



## Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 21, 2018  
10am-3pm

UC Merced Fresno Center

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## Board of Directors Meeting

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Friday, June 15, 2018

10am – 3pm

### MEETING MINUTES

#### I. Convene Meeting, Introductory Remarks

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Chairman Vito Chiesa called the second quarter 2018 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) to order at 10:05am at the Tulare County Ag Commissioner's Building in Tulare and initiated introductions around the table.

Board members present were James Aleru, Vito Chiesa, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Carole Goldsmith, Genoveva Islas, Ellen Junn, Luisa Medina, Patricia Poire, Charles Riojas, Max Rodriguez, Luis Santana, and Cherylee Wegman.

Board Deputies present were Sharri Bender Ehlert, Sonya Logman, Rachael O'Brien and Jim Suennen.

Advisory Board member Robert Tse attended.

#### II. Recognition of Sponsors and Dignitaries

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Chair Chiesa recognized and thanked the sponsors who made the meeting possible by providing the venue and the funds for catering and A/V services. He thanked Eric Coyne of Tulare County Economic Development, Film & Tourism, and Mayor Carlton Jones with the City of Tulare. The Board also thanked Ashu Jain from ENGIE Services, U.S. for hosting a pre-Board meeting dinner.

Steve Worthley, Chairman, Tulare County Board of Supervisors welcomed the Board to Tulare County, which he described as the heart of agricultural production. Tulare County is the size of the state of Connecticut and includes national forests and Sequoia National Park. Mt. Whitney is shared equally with Inyo County. Supervisor Worthley updated the Board on current financial projects and challenges in Tulare County, including a recent agreement entered into with ENGIE for doing a major solar project for Tulare County facilities with an anticipated savings of at least \$25 million, but probably closer to \$40 or \$50 million over the next twenty-five years.

Supervisor Worthley said that Tulare County has fifty-two miles of the 99 running through it and called attention to the ongoing improvements made possible by the gas sales tax. Being the most dangerous highway in the nation, he said, the improvements are necessary not only for the movement of goods and services and people, but also for public safety.

### **III. Public and Board Comments**

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Chair Chiesa invited comments from the Board and public, recognizing Sonya Logman, Deputy Secretary of Business and Consumer Relations and the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. Ms. Logman gave the Board an update on the state budget that has yet to be finalized and signed by the Governor. Her agency will likely receive \$500 million to support homeless emergency aid block grant funding. It is a \$500 million in one-time fund for emergency aid for local governments to respond to homelessness. Ms. Logman said that the goal of the agency is to make the application process for local governments as easy as possible.

Rachael O'Brien, Deputy Secretary for Legislative Affairs for California Department of Food and Agriculture, discussed the \$500 allocation that passed through from the Department of Food and Agriculture for the budget just yesterday, and is heading for the Governor to sign off on. Chair Chiesa explained that this is onetime bridge funding for the Partnership for strategic planning and administration. Chairman Chiesa added that it is imperative that there is a sustainable funding plan worked out to keep the Partnership moving forward. Secretary Ross was instrumental in this as were Secretary Dooley, Larry Salinas and Dr. Joaquin Arambula. All Valley elected officials had signed on and were supportive. Luisa Medina spoke out to recognize the efforts of Ashley Swearengin who was extremely helpful in strategizing with Ms. Medina, Bryn Forhan and Ismael Herrera to draft the documents needed to push the funding request forward.

There were no public comments.

### **IV. Consent Calendar**

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Luisa Medina moved to accept the consent calendar as published. Andrew Genasci seconded, and the motion was approved.

### **V. Legislative Update**

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A brief legislative update was provided by Matt Rogers, representing US Senator Kamala Harris. Mr. Rogers discussed the Farm Bill being critical to the San Joaquin Valley and the preservation of SNAP funding at its current levels in the Farm Bill, as so many families in the San Joaquin Valley rely on it. Senator Harris is working with Republicans and Democrats to prevent any Farm Bill from leaving the Senate floor without maintaining the SNAP funding. The Senator is also concerned with what is happening on the southern border and the disturbing pictures seen of children being separated from their families. The Senator has sent a request to those in charge and to those monitoring the situation there, demanding answers to where those children are, how they're being treated and the conditions that they are in. Mr. Rogers welcomed people to call one of his offices if they are concerned about any immigration cases or any inhumane treatment of any human being. He said that they have all five offices on alert to make sure that the constitution is being followed, and that people are being treated how we have always treated people in America.

Shannon Major, representing California State Senator Tom Beryhill, told the Board that Senator Berryhill continues to monitor the challenges faced with Temperance Flat. The Senator's legislative packet is traditionally small, but there is a bill on foster youth that they are fairly confident will pass. It is a foster youth college tuition waiver. It allows Community College, CSU and UC systems, to waive tuition and fees for foster youth who are under the age of 26 and who have been in foster care for at least 12 months after the age of 10. They did have legislation that would have repealed the fire tax fee that many of the folks in their district have encountered for years. The bill died in committee and they are asking for it to be repealed and for the state to implement a system where people could get a refund. Ms. Major also discussed that for Senator Dave Cogdill, they are dedicating a portion of highway in Mono County in his name.

Wes Anderson, representing State Senator Andy Vidak, discussed three bills: Senate Bill 495, introduced by Senator Vidak, is a bill regarding Allensworth safe drinking water, which gives the community of Allensworth a temporary exemption to the Endangered Species Act so that they will have the ability to build a new, much-needed water well. Senate Bill 1137 would require the California Department of Veterans Affairs and the California Department of Consumers Affairs to increase awareness and notification for veterans regarding professional licensing benefits that are already available to them. Senate Bill 1382 is a gun storage bill authorizing individuals to store their gun in a locked box in their vehicle that does not contain a trunk.

Alex Tavlian, representing US Congressman David Valadao, discussed three issues with which Congressman Valadao is currently concerned. First, the Farm Bill and its failed vote, which he said is intertwined with Immigration. Second, the USDA just approved the federal milk marketing order for the State of California, which is a big boost for dairy farmers in the San Joaquin Valley. California provides 18% of the dairy supply in the United States. Mr. Tavlian also spoke on the immigration issue, saying that Congressman Valadao and Congressman Denham have been pushing hard on a discharge petition that would create a Queen of the Hill situation on Immigration Reform. Their office is working heavily with ICE to ensure that operations are being conducted appropriately. They have also been very focused on appropriations. The government is currently funded through the end of September so they are working on the funding beyond that.

Shelly Abajian representing U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein, also presented an update for the board. According to Ms. Abajian, the Senator is focusing on homelessness right now and is doing a lot of research on how to work with the state or on their own to address this issue. She is also working on the water issue, looking for a long-term fix.

Luisa Medina asked for an elaboration on Senator Feinstein's focus on homelessness. Ms. Abajian answered that staff has been going to areas of homelessness, such as an area in San Diego that has a school of 300 transient students, and other facilities with which to model. There is a facility in Fresno, too, where they are trying to bring in the homeless. They have observed that those that can adapt to living inside can also take advantage of mental health services available to them. They are looking into ways of transitioning the people out of homelessness by looking at successful models and finding a way to apply it and determine funding.

Ms. Medina added that in the San Joaquin Valley, the ability to find safe and affordable housing for homeless individuals has become increasingly difficult. For lower income families, women and children, the problem has become more urgent. Government has been disinvesting in housing programs. Max Rodriguez further discussed the homelessness problem from his perspective in Madera. Genoveva Islas said that we need to find a way to engage the individuals who are currently without homes, to better understand the problem and find solutions. Chairman Chiesa and Luisa Medina suggested homelessness as a topic for a future meeting.

## **VI. Partnership Priority #7: Health**

### **Topic: Valley Fever**

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Jim Suennen from the California Health and Human Services Agency, introduced Dr. Karen Haught from Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency who presented a report on Valley Fever. Board Member Frank Gallegos was on hand to discuss Valley Fever from the patient perspective, having been diagnosed with the illness last year.

Dr. Haught explained that the medical term for Valley Fever is Coccidioidomycosis. It is a fungus that has different forms and lives in the soil. As the soil dries out, the fungus creates spores. When the spores become airborne and inhaled, they infect the lungs. The fungus is present in the soil in southwest United States, but has also recently been found in Washington State.

Most people infected with Valley Fever won't have symptoms or won't notice the mild symptoms. Five to ten per cent will have more serious illness, and in one per cent of the patients, Valley Fever will spread beyond the lungs. Because the spores are inhaled by the lungs, the illness usually starts as a lung infection or pneumonia.

The doctor said that diagnosis has been an enigma. Many people say that they have had to wait several weeks or longer to get diagnosed. Part of that is that the signs and symptoms are not specific to Valley Fever. On an x-ray, it cannot always be characteristic of the disease. A blood test is ordered that looks for the body's antibody response to the infection and that takes several weeks to show up. Early detection is difficult.

Frank Gallegos spoke about his personal experience with the infection. He was an exception to the rule in that he does not work in agriculture nor construction. He lives in North Fresno, which is all developed land. At the time he thought he had the flu, but the persistent cough and fatigue continued. His doctor went the extra step, did a chest x-ray, and saw a spot on his lung. He was fortunate that his doctor put him on the medicine right away, which had good results. He worked with specialists and bloodwork was a defining factor. He said that you have to not be afraid to speak up and ask for help.

The board members discussed Valley Fever further. Ellen Junn reported that her father contracted Valley Fever when he lived in Anaheim Hills in an area with very high winds ten years ago and had his left lung removed. She said it's more commonly found in the elderly with other immune system issues, and that probably made him more susceptible to the fungus.

Genoveva Islas asked about interventions to look at and brought up the issue of a high number of people who are uninsured and in need of a safety net. Dr. Haught responded that the state is making plans about a broader awareness campaign. Sometimes new doctors come into the community and they are not yet familiar with problems we have with Valley Fever. A few years ago, Fluconazole became a generic and it's now much cheaper, though it is a long-term medication and that can pose a problem.

Dr. Haught's PowerPoint presentation can be found on the Partnership website at [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org) or by clicking [here](#).

## **VII. Partnership Priority #1: Higher Education**

### **Topic: Upward Mobility Pathways**

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Carole Goldsmith explained that the California community college system is open access, serving everyone. Many of the students and families coming in are in need of additional support. Being unequipped to provide the needed support, the community colleges have collaborated with Reading and Beyond and the California Bridge Academies to provide services.

Pete Weber, Director of Fresno Bridge Academy, made a presentation with Luis Santana, Executive Director of Reading and Beyond, regarding Upward Mobility Pathways. This is a pilot program to address the issues of low enrollment and completion rates by low-income people in community colleges in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Weber said that we are not educating our workforce in the state of California to keep up with our economic needs, and cited the Public Policy Institute of California report that estimates that by 2030 we are going to be about 24 million workers short of need in terms of higher or secondary education. That divides up to about 1.1 million B.S. degrees short of requirement and another 1.3 million workers short of the post-secondary education needed.

The second problem to be addressed is a huge population in poverty, and particularly people who are SNAP beneficiaries. We are in the 54<sup>th</sup> year of trying to end poverty and we've not done very well. It was 1964 when then President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the war on poverty. We haven't cured it and prevented it, but we have been able to make poverty a little more comfortable for people. There are 92 anti-poverty programs in the United States and have spent \$22 trillion through 2014 and we don't have as much to show for it as we should.

There are roughly 41 billion people across the county on SNAP benefits for food assistance. The number doubled during the great recession. In the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley, the numbers for CalFresh beneficiaries are starting to decline, although we're nowhere near where they were before the time of the recession. We have a disproportionate percent of the population on CalFresh benefits, and Mr. Weber said that we want to try to do something about that. Many of these people are elderly or disabled and have young, dependent children and they need to stay at home or are caring for disabled people. We're not looking to train them and put them into jobs, but there is a significant proportion that are people who can and want to work, but may need help getting from here to there.

Funding for the program is in part coming from a grant from the Chancellor's office. Some of the services that are going to be provided to the community colleges from the Strong Workforce program will help fund the delivery of services off campus.

Click [here](#) to see the Upward Mobility Pathways PowerPoint presentation from Pete Weber and Luis Santana.

## **VIII. Lunch**

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### **IX. Partnership Priority #7: Health Topic: California FreshWorks Fund**

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Kiel Lopez-Schmidt, Central Valley Regional Manager of Northern California Community Loan Fund (NCCLF), gave a program overview of California FreshWorks. Kiel described the program's goals, key issues, resources and projected outcomes.

The FreshWorks program was started during the recession by the California Endowment in order to get healthy food financing into the communities that needed it most. To date, it has put \$70 million of investment into communities across California in financing fresh food businesses. The program has recently been retooled to put a higher emphasis on equity to have the resources more flexible to tackle the issues. There are now easier access points to get businesses through the startup phase and into launch and making an impact in the community.

See the California FreshWorks PowerPoint presentation from Kiel Lopez-Schmidt [here](#).

## **X. Topic: Opportunity Zones**

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A quick overview of Opportunity Zones (OZs) was provided by Rachael O'Brien, representing the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The federal Investing in Opportunities Act, which was passed last year as part of the new federal tax bill, created tax incentives for investment in designated census tracts. Sid Voorakkara of GO-Biz is expected to discuss this new investment tool further in September at the next quarterly Board meeting.

Ms. O'Brien encouraged people to go back to their organizations and communities and start to have conversations to help identify projects that fall within these census tracts. Identify projects that are shovel ready that need that infusion of private investment to get it off the ground. Pass them through to the interagency workgroup as they pitch these to potential investors. It would be a great start.

Pete Weber added that at the meeting, the City of Fresno presented three different opportunities. One was a mixed-use housing project, another one was an industrial project, and another one was a tech project. There are few limitations on what they can invest in, but it must be private sector.

See the one-sheet on Opportunity Zones on the Partnership website at [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org). For more information. See the Economic Innovation website [here](#).

**XI. Partnership Priority #1: Water Supply and Quality**  
**Topic: Local Water Board Election Roundtables - Update**

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Adriana Renteria, Regional Water Management Coordinator from the Community Water Center spoke to the Board about the role of local water Boards and the election process as an opportunity to strengthen local democracy and increase access to safe drinking water. Ms. Renteria's report on Local Water Board Governance and Community Representation can be found [here](#). Mindy Romero from the UC Davis Center of Regional Change added her presentation on the Latino electorate. Her PowerPoint can be found [here](#).

In April, the Partnership co-sponsored two informational workshops on local water board elections with the Community Water Center.

**XII. Partnership Priority #1: Water Supply and Quality**  
**Topic: California Water Institute – Water and Sustainability Initiative**

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Sarge Green from Fresno State's California Water Institute introduced Thomas Esqueda, Associate Vice President for Water and Sustainability for Fresno State. Sarge explained that Mr. Esqueda's position at Fresno State was created in response to the university's effort to elevate Fresno State's water programs by bringing somebody in that could provide overall guidance and/or visibility to the organization, and expand the scope of our efforts because the community demanded that we do so. Agriculture and water are both very important issues in the San Joaquin Valley and we need to have a face to it.

Mr. Esqueda said that he first gave his report to the President's Commission on the Future of Agriculture at Fresno State, where over 150 industry leaders, faculty, staff and administrators assembled for the presentation of the commission's recommendations on the Fresno State campus in 2014. The PowerPoint presentation on the California Water Institute's Water and Sustainability Initiative [here](#).

Sarge added that for the next Partnership meeting, topics that we need to continue to discuss are a very important report coming out by the PPIC's Water Policy Center, of which Sarge has been a part of, talking about the future of the water in the San Joaquin Valley. Sarge would like to have Ellen Hanak come out in September to present. The other topic is the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, with someone to talk about where we are on the groundwater sustainability plans, as that is the hot topic in most of the water boardrooms.

Supervisor Steve Worthley discussed the topic of watershed management to generate more water into the valley floor. The Supervisor believes that we need to put the pressure on to move forward with watershed management. To deal with the new brush growing that present an even higher fire hazard.

Sarge responded that most of the area is owned by the federal government, which gives us an opportunity to get the federal bureau of land management and national parks all together on the same page with watershed management for the future. Sarge has been proposing a conference of the four public universities to talk about the very issues of watershed management and all the other issues as a team for the whole valley.

Patty Poire discussed the domino effect on unemployment that is being experienced in Kern County when land is fallowed, and the decrease in land value that effects the economics of the county due to lower property taxes. In Kern County, they were able to convince the Board of Supervisors to coordinate having the ability to have two zonings on agricultural land; one for farming, and one for something else for a Plan B, so that if a farmer needs to fallow his land, the land value can be retained and there could be job opportunities. She is working to find a way to streamline CEQA mitigations.

## **XII. Public and Board Comments**

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Chairman Chiesa invited comments from the Board and public and announced the success of a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant of \$500.5 million for the San Joaquin Amtrak and ACE system. Chair Chiesa asked the board to help support the Morning Express. He is also going to be appointing a committee to talk about the new paradigm in funding to come up with ideas and a sustainability model.

There were no public comments.

## **XVII. Adjournment**

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Chairman Chiesa thanked all Board members and meeting hosts for their time and attendance. In the absence of any further public or Board comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm.



California Partnership for the  
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## Work Group Reports

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OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Lead Organization Contact	Jaime Holt
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	April 1 – June 30, 2018

A comprehensive report on the 2017-2018 *Check Before You Burn* residential wood burning season was presented to the Valley in April of 2018 by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District). This marked the fourth season since the 2014 amendment to the wood-burning rule, which significantly increased the number of no-burn days for high polluting wood-burning devices, and allowed for a substantial increase in burn days for clean wood-burning devices. Although the Valley experienced notably clean air quality in the months of November, January, and February, the month of December 2017 was heavily impacted by both long periods of poor dispersion and smoke from the record breaking Thomas Fire in southern California.

Despite the periods of strong atmospheric stability and wildfire impacts during this past winter, the Valley's air quality was still much better when compared to what it could have been without the District's PM2.5 control strategy. A comprehensive analysis of the efficacy of the PM2.5 control strategy demonstrated that that air quality this past winter in Fresno was 51% better than what it could have been without the District's strategy in place. This analysis indicated that Modesto and Bakersfield also experienced similar air quality improvements. In advance of this past 2017-2018 winter season, and through continued emissions reductions, the Valley also set new air quality records in the calendar year 2017, which recorded declining PM2.5 design values and a record low number of days exceeding the 84 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, leading to the Valley's lowest 8-hour ozone design value on record.

This winter season also included the successful implementation of the *Burn Cleaner* program with over \$3.4 million in funding for over 2,000 vouchers issued for residents to upgrade to clean wood-burning devices during 2017-18. This past winter saw another successful Check Before You Burn outreach campaign, with Valley residents expressing significant interest in air quality and the District responding to nearly 600 public calls regarding wood burning activity, device registration, incentives and daily wood burning status, and 578 complaints for suspected wood-burning activity. The success of this past winter season would not have been possible without the commitment from Valley residents to reduce their wood-burning emissions, coupled with the District's multi-faceted program that utilizes wood-burning curtailments, incentives, public education/outreach, and strong enforcement to reduce wood smoke.

Also in April, the Valley was awarded and the District accepted \$8,000,000 in funding from the California Energy Commission to replace older, high-polluting trucks in the San Joaquin Valley. The funding will be utilized in the District's highly-successful *Truck Replacement Program* which, to date, has replaced more than 1,770 older, high-polluting trucks with new, cleaner vehicles. This grant will provide funding to replace an additional 80 trucks. The District has gained a reputation for administering successful and effective voluntary incentive programs and is consistently lauded for its efficiency and fiscal accountability. This reputation is a key factor in the District's success in bringing significant new incentive funding to the Valley. The Valley was also award and the District accepted \$1,000,000 in funding from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop and administer a first-of-its-kind pilot program to provide emissions-related repairs for heavy-duty trucks in the San Joaquin Valley. To assist the state in developing potential legislative options for implementing a SMOG check or emission control measure for trucks this year, CARB

approached the District to develop and administer this pilot program in the Valley. This proposed program focuses on single owner-operators and truck fleets with 20 or fewer vehicles, as these small fleets are less likely able to afford these needed emissions-related repairs. The District will partner with Valley-based repair facilities to develop criteria for participation and report on the outcome of the pilot program. Finally, the Valley was awarded and the District accepted \$1,285,829 in funding from CARB to replace off-road equipment in the San Joaquin Valley. Each year, ARB reserves up to 10% of the total statewide Carl Moyer Program allocation to directly fund Moyer-eligible projects. This year CARB directed this Moyer State Reserve funding to replace off-road equipment. Through a highly competitive statewide solicitation, the District was awarded nearly \$1.3 million in funding to replace off-road equipment through the District's existing Heavy-duty Engine Incentive Program.

The State Legislature and Governor agreed, in September of 2017, to extend Cap and Trade as part of a legislative package that included the appropriation of \$1.5 billion in Cap and Trade funding. The Cap and Trade deal also included the passage of AB 617 that requires CARB and air districts to develop and implement additional emissions reporting, monitoring, and reduction plans and measures in an effort to reduce air pollution exposure in impacted communities. Under state law, ARB in consultation with air districts is required to select communities for action under AB 617 by October 1, 2018. CARB has asked air districts to submit their recommendations for communities to be selected by July 31, 2018.

In June of 2018, District staff presented to the Governing Board its analysis of Valley community identification and prioritization for selection under the requirements of AB 617 for the initial year of implementation. This analysis was based on community-level air quality data from recent SIP modeling analysis, numerous health indicators from the state's CalEnviroScreen model, and various other socioeconomic indicators. After discussion and public comment, the Board directed the District to proceed with recommending to CARB the communities of South Central Fresno, North Bakersfield, and the City of Shafter for selection of the initial year of AB 617 implementation in the Valley.

Also in June, the Valley was awarded and the District accepted \$1,024,813 in funding from the CARB to mitigate increases of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the Valley caused by the use of biodiesel under the state's Low Carbon Fuel Standard. CARB has agreed to provide a total of \$4.5 million in incentive funding to impacted air districts to remediate the impacts of biodiesel-related NOx increases. Of this total, the Valley has been awarded \$1,024,813 to fund Carl Moyer incentive projects that reduce NOx emissions from heavy-duty engines in the Valley. The District will utilize this funding in our existing Heavy-Duty Engine Program within currently eligible project components, including on-road trucks, off-road equipment, agricultural equipment, marine vessels and locomotives.

Finally, in June, the District approved \$5 million for the continued implementation of its award-winning *Tune In Tune Up* Vehicle Repair Program. Since 2011, the District has partnered with Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN) to operate this ground-breaking vehicle repair assistance program. This program provides low income Valley residents with the opportunity and necessary funding to make emissions related repairs to their vehicles, significantly reducing emissions in disadvantaged communities and throughout the Valley. The Tune In Tune Up program operates as a companion program to the District's vehicle replacement program which have collectively been rebranded as the *Drive Clean in the San Joaquin* program. To date, the District has allocated \$26 million in funding towards the *Tune In Tune Up* vehicle repair program which has repaired over 25,000 vehicles through 128 weekend events held throughout the Valley.

Work Group	Economic Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation
Lead Organization Contact	Jennifer Faughn
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	April 1 – June 30, 2018

California Central Valley EDC (CCVEDC) is the regional economic development marketing group for the 8-county region; focusing on national outreach to new business and brokers that need sites, information and solutions. During the 2nd Quarter of 2018, CCVEDC provided a region-wide proposal to 15 companies looking for a location, making **25 Proposals YTD**. There are 9 Warehouse Distribution inquiries, 6 Manufacturing, 3 Food Processing, 2 Renewable Energy and 5 Development or Broker Assistance.

**TRADE SHOW-** CCVEDC continued to work 14 leads from the WestPack show in Anaheim convention center. This show is co-located with 5 other major shows. There were **90 businesses** that requested more information on the Central Valley.

**BROKER MISSIONS-** CCVEDC conducted **18 meetings** on a mission to Dallas, TX where we go to meet with groups of brokers at major brokerage houses. From those meetings, the Central Valley has 5 new potential projects. Each mission is to discuss the value of doing business in Central California, with site selectors, brokers and tenant representatives.

**SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE REALTORS-** Central Valley was represented in **two (2)** Northern California SIOR and Southern California SIOR activities. These events keep the Central Valley in touch with top decision makers in the real estate industry. At the Northern California Golf Tournament, CCVEDC met with 51 brokers in their hospitality tent.

**ENEWS and COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS** - 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 have an opportunity to be highlighted. **Three (3)** newsletters, listed below, were distributed: Regional Industry and Real Estate News. The open rate on **all were 31%** which exceeds industry standards by almost 10%.

**REGIONAL LEADERSHIP-** 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. CCVEDC's Chair of External Affairs, Lee Ann Eager, sits on three state-wide committees representing the Central Valley and leads the Valley's Foreign Trade Initiative:

- California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
- State of California Workforce Development Board
- Global Cities Initiative
- International Trade and Investment Advisory to the State of California

**WEBSITE-** CCVEDC's new website is online and 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.

CONFERENCE <b>April 11-14, 2018</b>	<b>SIOR Spring World Conference</b> Austin, TX		<b>Not a CCVEDC sponsored event</b>
BOARD MEETING <b>April 20, 2018</b>	CCVEDC Board Meeting 10:00 to 12:00		<b>Meeting</b>
ENEWS <b>April 24, 2018</b>	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT <b>Real Estate or Workforce Focus</b>	2500	<b>COMPLETE Stanislaus County Results: CA 31% open rate, 5.0% click-thru, Natnl 25%, 2%</b>
CONFERENCE <b>May 1-3, 2018</b>	<b>NAIOP -National Forums Symposium</b> New York, NY		<b>Not a CCVEDC sponsored event Counties attend on their own</b>
CONFERENCE <b>May 5-9, 2018</b>	<b>IAMC Savannah, GA</b>		<b>Not a CCVEDC sponsored event Counties attend on their own</b>
BROKER EVENT <b>May 9, 2018</b>	<b>SIOR Nor Cal- GOLF TOURNEY</b> Silverado 1600 Atlas Peak Rd, Napa, Ca	120	<b>COMPLETE Reps: Bobby, Jay, Jennifer Results: Brokers-51, Banking &amp; Finance-18, Developers-3, Misc-5</b>
BROKER EVENT <b>May 10, 2018</b>	<b>SIOR So Cal- Largest Transaction</b>	50	<b>COMPLETE</b>
BOARD MEETING <b>May 11, 2018</b>	<b>CCVEDC ANNUAL MEETING</b> Fresno EDC 10:00 to 1:00		<b>COMPLETE Annual Meeting Talk about 2016-17 activities</b>
MISSION <b>May 15-16, 2018</b>	<b>BROKER MISSION</b> Dallas (travel to on 14 <sup>th</sup> )	50	<b>COMPLETE Reps: Jay, Mark, Bobby, Melinda Results: 18 meetings, Leads/Prospects 5</b>
ENEWS <b>May 2018</b>	COUNTY SPOTLIGHT <b>Real Estate or Workforce Focus</b>	2500	<b>COMPLETE Results: Kings County CA 31% open rate, 5.0% click-thru, Natnl 21%, 2%</b>
CONFERENCE <b>May 20-24, 2018</b>	<b>ICSC RECON</b> Las Vegas, NV		<b>Not a CCVEDC sponsored event</b>
ENEWS <b>June 2018</b>	<b>Regional Industry and Real Estate News</b>	2500	<b>COMPLETE Results: CA 31% open rate, 12.0% click-thru, Natnl 22%, 3%</b>
BOARD MEETING <b>June 8, 2018</b>	CCVEDC Board Meeting Fresno EDC 10:00 to 12:00		Finalize Marketing Calendar and Budget for 2016-17 and Election of Officers
CPSJV <b>June 15, 2018</b>	<b>Partnership Meeting-Tulare</b>		<b>CCVEDC is Econ Dev Committee and we sit on the board</b>

Work Group	Higher Education
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	Central Valley Higher Education Consortium
Lead Organization Contact	Virginia Madrid-Salazar, J.D., Strategies Lead
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	April 1 – June 30, 2018

## 1. Math Pathways / Corequisite Remediation

### Math Pathways Task Force Phase I

CVHEC leveraged its effort for the Math Pathways Task Force, a project supported from a grant from the College Futures Foundation, to provide support to Central Valley math faculty to create math pathways for STEM and non-Stem students. The Task Force engages valley faculty in this effort from three CSUs (Bakersfield, Fresno and Stanislaus), UC Merced and 14 community colleges. The Charles A. Dana Center at The University of Texas at Austin (Dana Center) was contracted to provide technical expertise and tools to support the faculty taking on the charge of creating reasonable math solutions to increase degree attainment. The Math Pathways Task Force was co-chaired by math faculty from Reedley College and CSU Fresno.

The Math Pathways Task Force (Task Force) included math faculty from the following institutions: Bakersfield College; Cerro Coso College; Clovis Community College; College of the Sequoias; Columbia College; CSU, Bakersfield; CSU, Fresno; CSU, Stanislaus; Fresno City College; Fresno Pacific University; Merced College; Modesto Junior College; Porterville College; Oxnard College; Reedley College; San Joaquin Delta College; Taft College; West Hills College Coalinga; West Hills College Lemoore; and UC Merced.

The task force met via zoom and in person over the course of nine-months to identify their mission, objectives and goals. The math faculty developed a problem statement and possible solutions. The Task Force then identified recommendations for math pathways and vetted those recommendations among other math faculty and at the CVHEC Math Pathways Math Articulation Workshop on April 20, 2018. A final draft of the recommendations was released on June 5, 2018 at the CVHEC Board meeting where they were approved. Phase II of the Math Pathways Task Force will expand the task force to include articulation officers and will work toward implementation of the recommendations. Phase II begins August 2018 and continues to August 2019.

### Math Pathways Articulation Workshop – April 20, 2018

Over 100 participants from valley higher education attended the Math Pathways Articulation Workshop convened by CVHEC. The workshop focused the impacts of AB 705 and CSU Chancellor's Office Executive Order 1100 (revised August 2017) and Executive Order 1110 which requires students to be placed into college-level English and Math (no remediation) by Fall 2018. An Overview of AB 705 (requires multiple measures and students to be placed into transfer-level math in the first year of college). Other items for discussion included an overview of the articulation process to ensure pathway courses would be approved.

During Phase II, the Math Pathways Task Force will also take on math corequisite remediation.

### Math Pathways Phase II and III Funding

The Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC) wrote and received a grant proposal to the College Futures Foundation to continue the Math Pathways work. The grant was submitted May 2018 and was awarded July 2018.

### Corequisite Remediation – English

English faculty requested CVHEC form an English Faculty Corequisite Task Force to support corequisite implementation. CVHEC organized a breakfast meeting on March 10, 2018 at the California Acceleration Project annual conference in Sacramento, California. The English Faculty Task Force met again via zoom on May 7, 2018 where the task force agreed to assign a four-member Executive Committee. The Executive Committee met on May 24, 2018 and includes English Faculty from Porterville College, College of the Sequoias, Fresno City College, and Modesto Junior College. The Executive Committee contributed to the organization of the August 23-24, 2018 CVHEC Corequisite English and Math Workshop held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Fresno.

## **2. Guided Pathway—California Community College Chancellor’s Vision for Success**

### Guided Pathways – Leading from the Middle Academy

CVHEC works collaboratively with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to provide support to the Central Valley Colleges to implement the Chancellor’s Vision for Success known as Guided Pathways. As a support to this effort, the RP Group provides a Leading from the Middle (LFM) Academy, a leadership academy for community college middle managers. There are 12 CVHEC member colleges participating in the LFM Academy.

In the Fresno Talent Hub region, State Center Community College District colleges (Clovis Community College, Fresno City College, Reedley College, and the Madera Community College Center) and West Hills Community College District colleges (West Hills Community College Lemoore and West Hills Community College Coalinga).

The academy is spread throughout a nine-month period and requires participants to attend three, three-day academies in Pomona, California. The State Center Community College District colleges did experience a scheduling conflict – the second academy conflicted with commencement ceremonies. To ensure the district colleges received the training, CVHEC used the opportunity to host the academy at Fresno City College. CVHEC provided logistic coordination for the academy. The day focused on training the participants on dealing with resisters as well as focusing on equity on campuses. This particular training also brought to light the opportunities the colleges have to deal with district issues as a team. Overall, the training was successful.

### Central Valley Guided Pathways Implementation

In collaboration with the California Community College Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO), CVHEC is working to support CVHEC-member colleges as they implement Guided Pathways. In this effort, CVHEC will work collaboratively with the CCCCCO’s Guided Pathways Regional Coordinator assigned to the Central Valley.

To launch the effort, CVHEC encouraged CVHEC-member colleges to participate in the Leading from the Middle (LFM) Academy, a year-long leadership training focusing on Guided Pathways as the team project that began in March 2018. Each college sent a team of five to participate in the LFM Academy. As a follow-up to the first academy, CVHEC participated in LFM coach visits to reiterate the intent of the CCCCCO-CVHEC Collaboration and identify support opportunities through challenges identified by the LFM team. In addition to these visits, the CCCCCO Regional Coordinator and CVHEC Strategies Lead also visited

with college Guided Pathway lead teams (often not LFM team members) and college leadership teams to gain the same understanding.

These Central Valley college visits occurred between April 2018 through May 2018. As a result of these visits, CVHEC gathered and synthesized resource needs will be paired up through the course of the five-year implementation effort. CVHEC will bring to bear resources available through its relationships with Complete College America and Lumina Foundation. The CCCCCO will bring resources from Career Ladders, the RP Group and others.

### **3. K12 Alignment**

#### College Next

CVHEC is working collaboratively with the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to provide a high school students with a college and career planning platform – through a campaign known as College Next. The platform is known as California College Guidance Initiative (CCCGI) and will be supplemented in the Central Valley through a grant five-year grant from the CCCCCO.

CVHEC is working to introduce the platform, which provides real-time data to inform decision making to K-12s throughout the valley including Fresno-area districts. CCGI not only provides career and college pathways, but also allows students and parents to track CSU and UC eligibility. Students can upload their applications directly to California Community College Apply as well as the CSU Apply portals. The alignment of K12 with colleges will also assist with multiple measures placement at the college-level as transcripts are automatically uploaded to a student's choice school.

A launch of the College Next campaign is planned for the week of September 10, 2018 and will occur regionally at CSU Fresno, CSU Stanislaus, CSU Bakersfield and at the Tulare County Office of Education. The launch audience includes K-12 districts (with high schools), community colleges and CSUs.

#### FASFA Work Group Meetings

As part of the Lumina Foundation Talent Hub designation, CVHEC/Fresno Compact continue to host a FAFSA Work Group meeting April 23, 2018. The FASFA Work Groups are led by Elaine Cash.

The meetings include attendance by K-12 districts including Fresno Unified School District, Clovis Unified School District, Central Unified School District, and Sanger Unified School District. Representatives from the districts include counselors, counselor directors, and principals.

Topics of discussion include: district updates on FASFA completion rates, use of CSAC FASFA completion reports and how districts follow up on them, concerns and best practices shared on how to reach out to parents, best practices were discussed in the meeting, discussed where the needs are, challenges and resources that could be identified and delivered.

Work Group	Sustainable Communities
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (RPC)
Lead Organization Contact	Michael Sigala
Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> through 2 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	January 1 – June 30, 2018

The **San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (RPC)** was established to discuss and build regional consensus on issues of importance to the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) eight-county region. RPC includes the San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, Merced County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Fresno Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Tulare County Association of Governments and Kern Council of Governments. RPC consists of two elected officials from the boards of each regional planning agency and the executive director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District). The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council is a partnership that exemplifies the regional transportation planning agencies’ commitment to working collaboratively to address regional issues, challenges and opportunities. The following highlights some of the major accomplishments and activities of the RPC during the reporting period.

**Valley Voice** is the RPC’s advocacy program that communicates the region’s priorities to state and federal legislators. Each year, a coalition of elected officials and COG staff from throughout the region travel to Sacramento and Washington, DC to advocate on behalf of the valley with a unified voice. During the reporting period, a Valley Voice delegation of 28 representatives travelled to Sacramento on March 7, 2018 for one day of advocacy meetings. Meetings were held with the Executive Director of the Strategic Growth Council, the Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board, the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, the Caltrans Director, the Chief Executive Officer of the California High Speed Rail Authority, and several members of the State Legislature. Valley Voice Washington D.C. is scheduled for September 12 and 13, 2018.

**Regional Priority Project Funding under SB 1** continues to be an important undertaking by the RPC. Funding for the completion of the State Route 99 as approved in the 99 Business Plan is of upmost importance for the efficient movement of people and goods. SR 99 is the backbone of the Valley’s economy, is over-concentrated with truck traffic, and is rated one of the most unsafe and deadliest freeways in the nation. Much of these circumstances are worsened by the bottleneck areas, where two lane traffic in each direction causes congestion and unsafe driving conditions. The regional planning agencies of the San Joaquin Valley are working with federal and state agencies to fund major improvements along SR 99, and other major east-west regional corridors. With the passage of SB 1, the prospect of funding these improvements is better, but still challenging, as other more populated regions of the state demand funds as well. Major advocacy continues for funding under the State Inter-Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and Solutions for Congested Corridors programs. During the reporting period, competitive funding from these programs were awarded to seven Valley projects totaling \$105.8 million. Additional federal funding from the BUILD and INFRA programs totaled \$59 million for two Valley projects, also awarded during the reporting period.

**Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** work activities are ongoing, and as a result, MPO staff are continually engaged in these planning activities. Currently, staff is finalizing work on the 2018 RTP/SCS, and are nearing Board adoption. SCS is part of each county's RTP and integrates transportation, land-use, and housing policies for achieving greenhouse gas emissions reductions as required by Senate Bill 375. Extensive resources were expended for modeling, community outreach, environmental reviews, and technical analysis related to establishing a greenhouse gas target for the Valley. This work effort is coordinated with the California Air Resources Board. All Valley MPOs appear to be on track to meet SB 375 targets with their 2018 RTP/SCS. Valley regional planning agencies continue to dialogue with the California Air Resources Board regarding upcoming evaluation of finalized RTP/SCS documents.

**Goods Movement**, two recently completed goods movement studies; 1) I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study – specifically analyzing the major north-south corridors of the Valley and making recommendations for improving mobility and safety, including a demonstration project. And, 2) SJV Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan – specifically analyzing critical first-and-last-mile connectors, truck parking and routing, priority rural corridors, and freight modeling have been completed. Both studies provide data rich assessments of goods movement flows within and out of the San Joaquin Valley, and help position the valley for goods movement funding opportunities. Major deliverables and other information for both studies can be found on the sjvcog's website: [http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide\\_activities/good-movement/](http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/)

**Rural Transit Alternatives Study** is a partnership between San Joaquin Valley MPOs, the UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS), and Caltrans to examine if shared access services (ride-sourcing and ride-sharing arrangements such as uber/lyft, or car sharing), and other options, can provide alternatives for meeting transportation needs in rural areas of the Valley. The final report, *Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Services in Rural Disadvantaged Communities in the California's San Joaquin Valley: Existing Conditions and Conceptual Program Development* is available online: [https://ncst.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NCST\\_Rodier\\_SJV-Transit-Alternatives\\_Final-Report\\_SEPT-2017.pdf](https://ncst.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NCST_Rodier_SJV-Transit-Alternatives_Final-Report_SEPT-2017.pdf)

A conceptual program was designed for areas that would most benefit from shared mobility services: 1) carsharing and ridesourcing in the Dinuba, Cutler, and Orosi communities of Tulare County, and the Lamont-Arvin and Wasco communities of Kern County. And, 2) a technology platform that enables improved efficiency for multiple independently operated demand responsive transportation services in jurisdictions in northeast Stanislaus and southeast San Joaquin counties. The full implementation for this work, beyond planning, has been awarded to the Valley with a \$2.25 million grant from ARB under their Car Sharing and Mobility Options Pilot Project program. During the reporting period, implementation efforts have begun for the ARB funded program.

Work Group	Water Quality, Supply and Reliability
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	California Water Institute
Lead Organization Contact	Sarge Green
Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	Jan. 1 – September 2018

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

CIT/CWI continued to participate directly in the implementation process of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency on behalf of the Fresno State campus. The new agency has now begun developing the required “Groundwater Sustainability Plan” (GSPs) which must be adopted and submitted to the State by January 2020. The plan will eventually determine both the constraints and remedies for sustaining groundwater in the service area of the organization. The early findings of the plan are that the northeastern portion of Fresno County encompassed by the Cities of Fresno and Clovis as well as the service area of Fresno Irrigation District has a structural groundwater deficit of approximately 40,000 acre-feet per year while the larger Kings Groundwater Basin between the foothills to the east and the Fresno Slough (near the City of San Joaquin and the community of Tranquillity) on the west and between the San Joaquin River to the north and the main channel of the Kings River to the south is over 200,000 acre-feet per year. The largest area of overdraft is in the western portion of the King Groundwater Basin just east of the Fresno Slough. A similar process is being undertaken for the rest of the San Joaquin Valley and for the most part the pattern is the same, the easternmost portions of the Valley floor have less overdraft than the central and western portions of the Valley mostly due to the availability of surface water from the Sierras. The overall deficit in the eight Valley counties has been estimated as 1.8 million acre-feet per year which means over the last thirty-plus years the Valley has extracted more than 5 million acre-feet than what was recharged (PPIC WPC – “Water Stress in the San Joaquin Valley”, March 2017). As a result, water levels have reached historic depths to reach groundwater in many areas of the Valley. The GSPs are under construction in all of the “critical” areas but are in different stages of development. Some have already had significant internal tensions among the neighboring new sustainability agencies while others have had significant progress in creating “coordination agreements” among the agencies. The first GSPs ready for public review will likely be ready late in the summer of 2019. They all have to be turned in by the end of January 2020. It is likely a few may be deficient, however, the law has some flexibility in treating the deficiencies as well as implementation of the plans. Clearly reversal of the groundwater trends will not happen overnight so phased implementation is likely. The critical issues of interest to the Partnership during implementation will be availability of drinking water for rural residents and communities as well as the economic impacts of changing agricultural production patterns. Agriculture is approximately 25% of Valley GDP so where feasible, staged implementation of groundwater management is an important strategy to understand and react to the changes.

#### Goal 2 – Water Supply

The Proposition 1 application for Temperance Flat storage reservoir was submitted in a timely fashion during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to the staff of the California Water Commission. It was not successful in attaining significant funding during final review in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. It only received a recommendation for 117M when 1B was requested. It fell short in the public benefits calculation which was heavily weighted towards environmental benefits. Unfortunately the largest benefit of storage in Temperance Flat was likely to be groundwater recharge and improved groundwater quantity and quality which was not deemed a public benefit under the Proposition 1 requirements/guidelines. This needs to be remedied in future legislation.

### Goal 3 – Funding

During the early 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter the California Water Institute was approved for a USDA NIFA planning grant of \$30,000 to join all four public universities in the Valley, CSU, Bakersfield, Fresno and Stanislaus as well as UC Merced, in a research planning and coordination effort. The goal of the effort is to develop a research needs and training agenda in response to the potential impacts of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Each University has a unique contribution to the research platform which collectively can evaluate many options and solutions to the impacts of that Act. The resulting research and training platform will be submitted for an implementation grant in the 2020 funding cycle of NIFA.

### Goal 4 – Education during the 3 quarters

- a. Drinking water – technical assistance supported by the grant being administered by the CSU WRPI Disadvantaged Community Program has continued. The goal of each assistance effort is to finish a grant application for approval by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance. Several of the projects have been submitted into the grant application system. None have yet been certified as complete and eligible. The efforts will continue. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the new AVP for water was brought on board at Fresno State and the programs the position is responsible for are being fleshed out by the successful candidate, Tommy Esqueda. The California Water Institute is now the domain of the AVP and the Center for Irrigation Technology and Water and Energy Technology Center remain with the Jordan College of Agriculture. The main differences of responsibility are water policy v. water technology and related businesses.
- b. Conservation – two new laws are coming into effect that will have significant impacts on municipalities and water systems that deliver a certain volume of domestic water to urban users. AB1668/SB606 became law this year and both inside household and outside watering of urban landscapes will have much stricter limits (eg 55 gallons per person per day inside use). The impacts include more measurement and perhaps redesign of urban landscapes including individual households and institutional/commercial users and their landscapes. The Center for Irrigation Technology and California Water Institute will look into the impacts and develop strategies to help municipal water providers with technology ideas for landscape changes, measurement evaluation capabilities and policy support respectively.
- c. Delta fix and Delta flow standards – staff recommends that we continue to seek an update by a member of the Delta Stewardship Council be considered as an education item in the near future. Delta flow changes suggested by a change to flow release requirements in the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan have created significant concerns in the northern Valley counties. The flow standards will impact the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus tributaries to the San Joaquin River. Staff recommends this be added to a Partnership agenda as soon as possible.
- d. Legislative update – a bill to develop a fund for disadvantaged community drinking water systems was not successful.
- e. CV SALTS – The final output of this effort, a “salt and nutrient management plan” was adopted by the Regional Board in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year and forwarded the State Water Resources Control Board for approval. The likely impact over the short term is the nutrient control program portion of the plan implementation. That element is designed to reduce nitrogen impacts to groundwater as quickly as possible. This will impact dairies and eastside crop agriculture the most by limiting how much dairy manure and crop fertilizer can be used on land that has a direct vertical connection to local groundwater. It will need to be integrated into SGMA implementation as well.

Work Group	Workforce Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	Central California Workforce Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Adam Peck, Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2018
Reporting Period	April 1 – June 30, 2018

**Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Regional and Local Planning**

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

Under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), a biennial update of regional and local workforce development board plans is required in order to ensure plans remain current and account for changes in labor market and economic conditions or in other factors affecting the implementation of the regional and local plan.

The California Workforce Development Board (State Board) has made changes to the State Plan which require that local workforce development boards update their regional and local plans to keep them consistent with the policy direction of the State Plan.

The State Board has provided local boards with specific guidance on both required and elective modifications to local and regional plans, and includes conditions and processes for robust stakeholder engagement during the modification process.

Building on existing regional and local partnerships, the local workforce boards of the CCWC will convene a series of stakeholder forums throughout the Central San Joaquin Valley region for the purpose of engaging broad and diverse participation of community members, stakeholders, and WIOA partners to develop modifications to the regional and local plans, which describes how to best coordinate workforce services in the central valley. The stakeholder forums will include the following topics:

- Strengthening coordination between the workforce system and organizations that contribute to re-entry support for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals;
- Addressing the way in which Local Boards will engage with and work with the county Human Service agencies and other local CalFresh E&T partners such as CBOs and community colleges to serve local CalFresh populations;
- Partnering with Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs) to provide workforce services to unemployed, underemployed, and payment-delinquent non-custodial parents;
- Partnering with Local CBOs and other agencies that serve English Language Learners, the Foreign Born, and Refugees;
- Partnering with Department of Rehabilitation and other CBOs to serve persons with disabilities, including candidates for participation in Competitive Integrated Employment programs;
- Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) pre-apprenticeship partnerships.

**Prison to Employment Initiative Planning Grant (P2E)**

In July 2018, the California Legislature approved \$37 million in state general funds to resource the Prison to Employment Initiative (P2E) proposed by Governor Jerry Brown in his 2018 budget proposal. Funding for the P2E is intended to support regional planning efforts, fund regional plan implementation, and

provide resources for direct services to the formerly incarcerated and other justice-involved individuals. It also sets aside specific resources for both supportive services and earn and learn activities.

- Collaboration among partners in development of service delivery strategies and alignment of resources to better connect the supervised population to employment.
- Innovation that creates new or adapts existing approaches or accelerates application of promising practices in workforce development and skill attainment.
- System change that utilizes these funds to incentivize adoption of proven strategies and innovations that are sustained beyond the grant period.

The California Workforce Development Board announced the availability of approximately \$1,750,000 in P2E funds for collaboration development of regional partnerships that serve the formerly incarcerated and other justice involved individuals in California. These funds will go out as a local assistance planning grants to each of the 14 Workforce Development Board Regional Planning Units in California.

On August 28, 2018, the San Joaquin Valley and Associated Counties Planning Unit, also known as the Central California Workforce Collaborative applied for \$200,000 in P2E planning grant funds.



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## Letters of Support

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September 2018

No letters of support submitted during this period.



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## 2018-19\* Partnership Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

### 2018

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

### 2019

DATE	COUNTY
March 15	Madera
June 21	Kings
September 20	Kern
December 13	Stanislaus

\*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