriate, the Board should take action in requesting funding policy adjustments to create fair distribution of funds for the SJV.
3. Technical Assistance and Education- Provide technical assistance to rural communities that qualify for funding but lack the resources to apply and implement funding.

In January 2016, a San Joaquin Valley Technical Assistance (SJV TA) team was awarded just under \$100,000 from the Strategic Growth Council to assist eligible San Joaquin Valley communities in applying for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program funding through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Two other technical assistance teams were awarded funding – SCAG – Southern California and ELP Advisors – Sacramento, San Diego, and Bay Area. \$500,000 was available to fund technical assistance teams.

The SJV TA team consists of representatives from the San Joaquin Council of Governments, Fresno Council of Governments, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, California Coalition for Rural Housing, Sigala, Inc., and Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State. The team, in addition to representatives from the Strategic Growth Council, convenes weekly via phone to discuss the technical assistance efforts.

The intent of the technical assistance program is to (1) help eligible applicants in applying for Round 2 of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program and to (2) develop capacity building efforts to assist eligible applicants in applying for future rounds of AHSC funding. There are four tasks identified with the technical assistance program:

- Task 1: Administrative Coordination & Reporting
- Task 2: Concept Application Support –
  - Application Coordination
  - Application Development
- Task 3: Full Application Support –
  - Application Coordination

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- Application Development
- Task 4: Capacity Building for Future AHSC Funding Cycles

The California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) and the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State are leading the AHSC TA Task 4 efforts to build capacity for future AHSC funding cycles. The capacity building efforts include Outreach – activating, engaging, and growing existing networks, and convenings – bringing people and resources together.

CCRH and OCED recognize that the San Joaquin Valley faces different challenges than other regions in the state; therefore, the focus of Task 4 activities must be on engaging stakeholders new to the program, educating jurisdictions and elected officials, and keeping developers interested and excited about the program. The SJV TA team decided to move forward with outreach materials and events that help familiarize people with the program.

On October 18, the SJV TA team a workshop in Fresno. There were over 60 participants in attendance, including representatives from 12 local agencies throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The workshop provided an introduction to the AHSC Program, with an emphasis on building capacity and fostering relationships for future funding rounds.

The California Strategic Growth Council and California Department of Housing and Community Development gave the Introduction to the AHSC Program and led an afternoon strategy session to identify potential developers, priority areas and sites, and overall projects in the various communities represented. The SJV TA team led a Project Recognition Ceremony for the successful Round 2 projects, presented representatives of the San Joaquin Valley Rural Policy Council, San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative, and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

The SJV TA team also facilitated Lessons Learned interactive discussion groups, featuring Self-Help Enterprises, the City of Fresno, Kern Council of Governments, and Cobblestone Placemaking on behalf of Visionary Home Builders of California. Several representatives from Valley MPOs participated in an afternoon panel to discuss the regional perspective of programs like the AHSC Program in the Valley.

## Priority: Higher Education

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March 2017

Quarter: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters 2016

Reporting Period: July 2016 - December 2016

Staff Lead: Benjamin Duran

Report:

### The Central Valley Higher Education Policy Summit

The October 3-4, 2016, summit at Tenaya Lodge at the south gate of Yosemite National Park hosted 82 participants inclusive of CVHEC member CEOs, philanthropists, advocacy partners, California Assembly members, California Senators and members of the California Community College Chancellors Office and K-12 administrators.

At the summit, the greatest takeaway from the 15 to Finish conversation was that it should be a Valley-wide effort, not just one left to individual regions of the Valley. Respondents recognize that CVHEC should lead the Valley in making a commitment and shift in culture to see students enrolling in 15 units. Community college representatives felt the greatest impact would be a Valley-wide approach and recognize that leaving the charge with individual colleges would weaken the effort. The four-year institutional representatives recognize the "15 to Finish" message should begin at the K-12s to educate students on time to degree and pathways to effect change. Further, respondents felt a legislative effort to put dollars behind financial aid to dispel the myth that 12 units is full time was a great opportunity to create a shift in graduation rates. By far, the 15 to Finish message was the area of discussion that generated opportunities for change, but recognized it would take the entire Valley to lead the effort.

Although each campus is nuanced, respondents recognized that CVHEC can demonstrate leadership by continuing to support this effort by providing technical support and best practices. Furthermore, responders recognized in order to be successful each campus must gain buy-in from their faculty and felt that VPs and Deans should be involved in the process to support that effort. Responders recognize that California Acceleration Project (CAP) is a valuable resource in helping in this effort and should continue to be used for training. Responders did feel it would be valuable to create a road-show to highlight member schools efforts to encourage and increase buy-in from local faculty.

Again, four-year institutions saw corequisite remediation from a different perspective and felt the process should begin with K-12 alignment. In reviewing the summit some respondents felt K-12 consideration was missing from the summit discussion and expressed CVHEC had an opportunity to create an intersegmental system approach to create policies to align learning among Valley schools.

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### Complete College America

The CVHEC has held several meetings, attended webinars, and conference calls with nine community college member institutions to review the best procedures for the collection of data required on a yearly basis by CCA a part of their 14 state data tracking of students in remedial education courses. Additional meetings and conference calls were held with the Community College Chancellor's Office to best identify a protocol for obtaining the data required. Additional meetings are planned in early 2017 to complete the process. This information will be shared with CCA to promote the successes of corequisite remediation. At the end of the two year pilot program, two and four year institutions will promote corequisite remediation and join CCA in its national data collection and training programs.

Workgroups targeting corequisite remediation, Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) completions, Degree Audits and Reverse Transfer, and K-12 Alignment with Higher Education are continuing to meet. The goal is strategies that can be implemented and brought to scale in the region. CCA will provide technical assistance through Spring 2018 to implement models by:

1. Developing policy regarding Foster Care/Transitional Youth and college completion.
2. Working collectively on Central Valley GOAL 2025. We are gearing up to set a college going goal for the Central Valley and work with partners in all four sectors (Higher Education, K-12, Nonprofit, and Business for Profit) to identify best practices to bring to scale and leveraging of resources and talent.

### The Transitional Foster Youth Report

The Transitional Foster Youth Report commissioned by CVHEC entitled *Transitional Age Foster Youth: Getting Them Into and Through College* was completed in July 2016. The report surveyed 16 CVHEC member institutions.

Some of the highlights of the report include:

- the great majority (83%) of foster youth start their higher education studies at community colleges
- financial difficulty and lack of adequate housing (79%) topped the challenges facing foster youth
- academic difficulty and lack of a caring adult (50%) were the next most frequently cited barriers
- other challenges were lack of emotional/mental health support and transportation issues (42%)

Recommendations included:

- waiving of tuition and fees
- provide stable housing
- increase campus awareness to policy makers to promote special funding avenues
- provide stable staffing and assist in academic preparation.

### Lumina Foundation Community Partnership for Attainment

The CVHEC offers an excellent platform of having the presidents and chancellors of 27 San Joaquin Valley higher education institutions partner with the Lumina Foundation in reaching our goals of inclusion by

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making college more accessible to more students to become future leaders to better serve society. We envision a partnership showcasing Lumina Foundation's leadership role in:

- Inclusion of at risk students,
- Improving retention and completion rates for all students and,
- Improving the number of degrees and certificates awarded annually,
- And strive to have students graduate within two (community college) and four years (university).

CVHEC has signed onto the Goal 2025 Campaign by:

1. Planning to attend the Lumina Convening in February 2017 to report-out accomplishments and obtain information on best practices of other funded institutions and organizations.
2. Leveraging a Lumina Foundation Community Partnerships for Attainment initiative towards this goal.
3. Increasing proportion of residents with high-quality degrees, certificates and credentials by 2025.
4. Committing to an outcomes-based approach,
5. Focus on designing and building an accessible, responsive, accountable higher education system,
6. Fostering a regional sense of urgency to achieve Central Valley Goal 2025.

### Central Region/Mother Lode Consortium

CVHEC has partnered with the Central Region/Mother Load Consortium to bring regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) practitioners and educators together to deliver CTE training and education at member colleges. CVHEC convened a meeting of presidents to discuss regional legislation and funding and will be following up on a range of recommendations.

### Branding and Sustainability

From the partner perspective, CVHEC has a great opportunity to build its brand by serving as the Valley leader to drive these initiatives. A philanthropy representative conveyed that demonstrating 100 percent buy-in from members; and setting clear, measurable goals are attractive qualities to philanthropy. Representatives recommend CVHEC position itself as possessing the expertise and a willingness to take the lead. The summit served to change that impression and demonstrated CVHEC's commitment to taking on a leadership role. It is important to not lose the momentum created by the summit and sense of commitment of what CVHEC will tackle. Partners were enthusiastic with the leadership Dr. Benjamin Duran brings and expressed that CVHEC has a clear opportunity to bring leadership to the Valley. It is important to note that more than one respondent (CEO and Partner) expressed gratitude toward Dr. Duran's leadership at CVHEC with many noting it was a "new day."

In January 2017, the CVHEC members voted to increase dues by 25% per year for four years to enable the organization to retain necessary staff and to have the Consortium focus more time and efforts on its goals. The Consortium also added two new members – DeVry University and California Health Science University – and had one member withdraw – University of the Pacific - for a net increase from 26 to 27 members.

## Priority: San Joaquin Rail Service

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March 2017

Quarter: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016

Reporting Period: October through December 2016

Staff Lead: Dan Leavitt, Mike Dozier

### Goal 1- Planning for Sacramento Morning Express Service

During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2016, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) focused its efforts on the initial planning work for 'Sacramento Morning Express Service'. The Morning Express Service program's goal is to deliver passengers to both Sacramento and the Bay Area by 8am. This effort is part of SJPA's response to a decline in Amtrak San Joaquin ridership. Morning Express Service would help diversify Amtrak San Joaquin ridership profile by increasing business travelers' utilization of the service. Currently, Amtrak San Joaquin ridership profile is nearly 90% leisure travelers which makes ridership highly sensitive to changes in economic and market conditions. The initial focus for the Morning Express Service program is Sacramento, with the Bay Area to follow shortly.

The initial planning phases for Morning Express Service have included station assessments for security and safety concerns, as well as station parking capacity assessments. With this transformational service change, station utilization will also change. An increased number of Amtrak San Joaquin riders will be arriving at stations early in the morning and departing later in the evening, necessitating the need for additional lighting and security measures. In addition, an increased numbers of riders will be driving to stations in Single Occupancy Vehicles with the need to park for the duration of the work day. Both of these concerns have necessitated assessments to ensure the stations are ready for an increased utilization upon initiation of the service.

Morning Express Service will originate in 'mid-corridor' in Fresno. Due to terminus station departure times to arrive in Sacramento and the Bay Area by 8am, the 'mid-corridor' Fresno departure is necessary as a departure from Bakersfield would be too early to reasonably expect ample supportive ridership. To accomplish Fresno departures, a layover facility is necessary for trains to layover overnight in Fresno and be prepared for early morning departures. Planning work with BNSF is being conducted to locate a suitable site. SJPA has determined a temporary layover facility is necessary to accelerate the delivery of this service. A permanent layover facility is being planned for future continuation of mid-corridor starts and ends.

SJPA is engaging in potential rider surveys to assess interest in Sacramento Morning Express Service, as well as, understand rider preference and create a stakeholder database for future outreach. SJPA is deploying this survey through many different channels including: member agencies, partnerships, in-person collection, social media, and digital ads. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley has partnered with SJPA by placing the survey link on its homepage and sending out an e-blast. Thus far, SJPA has received nearly 2,000 survey respondents.

### Goal 2- Dedicated Annual Funding for California Intercity Passenger Rail Services

Along with its intercity passenger rail partners, SJPA is seeking support for intercity passenger rail to be included in the transportation funding bill in the California State Legislature. California Intercity Passenger Rail Services carry over 6 million passengers annually, help reduce congestion, and improve air quality, yet

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lack a stable funding source for capital improvements. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley has submitted a letter of support to the State Legislature for intercity passenger rail inclusion in State transportation funding bills.

With this funding, SJJPA will be able to expedite projects needed to initiate Amtrak San Joaquin's 8th Daily Round-Trip planned for between Fresno and Sacramento. Short-Term San Joaquin capital projects includes a permanent layover facility for the Morning Express Service; double tracking projects to facilitate an 8th Daily Round-Trip; track resurfacing to achieve 90 mph service; and funding for stations. Based upon the planned service expansions and enhancements, a ten-year capital program, estimated at \$1.5 billion, was developed. Providing frequent service to Sacramento is the greatest focus of SJJPA's 10-year capital program. SJJPA is envisioning getting hourly service to/from Sacramento within the next 10 – 15 years.

## Priority: San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI)

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March 2017

Quarter: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016

Reporting Period: October through December 2016

Staff Lead: Erik Cherkaski

### Report:

#### Central Valley AgPlus

The Central Valley AgPlus Food and Beverage Manufacturing Consortium (AgPlus) was awarded \$250,000 in funding through the EDA's Economic Adjustment Grant. The award supports the AgPLUS Implementation Plan throughout the 28 county Central Valley region. Through this funding, AgPLUS will be able to support new developments in each of the six pillars. AgPLUS was also awarded a USDA Rural Business Development Grant, which will provide a series of workforce development workshops in rural areas throughout the Central Valley. The workshops focus will include federal and state grant procurement, micro loan access and growth strategies. In October, AgPLUS executive committee members attended the annual IMCP Summit in Washington DC, along with the other IMCP regions.

#### Health and Wellness Cluster

The Fresno Community Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP) held a quarterly meeting to discuss recent developments on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. In December, FCHIP's Land Use and Planning Workgroup's Health Priority Index (HPI) went live. Created in collaboration with the Fresno County Department of Public Health, The HPI is an extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) map that compiles and visualizes information on health statistics in Fresno County from local, state and federal resources. Data provided on the map focuses on the level of health burden in Fresno, and features information on various health disparities, and mortality rates. HPI health indicators will be updated every 5 years. To view the Health Priority Index, visit <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/DivisionPage.aspx?id=71385>

#### Agriculture Cluster

The AG Cluster held their Quarterly meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, where the following question was proposed: "should smaller work groups pick projects in the community, and is it possible to pick one a year?" The cluster will look for new ways, to bring big industries and ag farming together to gear towards a new generation of farmers. One way they are looking at doing this is through the Central Valley AgPLUS Food and Beverage Manufacturing Consortium, an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) designated region in the Central Valley that provides support to food and beverage manufacturers. In addition, the Cluster is discussing way to enrich local school ag programs, and help revitalize local businesses by expanding a healthier food options. The cluster also continues discussions on farm to fork programs that could potentially be launched in the foreseeable future. Key focuses for 2017 are access to local farmers markets and seeking access to more federal and state level funding opportunities.

#### Water Technology Cluster

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, the Water Cluster held its quarterly meeting which featured presentations from startup companies offering new technologies in water and clean energy, and an overview of the BlueTechValley project.

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The BlueTechValley project website went live in November 2016, with the project geared to go into full force in 2017. More information can be found on the newly launched website <http://bluetechvalley.org/>. Funded through a grant from the California Energy Commission, the BlueTechValley project ensures a robust pool of energy and water innovators from disadvantaged communities in the region and also the deployment of innovative technologies in those communities. This way it strategically leverages the region's resources and assets to create a fertile environment for entrepreneurs to turn vision into real world solutions. The purpose of the BlueTechValley Initiative is to spur growth and help turn entrepreneurial visions into real-world solutions for managing our finite resources: water and energy.

### Manufacturing Cluster

The San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance (SJVMA) held its 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Membership meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Madera, with close to 100 people in attendance.

The meeting included initiative updates from the cluster chair Mike Betts on the CTE Ecosystem and Life Skills Initiative. As well as presentations by Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board provided news on their Incumbent Workforce Training policy, The California Employment Training Panel, and several other members.

The Alliance main focus has been planning for the third annual Manufacturing Summit, which will be held in Fresno on April 20<sup>th</sup>. This year's event marks the first time SJVMA members are fully in charge, and actively involved in, the planning and hosting of the event, which was previously done by the Office of Community and Economic Development. Registration went live December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### Clean Energy Cluster

On October 19<sup>th</sup> 2016, the Clean Energy Cluster sponsored the inaugural San Joaquin Valley Clean Transportation Summit at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District in Clovis, CA. The event was hosted by CALSTART in partnership with Office of Community and Economic Development Office of Fresno State.

The Summit featured vendor booths, speakers, and breakout sessions on topics including electric vehicles, incentive programs and natural gas alternatives. Numerous vehicles were on display, and were available for ride n' drive opportunities.

The event provided an opportunity to learn about the latest and advanced, clean transportation technology options right here in the Valley through an up close and personal experience.

Energy Company Biodico hosted the Clean Energy Cluster's quarterly meeting at the University of California: West Side Research and Extension Center in Five Points, CA on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, which included a tour and overview of Biodico's Westside Biofuel Facility. Biodico was awarded a \$1.2 million grant by the California Energy Commission to develop a Zero Net Energy Farm (ZNEF) which the Cluster is a partner of. The project entails the development of a Zero Net Energy Farm (ZNEF), a self-sustaining area where the amount of energy used is equivalent to the amount of renewable energy created on site. The renewable clean technologies being explored are: solar cogen (sunlight), turbine (wind), gasification (wood chips) and anaerobic digestion (Ag waste). The ultimate goal is to increase the use of clean, renewable energy while stimulating economic growth in disadvantaged areas.

In December, the Cluster sponsored two community forums in Fresno and Visalia discussing Community Choice Energy and electric vehicle rebate programs, hosted by the Clean Power Exchange. The events discussed what benefits Community Choice Energy could potentially offer to the San Joaquin Valley, the movement to expand electric vehicle ownership and concluded with a question & answer session.

## Priority: Health

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March 2017

Quarter: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016

Reporting Period: October through December 2016

Staff Lead: Erik Cherkaski

On October 19, 2016, the Fresno Community Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP) held a quarterly meeting to discuss recent developments and future projects, including updates from each work group.

In December, FCHIP's Land Use and Planning work group's Health Priority Index (HPI) went live. Created in collaboration with the Fresno County Department of Public Health, the HPI is an extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) map that compiles and visualizes information on health statistics in Fresno County from local, state and federal resources. Data provided on the map focuses on the level of health burden in Fresno, and features information on various health disparities and mortality rates. HPI health indicators will be updated every 5 years. To view the Health Priority Index, [click here](#).



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Work Group	Air Quality
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Lead Organization Contact	Jaime Holt
Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016
Reporting Period	Oct 1-Dec 31, 2016

In November 2016, the Valley Air District’s Governing Board heard a summary of the California wildfires that impacted the Valley’s air quality during this past wildfire season. Emissions from wildfires can easily exceed the total emissions inventory for a region, including all mobile and industrial sources combined. The magnitude of these emissions can quickly overwhelm a region’s pollution control measures, creating challenging air quality conditions. Multiple fires burning throughout the State this year increased PM2.5 concentrations in the Valley this summer, which is normally a lower concentration time of the year for PM2.5. Since wildfires also produce the ozone precursors of NOx and VOC, the Valley also experienced elevated ozone concentrations during periods of wildfire impacts this past summer.

The Board discussed the ongoing extreme drought in California, and how this is continuing to create a historically high potential for wildfires in the region. Staff also presented an update on their progress in working with land managers in the region to create collaborative policies to further support prescribed burning as a means to reduce fuel in the region’s forests, and thereby reduce the severity of future wildfires. Specific examples were shared with the Board on successes in this area over this past fire season.

As part of the Valley Air District’s Regional Energy Efficiency strategy, the District has worked with a number of chambers of commerce to develop energy efficiency programs. The programs are designed to provide tools and resources to chamber members to reduce energy usage which in turn reduces emissions. The Valley Air District Governing Board approved up to \$50,000 to contract with chambers of commerce to continue and expand upon past efforts. In 2008, the Board adopted a Fast Track Action Plan to accelerate attainment of air quality standards by seeking voluntary emission reductions from sources outside of the District’s regulatory authority. The Fast Track Action Plan is designed to be a dynamic, non-regulatory, air quality management strategy capitalizing on evolving technologies, market opportunities, and funding mechanisms to accelerate reductions in air pollution. The Fast Track Action Plan includes a Regional Energy Efficiency Strategy that is designed to reduce energy usage and the associated air pollution emissions.

On May 5, 2013, the air monitoring site located at the Bakersfield Municipal Airport on Planz Road recorded an abnormally high reading for PM2.5. This reading was nearly 7 times greater than other PM2.5 measurements in the Bakersfield area on the same day. The Valley Air District believes that the analyzer was overwhelmed by high winds and dusty conditions resulting in particles larger and heavier than PM2.5 being deposited onto filter causing an erroneous reading. Given this anomaly, the Valley Air District has asked EPA not to use this reading as the basis for crafting the Valley’s overall clean air strategy. To date these efforts have not been successful despite prima facie evidence that this reading is erroneous. Therefore, in December 2016, the Valley Air District Governing Board appropriated funding to

hire a qualified laboratory to conduct a detailed analysis of the measurements and compile necessary scientific documentation for presentation to EPA.

In 2016, the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) awarded the Valley Air District the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the GFOA's highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This award was for the latest District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (fiscal year 2014-15 CAFR) representing a significant achievement for the District and representing its commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental reporting and transparency to the public. To earn this award, an impartial panel judged the CAFR as meeting the high standards of the GFOA program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the District's financial story and motivate the public to read the CAFR.

The Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), a joint powers authority that provides special districts, joint power authorities, cities and other public agencies with comprehensive property, liability and workers' compensation coverage, also acknowledged the Valley Air District in 2016. The SDRMA Board of Directors formally recognized "the dedicated efforts of the San Joaquin Valley Air District's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive risk management and loss prevention." These efforts have resulted in no paid property or liability claims for program year 2015-16. Through this great accomplishment, the Valley Air District has earned two additional CIP credits which will result in reduced annual premiums.

Work Group	Economic Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation
Lead Organization Contact	Jennifer Faughn
Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016
Reporting Period	Oct 1-Dec 31, 2016

California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation (CCVEDC) markets the 8-county region to businesses and site selectors that are looking for a business location. CCVEDC's marketing outreach program is designed to provide one regional resource for demographics, sites, incentives and community contacts for project facilitation. In addition, CCVEDC provides regional leadership on economic development through the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

#### Industry Contact Program (October to December 2016)

CCVEDC markets the Central Valley through an Industry Contact Program which results in working with companies that are interested in a location in the Central Valley. In 2016, CCVEDC Reached out/connected with 2479 companies from all over the United States and abroad. These companies were provided anything from general information to a custom site packet. During October to December, CCVEDC worked with 11 companies to assist in a site location in Central Valley.

#### Broker Contact Program

CCVEDC also has a very aggressive Broker Contact program including going on broker trade missions and attending broker events through Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR). During October to December 2016, CCVEDC conducted three (3) missions to: Orange County and Riverside in Southern California, to the Bay Area of California, and to Phoenix Arizona. Each mission is to discuss the value of doing business in Central California, with site selectors, brokers and tenant representatives. CCVEDC is also a sponsor of the Northern and Southern California Society for Office and Industrial Realtors and attended three (3) networking events in San Jose, Newport and San Francisco during October to December.

#### Enews

CCVEDC has a monthly newsletter that is emailed out to all the industry and broker contacts that have been accumulated. Quarterly these emails are good news and economic stories about the valley. On the other months, individual counties are highlighted. During October to December, three (3) newsletters were distributed: one regional newsletter and two individual counties, Fresno and Kings.

#### Website

CCVEDC's website is an important outreach tool and is targeted toward site selection professionals and potential companies. It provides valuable and comprehensive demographic information and news the Central Valley Region. In addition to having a searchable real estate database, the website provides businesses with information necessary for site selection. "One Region ... One Contact" continues to be the most noteworthy component of the regional economic development plan. When a prospective site

selector calls 888-998-2345 for information, they gain access to the Central Valley's eight economic development corporations for sites, information and solutions.

Activity	Name/Place	Contacts	RESULTS /Comments
ENEWS October 19, 2016	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT Kings County	2483	COMPLETE Results: Sent to 2483 contacts, 24% open rate, 7.2% click through rate
CONFERENCE October 20-22, 2016	National SIOR Conference New York, NY		Not a CCVEDC sponsored event Members attending:
BOARD MEETING October 14, 2016	CCVEDC Board Meeting Fresno EDC 10:00 to 12:00		COMPLETE Meeting
BROKER EVENT November 3, 2016	SIOR Night at the Shark Tank San Jose, CA	40	COMPLETE Reps: Madera
MISSION November 7-9, 2016	Newport & Orange Tues, Wed, Thurs am	250	COMPLETE Reps: Madera, Tulare, Kern, Fresno Results: 11 meetings with 17 brokers, 1 drop packets
BROKER EVENT November 10, 2016	SIOR So CA – Networking Dinner The Pacific Club Newport Beach	60	COMPLETE Reps: Fresno Results: 60 total, 25 brokers
ENEWS November 16, 2016	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT Fresno County	2439	COMPLETE Results: Sent to 2439 contacts, 20.5% open rate, 5.3% click through rate
BOARD MEETING November 18, 2016	CCVEDC Board Meeting Conference Call		Conference Call 1-712-432-3022 Code: 703566
MISSION Nov 30 , 2016	Bay Area Broker Mission A few Thurs appointments	490	COMPLETE Reps: 2 reps: Madera, Stanislaus Results: 3 meetings, RFI 1
BROKER EVENT December 1, 2016	San Francisco- SIOR Holiday Luncheon St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco	133	COMPLETE Reps: 4 reps: Madera, Kern, Stanislaus
BROKER MISSION Dec 13-15, 2016	Phoenix, AZ Tues-Thursday	103	COMPLETE Reps: Merced, Fresno, Kings, Kern Results: 15 meetings, Leads/Prospects 5
ENEWS December 7, 2016	Regional Industry and Real Estate News	2294	COMPLETE Results: Sent to 2294 contacts, 20% open rate, 11.0% click through rate

Work Group	Energy
OCED Staff Liaison	Erik Cherkaski
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
Lead Organization Contact	Courtney Kalashian/Paul Johnson
Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016
Reporting Period	Oct 1-Dec 31, 2016

On October 19, the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State and CALSTART hosted the inaugural Clean Transportation Summit. Over 150 people gathered at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District in Clovis, CA for the event, which provided an opportunity to learn about the latest in advanced, clean transportation technology options right here in the Valley through an up close and personal experience. Attendees were able to interact with owners and operators of clean emission vehicles, meet with manufacturers and dealers, hear from state and local agencies, and learn about rebate and incentive programs. The Summit featured vendor booths, speakers, and breakout sessions on topics including electric vehicles and natural gas alternatives, along with numerous vehicles and EV Autonomous Renewable Charger (ARC) that were on display.

The event opened with speeches from the likes of Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula, CALSTART CEO John Boesel and George Minter, SoCal Gas Regional Vice President of External Affairs and Environmental Strategy. Keynote speakers included Fresno Councilmember, Oliver L. Baines III; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; and John Kato, Deputy Director of Fuels and Transportation Division, California Energy Commission. The day ended with vehicle ride-and-drive demonstration with participating dealers and attendees.

On November 9, 2016, alternative energy company Biodico hosted the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Cluster's quarterly meeting at the University of California: West Side Research and Extension Center in Five Points, Calif. Forty participated in the event, which included a tour of Biodico's Westside Biofuel Facility. The company was recently awarded a \$1.2 million grant by the California Energy Commission, for which the Cluster is a partner of, to explore the development of a Zero Net Energy Farm (ZNEF). ZNEFs produce their own power and fuel from local renewable resources, and provide energy stability and security and environmental and economic benefits. The facility tour showed off the technology being explored in the project, which is based at Red Rock Ranch, including anaerobic digestion and gasification.

In December, The Clean Energy Cluster sponsored two community forums on clean energy in the San Joaquin Valley in Visalia and Fresno, hosted by CALSTART and the Clean Power Exchange. The forums focused on the potential benefits of Community Choice Energy (CCE) in the San Joaquin Valley, as well as a discussion on electric vehicles and incentive programs available for their purchase.

On December 20, Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FYI) unveiled 14 EV charging stations located in short-term and long-term parking lots. The expansion of charging stations at the airport was funded through a \$30,000 grant from the SJV Air Pollution Control District's CHARGE Up! Program. With these additions, FYI now holds the distinction of the largest number of chargers in the region with 20 total.

Work Group	Housing
OCED Staff Liaison	Jenna Chilingirian
Lead Organization(s)	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Jenna Chilingirian
Reporting Period	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 (October-December)

The San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative (Collaborative) is a regional 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that formed out of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Housing Workgroup in 2009. The Collaborative works to address housing issues that affect households and communities in the eight-county region of the San Joaquin Valley. Over the past 7 years, the Collaborative has served as a much needed forum to discuss regional housing challenges and strategies and is an invaluable tool for the region to organize as one voice when communicating with state and federal policymakers and regulatory agencies.

The Collaborative is governed by a board of directors and operates as a joint partnership between the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State and California Coalition for Rural Housing.

#### 2016-2017 Board Members

- Leilani Barnett, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- Susan Atkins, Self-Help Enterprises
- Peter Carey, Retired, Self-Help Enterprises
- Claudia Cazares, Granville Homes
- Ray Chavez, Retired, Tulare County Office of Education, *Secretary*
- Heidi Crabtree, City of Clovis, *Treasurer*
- Michael Duarte, Fresno Housing Authority, *Chair*
- Greg Gatzka, Kings County LAFCo
- Barbara Kauss, Housing Authority County of Stanislaus
- Nathan Magsig, Fresno County Board of Supervisors
- Carol Ornelas, Visionary Homebuilders of California, *Vice Chair*
- Mary Renner, Central Valley Health Network
- Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield

On August 18, 2016 the Housing Collaborative hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit in Fresno, *The Housing Connection: Housing as an Anti-Poverty Strategy*. The Summit brought together nearly 230 community development professionals from across the state to the Central Valley to discuss how the housing crisis reaches beyond issues of affordability, crossing into community health outcomes, environmental impacts, transportation access, educational opportunities, and community and economic development.

The Summit served as a space to educate and empower stakeholders to overcome housing-related challenges collectively, and seize opportunities to improve Valley communities.

Breakout sessions throughout the day explored challenges and opportunities, including:

- Housing and Transportation
- Housing and Health
- Housing and Community & Economic Development
- Talking About Housing
- Housing and the Environment
- Housing and Education
- Housing and Workforce Development
- Housing Policy Updates and Advocacy Opportunities

This year, instead of panel-based breakout sessions, the Summit featured think-tank sessions with facilitated discussions led by experts in the field. Facilitators represent various organizations, including: Strategic Growth Council, National Center for Sustainable Transportation, Ten|Space Development, Self-Help Enterprises, Leadership Counsel on Justice and Accountability, Visionary Home Builders of California, Central Valley Higher Education Consortium, and more.

A Directors' Roundtable kicked off the afternoon breakout sessions, featuring Allison Joe, Deputy Director of Strategic Growth Council, Janice L. Waddell, State Director of Rural Development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mark Stivers, Executive Director of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, and Lisa Bates, Deputy Director of Housing Policy Development, California Department of Housing and Community Development.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit received considerable sponsorship support from several organizations throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the state, some of which include: Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, Rabobank, Northern California Community Loan Fund, BBVA Compass, Proteus, Inc., Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Pacific Western Bank, Association for Energy Affordability, and Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation.

On December 8, 2016, the Collaborative hosted a workshop on the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program in Merced. Over 50 attendees participated for a half-day workshop that featured speakers from Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, the California Strategic Growth Council, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

The workshop provided an introduction to the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, with an emphasis on building capacity and fostering relationships for future funding rounds. Three of the seven funded projects in Round 2 were present, including Self-Help Enterprises, Cobblestone Placemaking on behalf of Visionary Home Builders of California, and EAH Housing. Representatives shared best practices and considerations for future applications.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter board meeting took place on December 6. Discussions focused on the 2016 Activities – Code Enforcement Symposium, Affordable Housing Summit, and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program workshop – and board recruitment.

Work Group	Workforce Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Mike Dozier
Lead Organization(s)	Central California Workforce Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Elaine Craig, Madera Workforce Assistance Center
Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016
Reporting Period	Oct 1-Dec 31, 2016

#### California Workforce Investment Board Slingshot

Approximately \$1 million has been infused into the San Joaquin Valley to fund several strategies. Fresno is serving as lead in collaboration with partners from community colleges, economic development, and employers in the manufacturing and construction/trades industries, to facilitate the needs of industry-related training, credentials/certificates, and career pathways, reciprocity of existing curriculum, and prior learning assessment and credit. A prior learning assessment portal has been developed. Slingshot has partnered with National Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Tooling University for a Mechatronics Pathways for Incumbent Worker Training and a Regional Manufacturing Coordinator has been hired to recruit for this effort. The Central Valley Slingshot Consortium will host a series of meetings beginning in Bakersfield with the date to be determined. A website has been developed at [www.valleymade.net](http://www.valleymade.net) and also a toll free number for interested candidates for training. A presentation will also be provided at the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturers Alliance Summit in April.

#### Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program

Several WDBs received funding and successfully implemented the program for veterans who were provided training and supportive services from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Power Pathways program for bridge to utility line workers in gas and/or electric. Additional funds, and WDBs, have been allocated to Fresno as the lead with future trainings to be through the pre-apprenticeship model. Additional VEAP funds have been received in the region with smaller sub-regions partnering with training being dedicated to manufacturing. Another sub region is applying for additional VEAP funds with health manufacturing, construction and transportation/logistics identified as the needed training.

#### Jobs-Driven National Emergency Grant

CCWC received funds distributed to all WDBs, with Madera as the lead. It serves dislocated workers with 30 percent of funds to be expended on work-based learning. The region has received an extension to these funds through March 2017. An economic and skills gap analysis is nearing completion for local areas as well as the region. Additional analysis will be received on the impact of High Speed Rail and the location of the Heavy Maintenance Facility as well as the economic impact to businesses with the impending minimum wage being increased to \$15 per hour. These funds are due to be fully expended with a total of 1396 participants receiving intensive services, 371 received training, 73 OJTs and 139 receiving supportive services, with 34% total funds being spent on work based learning as of December 31, 2016.

## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

CCWC and its participating WDBs began review and implementation of the newly enacted Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIO) signed into law by the president in July 2014. CCWC counties have been designated as a region, with the exception of Mother Lode County. All local areas and the respective workforce boards have received certification and designation by the State. The WDBs have satisfactorily completed the Phase I Memorandum of Understanding that was required with all partner agencies and are currently working on the Phase II which is the financial and infrastructure memorandums. The required local and regional plans have been completed and public comment recently closed for these plans and will now be forwarded to the State. A sub region procurement is currently being conducted for the required One Stop Operator and several WDBs have been working on applications to the Governor and State to be the provider of the delivery of services for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. Madera recently hosted a regional training/boot camp conducted by Business U for 33 workforce development and business specialists professionals from the WDBs.

Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) is a partnership between the workforce development boards (WDBs) and represent the San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Kern/Inyo/Mono, and Mother Lode counties.