



California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

## Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 16, 2017  
10am-3pm

West Hills Community College Lemoore  
Golden Eagle Arena  
555 College Avenue  
Lemoore, CA 93245

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

### 2017

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

### 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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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Friday, March 17, 2017 – 10am – 3pm

Madera Municipal Golf Course  
23200 Avenue 17  
Madera, CA 93637

### I. Oath of Office

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The Oath of Office was scheduled to be administered by Secretary Diana Dooley to swear in Board Member Supervisor Vito Chiesa as new Partnership Board Chair. The swearing in was postponed to the second quarter board meeting pending official news from California Governor Brown's appointments office.

### II. Convene Meeting, Introductory Remarks

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Co-Deputy Chair Luisa Medina called to order the first quarter 2017 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) at 10:05am at the Madera Municipal Golf Course in Madera County. Introductions were made around the board table and from the speakers, staff and community guests in the room.

Board members present: James Aleru, Lynne Ashbeck, Vito Chiesa, DeeDee D'Adamo, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Secretary Diana Dooley, LeeAnn Eager, John Eisenhut, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Genoveva Islas, Dan Leavitt, Dorothy Leland, Luisa Medina, Joseph Oliveira, Francisco Ramirez, Mary Renner, Max Rodriguez, Luis Santana and Ted Smalley.

Deputy Board member present: Sharri Bender-Ehlert, Sonya Logman and Albert Rivas.

Advisory Board members present: Diane Howerton, Larry Martin and Robert Tse.

### III. Recognition of Our Sponsors and Dignitaries

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Max Rodriguez, Madera County Board of Supervisors, introduced a delegation of Madera County staff who attended the meeting. Supervisor Rodriguez introduced Ed Fleming, Madera County Administrative Officer; Norman Allinder, Chief of Development Service; Julia Berry, Director of Water and Natural Resources; Ahmad Alkhayat, Public Works Director; Becky Beavers, Senior Planner from the Madera County Planning Department; Jamie Bax from the planning department; Annette Kliphart, and Leticia Gonzalez, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Rodriguez. Madera City Councilmember William Oliver also was in attendance.

Supervisor Rodriguez also introduced Mayor Andrew Medellin. Mayor Medellin welcomed the board members, speakers and guests to the Madera Municipal Golf Course. The mayor's mother previously served as the city mayor and he himself served on the city council for five years before being elected in

November 2016. Mayor Medellin stated that he researched the Partnership in advance of attending the meeting and spoke in support of the Partnership's mission and vision. He thanked the board for the collaborative efforts and discussed the need to stand together as cities and counties to tackle the issues.

Mayor Medellin reported that local voters in Madera recently passed, by a wide margin, Measure K, which imposed a half-cent sales tax to fund city services. Madera County ranked number one nationwide in short-term job growth and has measured an uptick in housing. The Citizen's Academy is helping in community engagement.

The board recognized and thanked Redrock Environmental Group, Precision Civil Engineering and the Workforce Development Board of Madera County for their very generous sponsorship of the board meeting venue, catering and A/V expenses for the day.

Tracie Scott Contreras, Manager, Workforce Development Board of Madera County, represented board member Elaine Craig and provided the Partnership board with an update on the implementation of the Federal Workforce legislation, the regional planning process which encompasses all eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley, their work with the one-stop centers throughout the region and their move to a much larger facility which is co-located with the adult school.

#### IV. Public and Board Comment

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Mike Dozier, Executive Director for the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State and Lead Executive for the Partnership followed on Tracie Scott Contreras' comment to state that the Workforce Investment Boards, the Community Colleges and the high schools have all been working very well with the private industry to create a pathway to career technical education. The Economic Development Corporations are also a part of that.

Lee Ann Eager, representative, California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation spoke about being sworn in at her first meeting just the day before in San Francisco with the California State Workforce Development Board. She said the same issues were discussed at the meeting she attended and she looks forward to representing the Partnership at future meetings.

UC Merced Chancellor Dorothy Leland thanked the board for endorsing the UC Merced 2020 expansion. The \$1.3 billion expansion has been taking place for the last four months.

Luis Santana, Executive Director of Reading and Beyond, announced the opening of the new Madera Bridge Academy.

Secretary Diana Dooley with the California Health and Human Services Agency commented on the success of the efforts made over the last six years to provide more healthcare services at lower cost to Californian, especially in the San Joaquin Valley.

Lynne Ashbeck of Community Medical Centers spoke about healthcare in the Valley and wished to champion for Secretary Dooley and take a deeper dive into health issues as it could make a profound difference. Mike Dozier noted that for a topic at the next quarterly meeting.

Genoveva Islas of Cultiva La Salud commented that she and Mary Renner of Central Valley Health network would also like to see a Partnership discussion on the implications of a new Health Care bill.

Board Advisory member Robert Tse, USDA California Rural Development, announced the fifth Ag Hackathon at the California State Fair, (Cal Expo) July 28-30, 2017 - a success story that came from the Valley. The first Ag Hackathon was held at West Hills Community College last year.

## V. Consent Calendar

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Mike Dozier presented the consent calendar to the board for the prior two meetings, including minutes, Partnership Strategic Efforts and Work Group Reports. Bryn Forhan moved to accept the consent calendar as published. Lynne Ashbeck seconded and the motion was approved.

## VI. Water Update

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DeeDee D'Adamo, California Water Resources Control Board, presented an update on water issues in California with a report on the recent precipitation, the snowpack levels and the current reservoir storage and groundwater levels.

Ms. D'Adamo reported the figures for statewide precipitation, 174%, which is way over average. What matters more to us is the snowpack, from what one third of our water storage in California comes from. With higher temperature and climate change, it can be challenging even when we initially end up with some high snowpack levels. When the snowpack numbers come out on April 1, we will know whether we can be considered out of the drought. The governor will wait for these numbers before lifting his proclamation.

Reservoir storage statewide looks good. There are state/federal shared facilities and she believes that the federal allocations will not be as high as the statewide water service contractors, which will affect the west side of the San Joaquin Valley.

A key factor in determination of what point we can say we are out of the drought have to look at the low groundwater levels. It will take several wet years, not just one, to get us out of the drought. One third of the water supply historically comes from groundwater. We've been mining the groundwater and it makes a big difference. Important to note is how to break the reactive cycle. Drought is a slow moving crisis, not like an earthquake or a flood, which happens all at once. We need to break the cycle with education and the new programs need to be supported and successful because if they're not the State Water Board will come in and manage local groundwater.

[Download D'Adamo Presentation](#)

Undersecretary Jim Houston from the California Department of Food and Agriculture described the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEET) and presented on CDFA's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation. The program's objective is to provide financial incentives for California agricultural operations to invest in water irrigation treatment and/or distribution systems that reduce water and energy use and increase water and energy efficiencies. There are grants available to implement irrigation systems that reduce greenhouse gasses and save water. The maximum grant is \$100,000 with a total available of \$4.5 million. Recommended match is 50%.

Mr. Houston reported on the Healthy Soils Incentive Program, the Dairy Digester Research Program (DDRP) and Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP).

[Download Houston Presentation](#)

## VII. 59DaysOfCCode

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Rebecca Miller made a presentation to the board on 59DaysOfCode, which is a non-profit organization with the mission to advance high technology in the San Joaquin Valley through arts and culture, tech education and the lab for developing new hardware and robotics. This year there will be another software development competition beginning in June.

Ms. Miller stated that the 59DaysOfCode organization shares the Partnership's vision of improving the quality of life in the San Joaquin Valley. Important dates to note for the competition are the June 18, 2017 kick-off and the Tech Expo planned for August 26. This year's competition theme is water.

[Download Miller Presentation](#)

## VIII. Dairy

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Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director of Dairy Cares, presented on his organization's mission of long term sustainability of California dairy farms through environmental stewardship and responsible animal care. The Dairy Cares family of farms and organizations understand their important responsibility to the land, natural resources and animals in their care. Conservation, preservation, re-use and recycling are fundamental values in these dairy communities.

Mr. Boccadoro discussed the organization's efforts in water conservation, air quality preservation and greenhouse gas reductions.

[Download Boccadoro Presentation](#)

## IX. Lunch

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## X. Update on Distribution of Cap-and-Trade Revenues

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Board Member John Eisenhut with the California Air Resources Control Board first spoke about the California Climate Investment program and how it relates to the Cap-and-Trade program.

California climate investments are part of California's overall climate strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The current goal is to return to 1990 greenhouse gas emission levels by 2020 and reduce 4% a year from 2020 to 2030 to achieve a reduction of 40% by 2030 – an ambitious goal, but as of now we are ahead of our goals and are pleased with the results.

The funding that accrues from Cap-and-Trade, about \$3 million, has been allocated or spent to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Senate Bill 535, The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, requires that the Air Resources Control Board and the California EPA to identify disadvantaged communities and spend 30% in those disadvantaged communities.

The Cap-and-Trade program limits the total greenhouse gas emissions from all regulated sources. The cap declines over time to reduce emissions. The program provides flexibility and reduced costs of compliance.

The Volkswagen Zero Emissions Vehicle settlement will help promote electric and zero emission vehicles into low and moderate income consumers in the rural communities. They will fund a community and the adoption by that community of zero emission transportation. Large enough to be interesting, small enough to be affordable and separate enough from its neighbors so that the effects can be measurable. Car services, shuttle and freight services.

[Download Eisenhut Presentation](#)

Arsenio Mataka, the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice at the California Environmental Protection Agency was next to speak on the distribution of Cap & Trade revenues. Mr. Mataka discussed the CalEnviroScreen tool and its use of 20 indicators of environmental, health and socioeconomic conditions, the evaluation of multiple pollution sources and how the CalEnviroScreen Score is calculated. He displayed the results maps of both all of California and just the San Joaquin Valley.

[Download Mataka Presentation](#)

Randall Winston, Executive Director at the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) updated the board on four programs: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation, California Climate Investments Program Technical Assistance and Transformative Climate Communities.

[Download Winston Presentation](#)

Alex Sherriffs, a family physician in Fowler is also a board member of California Air Resources Board (CARB) and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). Dr. Sherriffs reported that the San Joaquin Valley has the least healthful air in the nation with the highest asthma rates being reported and other negative health effects, including over one thousand premature deaths every year attributed to the air quality.

Dr. Sherriffs said that the Advocacy Strategy of the SJVAPCD is to replicate the current success with bringing clean air funding to the Valley under Proposition 1B, Moyer, AB 118 and more. He also spoke about building a strong Valley Cap-and-Trade Coalition by recurring influential stakeholders from the business and community, developing statement of needs and continuing to educate state policy makers, design self-help regulatory and incentive based programs, build relationships with key legislators, maintain a noticeable presence in Sacramento and publicize the Valley's achievements and strengths.

Dr. Sherriffs encouraged board members to contact Todd DeYoung, Manager, Strategies and Incentives at the Air Resources Control Board at [Todd.DeYoung@valleyair.org](mailto:Todd.DeYoung@valleyair.org) or call (559) 230-5816 or go to [www.valleyair.org/CapandTrade](http://www.valleyair.org/CapandTrade).

[Download Sherriffs Presentation](#)

John Eisenhut said the San Joaquin Valley is designed to be a recipient of many of these funds and action is required and further encourages the board to be engaged in the efforts.

## **XI. Broadband Legislation**

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Sunne McPeak, California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), provided an update for the board on high-speed internet access and broadband legislation. She spoke in support of the Internet For All Now! (IFAN!)

campaign. Ms. McPeak informed the board that they can support the IFAN! act by securing additional endorsements, by writing postcards with a personal message on the front, meet with legislators within the district and capitol and take photos with iFans and send them to CETF. The Partnership is the regional consortium for broadband.

[Download McPeak Presentation](#)

## XII. Public and Board Comment

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Gil Gonzalez, representing board member Panorea Avdis from the Governor's office of Business and Economic Development (GOBiz), announced that he is based in San Francisco but he's a proud native of the Central Valley and he wanted the board to know that there will be a bigger presence of GOBiz in the San Joaquin Valley.

Sonja Logman from California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency announced that Governor Brown just recently appointed Alexis Podesta, a Modesto native, as Secretary. Her agency is working on a new program called No Place Like Home to help find permanent housing opportunities for those with mental illness. Ms. Logman also discussed her department's work with cannabis regulation.

## XIII. Adjourn

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm



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## Partnership Strategic Efforts

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June 2017

Below are the priorities with activity to report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017.

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## Priority: Water Supply and Quality

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June 2017

Quarter: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017

Reporting Period: January through March 2017

Staff Lead: Sarge Green, Mike Dozier

Report:

### Goal 1 – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

CWI continued to participate directly in the formation and implementation process of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency on behalf of the Fresno State campus. The Chancellor's office has not yet determined the permanent role of the campus in the new agency. The new agency has moved into the implementation phase of SGMA and started the development of a "groundwater sustainability plan" that is due in January 2020. The agency is also developing a web site so the work on groundwater management within the boundary of the agency will be visible to the public in the near future.

### Goal 2 – Water Supply

CWI has continued to participate in the effort to develop an application for State bond funds for the Temperance Flat Water Storage Investigation. The storage proposal is in final draft for adoption by the Secretary of Interior and forwarding for authorization by Congress. The Proposition 1 application includes the federal feasibility report and a number of addenda to meet the application requirements of the State of California. The San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority authorized the consulting firm Stantec-MWH to complete the state application as they developed the bulk of the feasibility report findings for the US Bureau of Reclamation. Three prominent Valley water organizations, the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Authority, the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority and the Friant Water Authority all participated in a water modeling exercise using the Temperance Flat storage capabilities and as result of the water management alternative findings agreed to further participate with the SJVWIA in the development of information for the Prop. 1 application. The Prop. 1 application is due August 14, 2017.

### Goal 3 – Funding

No funding was obtained for Partnership-related water efforts.

### Goal 4 – Education during the quarter

- a. Drinking water – no special presentation was made during this quarter, however ongoing foundational work to develop disadvantaged community drinking water solutions was conducted, especially in Madera County.
- b. SGMA – a presentation should be scheduled in the fourth quarter that can update the Board on the Valley conditions related to the formation of "groundwater sustainability agencies". The law has a scheduled final submittal date of June 30, 2017 followed by announcement of successful

## Priority: Water Supply and Quality

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organizations and identification of areas that will under the forced control of the relevant State agencies, something Valley water users should avoid if possible.

- c. Drought – with a wet year the drought has been declared over except for three Valley counties.
- d. Conservation – no new educational initiatives to report
- e. Groundwater recharge – results of testing of farm land recharge are not yet available, when sufficient work has been completed a presentation will be proposed for Board consideration.
- f. Healthy soils – no news
- g. Delta fix – staff recommends an update by a member of the Delta Stewardship Council be considered as an education item in the near future.
- h. Legislative update – a mandatory water conservation bill has been proposed and alternate versions have been brought together under a consensus process proposed in the State Assembly. Agriculture is particularly concerned about one of the versions.
- i. CV SALTS – changes are currently being proposed to the Central Valley Water Quality Control Plans, also known as the “Basin Plans” to accommodate the finding of the CV Salts process. Goals and objectives are being altered to deal with salt management problems. Once the changes are made, a presentation could be made to the Partnership to help everyone understand the issue and proposed management alternatives.
- j. Regulatory programs – no specific activity to report.

## Priority: Higher Education

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June 2017

Quarter: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017

Reporting Period: January – March 2017

Staff Lead: Benjamin Duran

Report:

### **Central Valley Higher Education Consortium**

The Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC) held a board meeting in January 19, 2017. The CVHEC Board reaffirmed its desire to (1) support co-requisite remediation, (2) launch a 15 to Finish initiative, and (3) launch a Legislative/Advocacy Committee consisting of staff from the CVHEC member institutions and other interested groups including local elected official representatives.

The CVHEC agreed to invite the Charles A. Danna Center at the University of Texas to consult with the CVHEC members to develop a math pathways project to reduce remediation for its students. The math pathways project is a systemic approach to improving student success and completion through implementation of processes, strategies, and structures built around three mathematics pathways and a supporting student success course. The Dana Center is currently consulting with the Texas Association of Community Colleges to develop and implement the New Math Pathways as part of a statewide reform effort.

### **Complete College America – Co-Requisite Data Request**

The CVHEC staff have been in communication with the Community College Chancellor's Office to best identify a protocol for obtaining the data required. This information will be shared with Complete College America to promote the successes of co-requisite remediation.

CVHEC is working to submit data as part of its memorandum of understanding with Complete College America to submit data for its national data collection. Additional meetings are being planned in May and June to discuss in more detail how the CVHEC can partner with the Community College Chancellor's Office to collect and report the data to Complete College America.

### **Lumina Foundation – Talent Hub Grant**

The collaboration of the CVHEC and the Fresno Compact, known as the Fresno Community Partnership Attainment, completed its grant program with Lumina Foundation in December 2016. In February 2017, Lumina Foundation invited the CVHEC/Fresno Compact team to submit an application for Talent Hub funding to build upon the accomplishments of the completed grant program. The application will be submitted June 2017.

### **College Futures Foundation**

The CVHEC has been invited by the College Futures Foundation to submit a backbone grant to build CVHEC's regional capacity to project CVHEC's higher education efforts in CVHEC's regional area.

## Priority: Higher Education

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### **Branding and Sustainability**

In January 2017, the CVHEC Board 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 CVHEC also added one new members – California Health Sciences University – and had one member withdraw – University of the Pacific - for a total of 26 members.

### **15 to Finish Launch**

During this period, CVHEC collaborated with Complete College America in planning the 15 to Finish Launch. CVHEC developed the event agenda, promoted the event to CVHEC member institutions, and managed event coordination of the event.

## Priority: San Joaquin Rail Service

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June 2017

Quarter: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017

Reporting Period: January – March 2017

Staff Lead: Dan Leavitt

### REPORT

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) focused its efforts on furthering the 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. Morning Express Service would help diversify Amtrak San Joaquin's ridership profile by increasing business travelers' utilization of the service. Currently, Amtrak San Joaquin's 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.

Sacramento Morning Express Service planning has progressed to the detailing of key station improvements including both security and safety projects and station parking capacity improvements. These projects will be beneficial to both the new business traveler utilizing the Morning Express Service, but also, the current San Joaquin's leisure traveler.

Morning Express Service will originate '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. In partnership with BNSF, a suitable site has been identified for the temporary layover facility. A permanent layover facility is being planned for future continuation of mid-corridor starts and ends.

SJPA has been 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. 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. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017, staff sent the survey to all Partnership board members to distribute to their organizations. Thus far, SJPA has received nearly 2,500 survey responses.

The Partnership sent a letter of support encouraging law makers to include funding for passenger rail service in their efforts to pass a transportation funding bill. Due to the efforts of San Joaquin Valley elected officials and stakeholders, SB 1 passed with \$400 million dollars in funding for ACE expansion to Ceres and other funding being made available for transit and intercity passenger rail capital investments.

The SB1 funds are necessary to make improvements to expand ACE service, including new track, stations, and trains. ACE is expected to extend to Ceres by no later than 2023. The ACE*forward* environmental process has cleared various near term projects and is in the process of clearing the remaining sections of the project expansion.

## Priority: San Joaquin Rail Service

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In addition to the funding for ACE, throughout FY 16/17, California Intercity Passenger Rail Leadership Coalition (CIPR) advocated for additional funding sources for intercity rail be included as part of the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). Efforts to this end helped result in significant resources available to passenger rail with the passage of SB 1 and its signature by the Governor. SB 1 provides an estimated \$20 million per year in direct funding to intercity rail of which the San Joaquins will get at least 25%. SB 1 also dedicates \$245 million per year to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to fund capital improvements and expansions for statewide rail projects. An additional \$236 million was also be added to TIRCP from loan repayment. Additionally, SB 1 includes \$250 million for the Congested Corridor program, which can also be utilized for improvements to intercity rail corridors. These SB 1 funding programs provides a stable funding source for the CIPR program to pursue the improvements and capital access fees needed to increase/expand service.

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

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June 2017

Quarter: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017

Reporting Period: January through March 2017

Staff Lead: Erik Cherkaski

Report:

### **Manufacturing Cluster (San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance)**

The San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance has been focused on outreach and planning for the April 20 Manufacturing Summit. The Event Planning Committee is made up of 30 members who have met on a monthly basis to provide updates in coordinating the event, including sponsorship totals, registration and communications.

In February, SJVMA reached a milestone with 500 official members.

### **Clean Energy Cluster**

The San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Cluster held its quarterly meeting on March 14 to discuss future projects for the Cluster and events.

On March 21, Office of Community and Economic Development hosted an Energy Seminar to highlight energy saving programs for businesses and municipalities. This introductory seminar included discussions on energy audits, recommend energy conversation measures, and how to calculate savings. Presentations were delivered by ThinkWire Energy Solutions,

### **Water Technology Cluster**

On March 16, Center for Irrigation Technology at Fresno State hosted the Water Cluster Industry quarterly meeting. Bob Gilson from California Manufacturing Technology Consulting presented on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) basics describing the domain of ERP and how successfully select and implement an ERP system.

The meeting also gave an insight on the provided an update on the work being done for the BlueTechValley Innovation Cluster, including the Technology Innovation Evaluation (TIE) program and how it covers water, agriculture and food sector services.

### **Health and Wellness Cluster**

The Fresno Community Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP) held a spring quarterly meeting at UC Merced Fresno Center to discuss recent developments on March 29. It was announced in the meeting that FCHIP have been awarded a \$40,000 grant (over two years) from the Public Health Institute (PHI) for technical assistance. As a grantee, FCHIP will participate in a CA Accountable Community of Health Learning Collaborative (CACHI) cohort of 10 CACHI Accelerator sites.

### **Ag Cluster**

Members of Ag Cluster have teamed up with the Fresno Food Security Network (FFSN), which has restructured itself to address the food security issue in Fresno County. The Committee will host a workshop on April 28, bringing together food processors and public agencies in strategizing on how to solve the food insecurity puzzle.

## Priority: Health

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Staff Lead: Erik Cherkaski

### REPORT

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## Work Group Reports

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June 2017

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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	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	January 1 through March 31, 2017

In January, the Valley Air District Governing Board approved \$4,954,500 in funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund the replacement of heavy-duty trucks and wood-burning devices. These two grants were awarded under EPA’s highly competitive Targeted Air Shed Grant Program and together represent fifty percent of the available funding for Region 9. The truck funding will be utilized in the District’s highly-successful Truck Voucher Program which, to date, has replaced more than 1,230 older, high-polluting trucks with new, cleaner vehicles. This grant will provide funding to replace an additional 112 trucks. The funding for wood-burning devices will be utilized in the District’s innovative Burn Cleaner Incentive Program to facilitate the replacement of more than 2,400 high-polluting wood burning devices with new, certified clean-burning units. To date, the Burn Cleaner Program has funded more than 11,692 new clean-burning heating devices in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Valley Air District Governing Board in January also approved amendments to the District’s Agricultural Tractor Replacement Program to reflect increased equipment costs and ensure a continued high level of participation. Since 2009, the District has replaced more than 3,250 high-polluting tractors and other equipment with new, cleaner units, resulting in the reduction of more than 26,000 tons of harmful emissions. The success of the District’s program is predicated on providing adequate incentives to farmers to voluntarily replace their older equipment that may have substantial remaining useful life. The recent rise in equipment costs, with no commensurate increase in incentive levels has led to a decrease in overall participation. Given the importance of this program in helping the Valley attain federal air quality standards, it is critical that this program remain relevant and responsive to the needs of the agricultural community. Therefore, the Governing Board approved increases to incentive levels for this program as well as the creation of new funding categories. It is expected that these changes will result in significantly increased participation and continued cost-effective emission reductions in this category.

In January the Valley Air District Governing Board approved the District’s 2017 Legislative Platform that establishes the District’s 2017 legislative priorities. Following the approval of the platform, Staff will distribute the platform to the Valley state and federal delegations and will advocate for the District’s priorities with appropriate state/federal policymakers. The following are the District’s 2017 legislative priorities:

- Seek fair application of federal clean air mandates
- Seek federal ultra-low NOx standard for on-road heavy-duty trucks and locomotives
- Seek increased state and federal incentive funding to achieve reductions from sources outside of the District’s control that are necessary to achieve federal air quality standards
- Support the Commonsense Legislative Exceptional Events Reform (CLEER) Act that will bring more certainty and streamline the EPA exceptional events approval process
- Seek revenue from the Cap and Trade program

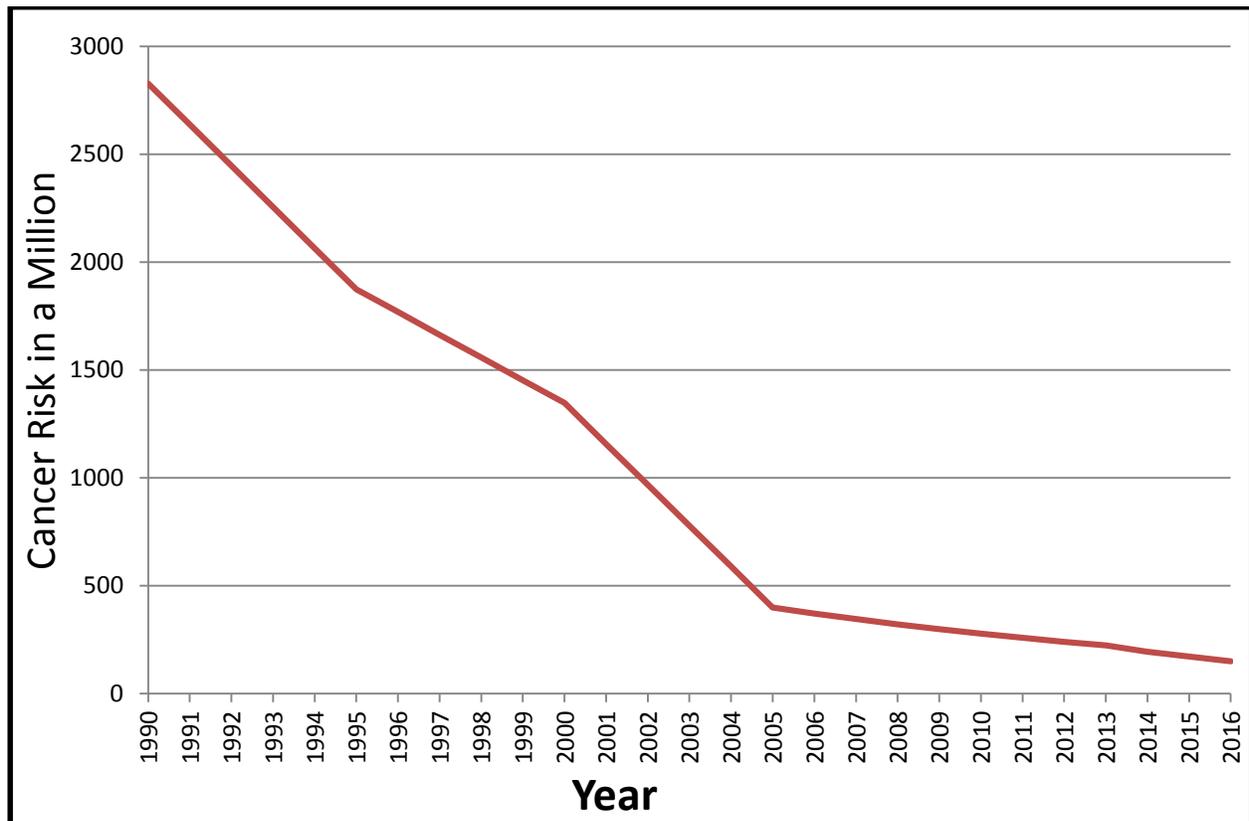
- Ensure that greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs are not at the expense of criteria pollutant programs
- Support legislation extending the District's existing authority for DMV fees to match applicable federally mandated attainment deadlines
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities are not "redlined" for economic growth and that local control over resources to assist these communities is maintained
- Seek adequate funding from state/federal government for the installation and operation of air quality monitoring instruments
- Support efforts that provide for cost-effective alternatives to agricultural burning
- Seek state and federal funding for technology advancement projects
- Support for adequate resources/policies to reduce the air quality impact of wildfires

The purpose of the Valley Air District's *Annual Report to the Community* is to provide Valley residents with a detailed account of the District's operations in the preceding year. In contrast to the many detailed, highly scientific and technical reports that are regularly published by the District, this report outlines the District's goals, objectives, legal obligations, and actions in a more concise and easy to follow format for the general public. At the February Governing Board meeting, the Board provided comments and feedback on the 2016-17 report. The report details the current regulatory challenges faced by the District, provides an update on the journey to cleaner air, reviews the accomplishments of the past year and highlights key issues faced by Valley with regard to air quality. Once finalized, copies will be available online at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) and as printed hardcopies upon request.

The Altamont Pass/I-580 Corridor is the primary link between the Northern San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area. It is also one of the most severely congested traffic corridors in the state. To provide residents of the Northern San Joaquin Valley with a cost-effective and convenient alternative to automobile commuting into the Bay Area, the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) operates daily passenger rail service between Stockton and San Jose, with multiple stops in the Valley and Bay Area. In February, the Valley Air District Governing Board approved up to \$2.5 million in District incentive funding for a \$15 million multi-regional, multi-jurisdictional locomotive replacement project in partnership with San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. This project leverages state Cap and Trade funding with local air district incentive funds to replace two aging ACE locomotives along the I-580, Altamont Pass corridor, which is regarded as one of the most severely congested commute corridors in California. The new locomotives will be certified to the cleanest available engine standards, resulting in more than a 90% reduction in harmful emissions. Additionally, the new, more powerful locomotives will allow ACE to increase capacity on existing routes to accommodate additional riders and take more vehicles off of the roads.

In addition to a myriad of efforts aimed at reducing ozone and particulate emissions throughout the Valley, the District also devotes significant resources and implements comprehensive strategies to reduce toxic air pollutants. In March, the Valley Air District Governing Board received a detailed report on efforts by the District and authorized District staff to distribute the report to county boards of supervisors, city councils, and local health officers. The *Annual Air Toxics Report for the Year 2016* is available [here](#). The District's integrated air toxics program integrates local, state and federal measures to prevent localized air

toxic hot spots, reduce regional air toxic risk from various source categories and prevent significant risk to the public from new and expanding facilities. Through these efforts the Valley residents have seen a reduction of nearly 90% in cancer risk due to air toxics during the last two decades.



*Cancer Risk from Ambient Air, San Joaquin Valley (Extrapolated from the California Almanac of Emissions and Air Quality, CARB, 2013)*

In 2011, in response to requests from Valley schools for a more flexible and cost-effective alternative to the Air Quality Flag Program, the Valley Air District developed the Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN). The RAAN program, which is also more health protective than the Air Quality Flag Program, was developed by the District in partnership with UCSF-Fresno, the American Lung Association of Central California, local asthma coalitions and Valley schools. The RAAN's speed and accuracy provides much greater flexibility for schools as they seek to maximize the benefits of outdoor exercise while minimizing student exposure to elevated concentrations of ozone or PM2.5. Additionally, the District explored the feasibility of schools installing and utilizing some type of visual indicator, such as an electronic billboard, perhaps with financial support from the District, to communicate the RAAN levels as they change throughout the day. The Valley Air District has now developed a prototype electronic display device in-house which was demonstrated at the March Board meeting. The Valley Air District is now ready to engage schools to establish final design features and options. As the next step in establishing the final specifications and identifying and resolving deployment issues, the Valley Air District Governing Board approved the recruitment of up to 20 schools throughout the Valley to work with the District, and authorized the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for this effort. The Valley Air District will now be reaching out to schools throughout the Valley to partner with the Valley Air District during the next school year.

Work Group	Economic Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation
Lead Organization Contact	Jennifer Faughn
Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	Jan 1-Mar 31, 2017

California Central Valley EDC (CCVEDC) is the regional economic development marketing group for the 8-county region; focusing on national outreach to new business, recruiting, and marketing at trade shows. The CCVEDC provides regional leadership through: its work to educate Sacramento legislators on issues affecting the valley; representation with for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley; and participation in regional, statewide and national boards.

**TRADE SHOWS-** The highlight of the 2017 Q1: California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation (CCVEDC) exhibited at the WestPack show in Anaheim, where thousands of leading worldwide manufacturing vendors gathered to display their products. CCVEDC reps spoke with **205** companies resulting in about **78** companies requesting more information, of those; **30** companies were looking for a new location or expansion; and there were 10 Central Valley companies with **5** companies in need of possible expansion.

**SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE REALTORS-** CCVEDC participated in **6** Northern California SIOR and Southern California SIOR activities. The highlight was the annual Napa Valley Wine Dinner where CCVEDC reps networked with close to 100 real estate contacts. These events keep the Central Valley in touch with top decision makers in the real estate.

**LEGISLATIVE MISSION-** CCVEDC conducted its annual Sacramento Legislative and Broker mission in March of 2017. CCVEDC reps met with 25 state leaders in the Assembly, Senate, Governor’s office, and Go-Biz, the governor’s lead agenda in economic development. Board members outlined issues vital to the economy and business climate in California. Business development incentives and programs for impoverished communities topped the list of concerns in the Central Valley, along with infrastructure development and regulatory reform.

**BROKER MISSIONS-** CCVEDC also has a very aggressive Broker Contact program including going on broker trade missions. During January through March 2017, CCVEDC conducted two missions where we go to meet with groups of brokers at major brokerage houses: the Bay Area with 17 meetings and Sacramento with 5 meetings. Each mission is to discuss the value of doing business in Central California, with site selectors, brokers and tenant representatives.

**COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS (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 January to March, two (2) newsletters were distributed: Merced and Stanislaus County Spotlights.

**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. The CCVEDC is in the process of building a new website that will be more easily updated. Completion is expected in June.

Activity	Name/Place	Contacts	RESULTS /Comments
ENEWS January 22, 2017	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT Merced County	2371	COMPLETE Results: Sent to 2371 contacts; 22.5% open rate, 7.2% click-through rate
BROKER EVENT January 12, 2017	SIOR So Cal Chapter-Economic Forecast The Pacific Club, Newport Beach	50	COMPLETE
BOARD MEETING January 20, 2017	CCVEDC Board Meeting Fresno EDC 10:00 to 12:00		COMPLETE
MISSION Jan 23-25, 2017	Bay Area Broker Mission Mon to Wednesday	490	COMPLETE Reps: Bobby, Tyler, Jose Results: 14 appointments, 4 Leads/Prospects
BROKER EVENT February 2, 2017	SIOR Nor Cal Kick off Dinner Silicon Valley Capital Club	50	COMPLETE Reps: 4 reps: Bobby, Mike Ammann, Tyler, Melinda
TRADE SHOW February 7-9, 2017	WestPack- Anaheim Anaheim Convention Center	242	COMPLETE Reps: Mark M., Bobby, Melinda, Mark H, Mike, Jay Results: 78 scans and 127 cards, Prospects 5 to date
BROKER EVENT February 9, 2017	SIOR So Cal Market Update Water Grill, Costa Mesa	50	COMPLETE Reps: 2 reps: Mike Ammann and Mark M. Results: 1 RFI rail sites
February 17, 2017	CCVEDC Board Meeting Fresno EDC 10:00 to 12:00		COMPLETE Meeting to Develop Legislative Platform
ENEWS February 21, 2017	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT Stanislaus County	2269	COMPLETE Results: Sent to 2269, 22% open rate, 9.1% click-through rate (Industry average is 11% and 7.2%, respectively)
BROKER EVENT February 22, 2017	SIOR So Cal Amazon Tour 12:30 to 3:00 San Bernardino	50	COMPLETE
MISSION March 14, 2017	Sacramento Broker Mission Mini-Mission	85	COMPLETE Reps: Bobby, Mark M. Results: 5 appointments, 4 prospects
MISSION March 15-16, 2017	Sacramento Legislature Mission	25	COMPLETE Reps: All Counties: Lee Ann, Bobby, John, Esther, Tyler Results: 19 meetings with 25 people
BROKER EVENT March 16, 2017	SIOR SO Cal- March Madness Shark's Cove- Manhattan Beach 4:30 pm	50	COMPLETE
BOARD MEETING March 17, 2017	CCVEDC Board Meeting 9:00 am		COMPLETE Conference Call
BROKER EVENT March 30, 2017	SIOR Nor Cal Wine Dinner Napa Valley	68	COMPLETE Reps: Mike and Bobby Results: 68 people (42 Broker/dev, 8 Engineer, 14 Fin/Svc)

Work Group	Energy
OCED Staff Liaison	Erik Cherkaski
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
Lead Organization Contact	Courtney Kalashian/Paul Johnson
Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	Jan 1-Mar 31, 2017

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The Water, Energy and Technology (WET) Center at Fresno State on Tuesday, Jan 17, 2017, hosted the BlueTechValley Innovation Cluster Kick-Off. Fresno State's David Zoldoske, director of the International Center for Water Technology (ICWT) and President Joseph I. Castro provided welcoming remarks and a general program overview.

Funding from the California Energy Commission has given the BlueTechValley Innovation Cluster the capability to accelerate the commercialization of water, energy, Ag technology, and connect emerging technologies to region specific needs and opportunities. Through outreach and education, Cluster Hubs will study energy use in disadvantaged communities (DACs) and work to create a strong collection of energy and water innovators to address energy challenges in these areas.

Additionally, an overview was provided on the Central Valley Regional Energy Innovation Accelerator Project, which is funded by the EDA i6 Challenge program. The project will generate significant new innovations and opportunities in Central Valley DACs by deploying an accelerator program for water, energy and agricultural technology startups. Furthermore, it will leverage existing Energy Innovation Cluster programs and infrastructure to support an estimated 19 companies and generate or retain at minimum 76 part-time and 37 full-time Central Valley jobs by completion.

On March 30, Fresno State's ICWT held a webinar for prospective startups on the BlueTechValley Innovation Cluster. The webinar provide general information and an outline on the process to commercialize approved technologies.

The San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership hosted a workplace charging workshop at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital on Feb 24, 2017. The workshop featured four panels that provided information on electric vehicles, electric vehicle charging equipment, electric vehicle incentives, and workplace charging. The workshop was attended by over 40 individuals throughout the southern San Joaquin Valley, including representatives of local public agencies interested in adopting electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging equipment.

The San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Cluster held its quarterly meeting on March 14 to discuss future projects for the Cluster, including prospective events and initiatives to become involved in.

On March 21, the Cluster hosted an Energy Seminar to highlight energy saving programs for Fresno County businesses and municipalities. This introductory seminar included discussions on energy audits, recommend energy conversation measures, and how to calculate savings. Presentations were delivered by ThinkWire Energy Solutions, Con Edison Solutions, Dividend Solar and Connor Energy.

Work Group	Housing
OCED Staff Liaison	Frida Cardoza
Lead Organization(s)	San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Frida Cardoza
Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	Jan 1-Mar 31, 2017

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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.

### 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*
- Barbara Kauss, Housing Authority County of Stanislaus
- Carol Ornelas, Visionary Homebuilders of California, *Vice Chair*
- Mary Renner, Central Valley Health Network
- Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield

The 2016 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly 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.

On March 20 2017 the Collaborative held the Quarter 1 board meeting at the City of Clovis Planning Department. There the board discussed a recap to the 2016 activities and survey that went out to Housing Collaborative attendees analyzing priority topics for the 2017 calendar year.

## Priority Topics Planned for 2017:

Updating the Sponsorship Packet and adding the 2016 Activities survey results in graph format to give contributors an idea of the Housing Collaborative's previous work and their outcomes.

Planned for Quarter 2 will be the Code Enforcement Symposium on Wednesday, July 19 at the University of Pacific's Alumni House in Stockton, California. The board made this decision based off of the 2016 workshop and expects to bring forth about 100 attendees at the July symposium.

Planned for Quarter 3 the Housing Collaborative will coordinate the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Summit which will take place Thursday, September 17 at the Fresno Convention Center- Valdez Hall. The Housing Collaborative finalized payment for the venue in Quarter 1 and will continued the planning process throughout the 2017 year. The summit theme is Building Together. The Summit will bring forth an expected 300 housing attendees. This year's summit will offer more sessions, round-tables and networking opportunities.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Summit | Registration Opens June 1 2017

- Early Bird rate \$139 (Ending August 7)
- Regular rate \$159
- Presenter rate \$79

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	1st Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	January 1 – 31 March 2017

### **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. Training is scheduled to begin in the near future.

### **Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program**

Additional VEAP funds have been received in the region with smaller sub-regions partnering with training being dedicated to manufacturing and transportation and logistics. 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. This grant has been successfully closed as of 31 March 2017 with all stated outcomes and performance measures being met.

### **English Language Learner Navigator Project Grant**

The Workforce Development Board of Madera County, in collaboration with the Fresno Regional Workforce Board and the Adult Education Consortium, applied for and received a \$500,000 grant for 18

months to work specifically with the English Language Learner population to increase training, skill sets and opportunities for career pathways and self-sufficiency. There were only five awards for the State of California and Madera County was the only rural and Central Valley workforce development area to receive the funding.

### **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 due by 1 July 2017. 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. A certification of the one stops must be completed by 31 December 2017.

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.



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May 25, 2017

Mike Dozier  
Lead Executive  
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley  
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Fresno, CA 93710

**Re: Conflict of Interest Code Exemption for California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley; Our File No. E-17-001**

Dear Mr. Dozier,

This letter grants an exemption for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (the “Partnership”) from the requirement to adopt a conflict of interest code under Commission Regulation 18751.<sup>1</sup> (See Gov. Code § 87300.)

Based upon the information provided, the Partnership is a committee, board, commission, or similar multi-member board with an annual operating budget exclusive of salaries of less than \$150,000. Accordingly, the Partnership qualifies for an exemption under Regulation 18751(d)(1)(ii).

Please note that interested parties may submit a request that this approval be reconsidered by the Commission within 30 days after the exemption has been posted to the Commission’s website. If such a request is made, the Chair will consider that request and if, in her discretion, good cause exists for reconsideration, she will schedule the matter for a hearing before the Commission. (Regulation 18751(f).) Upon being issued, the exemption remains in effect until the basis for the grant of exemption no longer exists or the expiration of two years, whichever occurs earlier. (Regulation 18751(g).)

Sincerely,

Brian G. Lau  
Senior Counsel

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<sup>1</sup> The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.