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## MEETING

**Place:** Board of Supervisors Chambers  
Kings County Government Center,  
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

**Time:** 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2009

**Agenda:** KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
<b>I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman</b>		

**A. Unscheduled Appearances**

Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.

<b>B. Minutes of March 25, 2009</b>	1-5	Approve
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<b>II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE</b>
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**A. General Transportation Items**

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2. FY 2008-09 RSTP Exchange Agreement (Resolution No. 09-06)	19-25	Approve
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**B. Caltrans Reports**

**C. Correspondence**

**D. Staff Comments**

**E. Commissioner Comments**

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| 5. Areawide Planning Review No. 09-02<br>Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning -<br>FY 09-10 Federal Transit Planning and Research Funds | 51-52 | Ratify<br>Comments |
| 6. Areawide Planning Review No. 09-03<br>Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning -<br>FY 09-10 State Planning & Research Funds             | 53-54 | Ratify<br>Comments |
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**IV. MISCELLANEOUS****A. Correspondence****B. Staff Comments****C. Commissioner Comments****V. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting scheduled for May 27, 2009.**



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TO: KCAG Commission  
FROM: Terri King, Executive Director  
DATE: April 15, 2009

SUBJECT: California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Funding Request

## Introduction

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was established by Governor Schwarzenegger under an Executive Order with the purpose of creating a strong advocacy for Valley programs and projects. The Partnership is composed of public and private officials appointed by the Governor, including local elected officials from each of the eight Valley COGs (Sid Craighead from KCAG). The Partnership is currently staffed by the Office of Community and Economic Development at CSU Fresno with Mike Dozier serving as the Director. Partnership staffing was initially funded through the State of California, but is not proposed for funding in the State's FY 2009-10 Budget. CSU Fresno is providing funding support for most of the staffing and the City of Fresno has included funding in their initial budget, leaving a shortfall of \$142,000.

## Request for Valley COG Funding Support

The Partnership is requesting funding through the eight Valley COGs to fill the \$142,000 shortfall. KCAG's share of this cost is \$5,500. Attached is supporting information from the Partnership that addresses the accomplishments of the Partnership and a budget breakdown. Partnership Director Mike Dozier will be in attendance to answer any questions related to the funding request.

The request for funding is for general administrative support, but KCAG's federal and state funds by law can only be used for transportation planning and project implementation activities and therefore can't be used for the purposes of the Partnership. If the request is approved, additional general funds from member agencies would be needed. Below are the following member agency shares of the \$5,500.

Jurisdiction	Population %	Funding Share
Avenal	10.7548%	\$591
Corcoran	16.8661%	\$928
Hanford	33.6487%	\$1,851
Lemoore	15.8656%	\$873
Kings County	22.8648%	\$1,257

## Recommendation

KCAG staff recommends that the Commission consider the Partnership's funding request for inclusion in the FY 2009-10 Budget and Overall Work Program.



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## MINUTES

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 4:33 p.m., on April 22, 2009 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Barba, Dan Chin, Sid Craighead, Mary Hornsby, Ray Lerma, Joe Neves, Paul Marquez

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Audino, Seth Eberhard, Terri King, Christina Lehn, David Hamilton County Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT: None

### UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

### MINUTES – March 25, 2009

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Chin) to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

### KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

#### A. General Transportation Items

##### 1. FY 2009-2010 Transportation Development Act

Mr. Eberhard stated that the FY 2009-10 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) funding is estimated to be \$3 million and that there is no State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. Claims were received by KCAG prior to the April 1st deadline. Allocations will be revised after the 2009 population estimates are released on May 1st. Revised claim forms will be sent out after that time. Mr. Eberhard presented the detailed review of the LTF application and claim summaries from applicants.

Chairperson Neves opened the public hearing for unmet transit needs. There being no testimony provided, the hearing was continued until the May 27th meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments. Mr. Eberhard indicated that there was no testimony at the KCAPTA meeting on March 25th nor have there been any written comments submitted to KCAG.

Mr. Eberhard stated that the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) has met and discussed unmet transit needs and the status of current transportation services by transit operators. The SSTAC will meet following the close of the comment period. The approval of apportionments, claims, and unmet transit needs determinations is scheduled to take place at the June meeting.

2. FY 2008-09 Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds

Ms. King indicated that Caltrans has provided the FY 2008-09 apportionment of federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to KCAG as \$1,259,755. These funds can be traded for nonfederal dollars at a one to one exchange rate. In order to do this, a resolution must be made authorizing the Executive Director to sign an agreement with Caltrans for the apportionment of the regional funds. The exchanged fund will be distributed to the County of Kings and the incorporated cities based on an agreed upon formula.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to adopt Resolution No. 09-06, authorizing the Executive Director to sign the agreement for the exchange of FY 2008-09 STP funds for nonfederal dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Federal Transportation High Priority Project Request

Ms. King stated that, in anticipation of the expiration of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) in September 2009, the U.S. House of Representative Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is requesting the submittal of High Priority Projects (HPP) to be considered for inclusion into the bill that will replace SAFETEA-LU. The 12th Avenue and 19th Avenue interchanges, which are currently in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), are projects staff is considering submitting to Congressman Jim Costa. These projects are programmed in later years of the STIP and staff anticipates that more funding for the projects will be needed due to a potential delay because of the State budget problems and thus an increase in cost. Ms. King indicated that requests must be sent to Congressm an Costa by Friday, April 24th.

Ms. King distributed three draft letters of support for HPP funds submittals from the City of Hanford for the 12th Ave. interchange in the amount of \$5 million, the City of Lemoore for the 19th Ave. interchange in the amount of \$3 million, and the County of Kings in the amount of \$5.3 million dollars for regionally significant farm-to-market road rehabilitation. In addition, the San Joaquin Valley COGs have agreed to support funding for SR 99 projects. Ms. King indicated this attached letter of support was for information only.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve letters of support for the three project submittals of High Priority Projects to Congressman Costa. Motion carried unanimously.

## **B. Caltrans Reports**

Mr. Marquez stated that funding for the SR 198 Expressway is delaying the start of the advertisement for construction. The project will not be receiving any ARRA funding. Caltrans is waiting for bond funds to become available for this project. Uncertainty about when bond funding will be available is preventing Caltrans from providing a construction date. Mr. Marquez also stated that Caltrans, to avoid entering the political realm, cannot provide letters of support for the projects being suggested to Congressman Costa for inclusion in the legislation replacing SA FETEA-LU.

Mr. Marquez continued by discussing the status of 12th Avenue project. Caltrans is currently in the Environmental Document phase and are evaluating configuration of the eastbound off-ramp at the southeast quadrant of the interchange. Caltrans is anticipating that document will be approved sometime around October 2009.

For the 19th Avenue project, Caltrans staff has met with the city of Lemoore to discuss utility relocation, drainage, and right-of-way issues. Right-of-way certification should occur around September 2009.

The deadline for the state's Safe Routes to School program was April 15. District 6 received 46 applications for this year's allocation of \$3.4 million of Safe Routes to School funding, of which two were from Kings County. One of the applications from Kings County was for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle improvements at Garden Side School for \$754,000. Additionally, the City of Lemoore submitted an application for curb extensions, signage, and speed displays at Liberty Elementary, Cinnamon Elementary, Meadow Lane Elementary, Lemoore Elementary, and PW Engvall Elementary for \$270,000. The District will review and score the applications at the end of April. These will then be submitted to headquarters where successful applications will be announced. The exact time of the announcement is at this point unknown but staff will report back with more information.

Member Hornsby inquired about the status of the traffic study at SR 41 and Bush Street in Lemoore. Mr. Marquez indicated that Caltrans has been working with the City of Lemoore planning and public works staff on interim and long term improvement strategies.

## **C. Correspondence**

Ms. King presented a letter from the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail regarding the availability of the California State Rail Plan, which is now available online. Questions or comments are being accepted via email.

## **D. Staff Comments**

Ms. King indicated that staff is still looking at the option of putting the \$3 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds toward the SR 198 Expressway project, but there are still questions about the eligibility of bond money for other projects.

Ms. King indicated that staff is currently in Bakersfield attending the CTC Town Hall meeting to give a presentation on Kings County that outlines the state and highway projects (both current and future priorities), funding availability issues, the challenge of keeping project costs down when programming in multiple STIP years, and the success of the vanpool program.

Ms. King reported that KCAG has received the agreements from Caltrans for the Environmental Justice grant for the Kettleman City Community and Safety Study. Staff will begin work on this project shortly.

**E. Commissioner Comments**

None

**KCAG COMMISSION**

**A. General Commission Items**

**1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on April 22, 2009**

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on April 22, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

**1. Regional Blueprint Update**

Ms. Lehn provided an overview of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council meeting on April 1st. The Policy Council voted to approve the B+ Scenario and the Smart Growth Principles. Members Craighead and Barba were present at this meeting. Ms. Lehn indicated that the B+ Scenario is an amalgamation of the eight San Joaquin Valley counties' locally-preferred scenarios that was combined by UC Davis. Extensive public outreach was done to select these eight scenarios. Ms. Lehn provided a handout of the Smart Growth Principles, a representation of the B+ scenario, and an outline of the tasks that will be undertaken during the fourth year grant for Blueprint implementation.

**2. Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Funding Request**

Ms. King stated that the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was established by Governor Schwarzenegger to create advocacy for Valley programs and projects. It is a public/private organization with Sid Craighead serving as the KCAG representative. Partnership Staff is current housed at the Fresno State campus with Mike Dozier serving as the Director. Staff funding for the partnership was initially provided by the State of California; however, funding for the Partnership is not in the FY 2009-2010 State budget.

The Partnership is requesting funding from the COGs to address a \$142,000 budgetary shortfall. KCAG's portion of this would be \$5,500 with each of the incorporated cities and the County of Kings being responsible for funding a share of the sum. Ms. King distributed materials with the Partnership's budget and some documents detailing the success of the Partnership since its inception. Ms. King indicated that COG funding for the partnership cannot come out of existing state and federal transportation planning funds and instead it has to come from general fund shares from the local agencies.

Mr. Dozier spoke regarding the Partnership's status. He indicated that the Partnership was originally funded with \$5 million from the state and will run out at the end of June. The Partnership is seeking funding from a variety of sources, including grants. COG funding of the Partnership would send a powerful message to the state, who is interested in seeing the Partnership obtain funding through and collaborate with local agencies.

Ms. King asked whether the COG funding would support all ten work groups of the Partnership or if it would just support the transportation work group. Mr. Dozier stated that it would fund the Office of the Secretariat who will work with the work groups to meet their budgeting needs. Mr. Dozier indicated that nine out of the ten work groups are prepared to continue working without any funding. Mr. Dozier also stated that communication and legislative advocacy would continue through the Partnership. The Partnership assembled the Regional Economic Recovery Work Plan as requested by the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency in preparation for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He also indicated that the Partnership intends to continue this role in the future.

Ms. King asked if the Partnership plans on seeking state funding in the future, or if the COGs would be asked for funding every year. Mr. Dozier stated that, at this point, they do not anticipate asking the COGs for funding in the future.

Mr. Barba asked if the funding requests of Kings County would get proportionally larger with time if the COGs continued to provide funding for the Partnership. Mr. Dozier said that the Partnership does not anticipate asking for funding in the future. The Partnership is being touted across the state as an example of regional cooperation.

Chairperson Neves asked if the Partnership's request has been turned down by any of the other COG boards. Mr. Dozier indicated that the only other COG board they have been to is Fresno's, who unanimously approved the request. The item was also presented at the Madera Transportation Commission earlier that day, but Mr. Dozier did not know the result of that meeting.

Commissioner Hornsby indicated that the current economic environment might make it difficult for cities to commit to providing funding to the Partnership. Ms. King indicated that, if approved, the funding would be included into the 2009-2010 Budget and Work Program. The funding of the Partnership would be an increase to the draft budgets already submitted to the cities and the County of Kings. Mr. Chin stated that, although the City of Hanford is trying to save money, they would be willing to support the Partnership if it received a majority vote.

The Commission decided to table the item until next month in order to give time for each Commissioner to canvass the opinions of their local staff. Approval of the funding would be in conjunction with the approval of the 2009-2010 Budget and Work Program. It would also be contingent on the majority approval of the other COGs' funding requests.

3. Area wide Planning Review No. 09-01 Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning – FY 09-10 Federal Planning Funds

Mr. Eberhard reported Caltrans is applying for a complete grant for FY 09-10 Federal Planning Funds of \$40,788,933, the Division of Transportation Planning will be providing a local match of \$5,284,638. The City of Hanford and City of Hanford Public Works commented that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Lerma) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Area wide Planning Review No. 09-01. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Area wide Planning Review No. 09-02 Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning – FY 09-10 Federal Transit Planning and Research Funds

Mr. Eberhard reported another Caltrans application for Federal Funds of \$16,572,401 with an additional local match of \$2,147,132 from the Division of Transportation Planning in addition to the requested funding. This will be applied towards the Transit Planning and Research Program. The City of Hanford and City of Hanford Public Works commented that it does not duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Lerma) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Area wide Planning Review No. 09-02. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Area wide Planning Review No. 09-03 Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning – FY 09-10 State Planning and Research Studies

Mr. Eberhard reported another Caltrans application for Federal Funds of \$6,059,625 with a \$1,514,906 local match for FY 0-09 State Planning and Research Studies. This is for Regional Blueprint Planning statewide with \$5 million and a Partnership Planning Grant Program match of \$1,059,625. The City of Hanford and City of Hanford Public Works commented that it does not duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Lerma) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Area wide Planning Review No. 09-03. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 2010 Census Complete Count Committee

Ms. Lehn indicated that she prepared this item at the request of the Chair. Ms. Lehn stated that, in preparation for the 2010 Census, local jurisdictions form Complete Count Committees. These are volunteer organizations that are established by a tribe, local government, or community leaders to increase awareness about the census and mobilize community responses. Committees usually include individuals from different cross sections of the community. These individuals then work to design and implement a plan.

Committees are formed by the highest elected official in a particular area. The jurisdictions of Corcoran, Lemoore, and Avenal have begun work on their Complete Count Committees. Mr. Craighead inquired as to whether or not the City of Hanford has organized a committee. Mr. Chin indicated that, at this time, they have not. Chairperson Neves stressed the importance of having all citizens participate in the Census. Ms. King stated that KCAG encourages all local jurisdictions to have a committee as transportation funding apportionments to Kings County are based on the Census population.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Correspondence**

None

**B. Staff Comments**

Ms. King stated that next month the adoption of the 2009-2010 Overall Work Program and Budget, the conclusion of the Transportation Development Act and the Unmet Needs Hearing, and the election of chair and vice chair will be on the agenda next month.

**C. Commissioner Comments**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director



California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

April 3, 2009

Kings County Association of Governments  
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Dear Ms. King:

Confirming communications with the staff of your Council of Governments, this letter is to formally request \$5,500 funding from Kings County Association of Governments for the continued operations of the California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley. As a basis for this request, please find the following: Attachment "A" - Partnership "Sustainability" Budget; Attachment "B" - Partnership Gap Funding allocation; and Attachment "C" - Partnership Successes.

The Partnership was established by executive order of the Governor in 2006 and extended indefinitely in December 2008. However, the extension does not include any funding in addition to the initial \$5 million provided in 2006, which expires June 30, 2009. We will continue efforts to try to secure funding from the State, but must anticipate the possibility of receiving no funding given the State's current fiscal situation. It is the intent of the Partnership board to continue the work of the Partnership in FY 2009-10, even if activities must be somewhat curtailed to adjust to the current fiscal environment. To that end, the staff has developed a minimum budget level that includes a total of 4 FTE's to support the Partnership's administrative, communications and government affairs functions, eliminating the staff of the Partnership work groups (nine of the ten Partnership Work Groups have indicated that they will find a way to continue to advance their programs to meet goals and objectives, although without State funding, the level and pace of activity will be diminished). Under this minimum "sustainability" budget scenario, the majority of the funding will come from the Office of Community and Economic Development at California State University, Fresno. However, there is a \$142,000 gap that we are requesting be filled by the 8 County Council of Governments on a pro-rata basis based on county population.

As is noted in the attached partial list of successes (Attachment "C"), your organization and the individual members have greatly benefited from the establishment of the Partnership and will continue to do so in the future. Benefits provided to Valley cities and counties include the creation of the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, the San Joaquin Housing Trust, and funding generated for the following: Highway 99

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Business Plan (\$1 billion earmark in the infrastructure bonds – the only such earmark included in the \$37 billion bond package); Prop 1B infrastructure improvements (\$824 million); Prop 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program (\$250 million); planning funds for a U.C. medical school in the Valley (\$5 million); and a number of grants for workforce development totaling more than \$1 million.

Reports from the executive staffs of the Valley COGs indicate that they see the Partnership's biggest benefits to be advocacy for Valley programs and projects. Because the Partnership board includes eight members of the Governor's Cabinet, the administration has become much more aware and knowledgeable of the issues in the Valley, and they have been very helpful in giving us unprecedented access to funding streams. A recent example of our coordinated advocacy efforts is the coordination and formation of the Regional Economic Recovery Work Plan for the State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. The Secretariat held regional meeting to educate individual cities, counties and agencies on how to submit projects for consideration, collected and reviewed the projects and prepared the "draft" Plan all within 4 weeks. In all there were over 4000 projects submitted. After removing redundancies, there were 2,412 projects totaling over \$9.3 billion in funding requests and generating a potential estimated 11 million jobs. In other areas of the State, there was a lack of a coordinated effort and as a result a less than comprehensive Plan was submitted.

The Partnership has a ten year Strategic Plan. We are now in year 3 of that Strategic Plan. There is still much work to do and continuation of the Partnership through the Secretariat is essential to maintain progress in furthering the Valley. We ask that you give consideration in assisting in this effort by helping us fill the funding gap. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (559) 696-2524 or by email at [mdozier@csufresno.edu](mailto:mdozier@csufresno.edu).

Sincerely,



Mike Dozier  
Lead Executive

Encl: Attachments as stated

Attachment "A" – Partnership "Sustainability" Budget

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley  
Budget FY 2009-10

Expense Item	Total Cost	Partnership		Comments
		Time Allocation	Cost	
1 Personnel Salaries & Benefits				
> Director		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Admin. Assistant		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Associate Director		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Student Assistant		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Communications Manager		50%		
> Communications Assistant		50%		
> Government Affairs Director		100%	50%	50% Contributed by Fresno State
Total Personnel Salaries and Benefits	\$498,000		\$144,000	
2 Rent and Utilities	\$18,000		0	Contributed by Fresno State
3 Phones/Internet	\$2,000		\$2,000	
3 Meeting Expenses, Communications	\$8,000		\$8,000	
4 Supplies, Meeting Expenses	\$10,000		\$10,000	
5 Travel	\$2,000		\$2,000	
6 Miscellaneous	\$1,000		\$1,000	
Total (net after contributions from Fresno State)			\$167,001	
Less City of Fresno Contribution (requested)			<del>(\$25,000)</del>	
Funding Gap			\$142,001	

\*Expense Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 pertain only to expenses associated with Partnership Activities

## Attachment "B" – Partnership Gap Funding Allocation

### California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

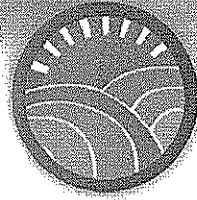
FY 2009-2010 Budget

Proposed Allocation of Funding Gap: \$142,000

Factor: 3.6 cents per capita (rounded down to nearest hundred)

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Proposed Funding</u>
Fresno	931,098	\$33,500
Kern	817,517	\$29,400
Kings	154,434	\$5,500
Madera	150,887	\$5,400
Merced	255,250	\$9,200
San Joaquin	685,650	\$24,600
Stanislaus	525,903	\$18,900
Tulare	<u>435,254</u>	<u>\$15,600</u>
Total	3,955,993	\$142,100

Source: Department of Finance Population Estimates, Jan1, 2008



California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

California's 21st Century Opportunity

## Successes

- Partnership board awarded \$2.5 million in seed grants to fund 14 regional projects, jump-start major initiatives outlined in Strategic Action Proposal. Projects have leveraged **more than \$15 million** in additional funding.
- Partnership requested that Caltrans accelerate completion of the Highway 99 Business Plan, which calls for **\$6 billion** to be invested over the next 10 years. This resulted in a **\$1 billion** earmark by the Governor and State Legislature to jumpstart Highway 99 improvements (the only earmark in the \$37 billion approved by the voters).
- With support from the partnership, the Valley formed partnerships with northern California to compete for the **\$2 billion** provided through Prop 1B for infrastructure improvements along trade corridors with a high volume of freight movement. Together, the coalition secured over **\$824 million** for regional projects adopted by the CTC. This included the adoption of five Valley infrastructure improvement projects totaling more **\$205 million**.
- Partnership worked with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, legislative delegation to advocate for and secure \$250 million in Prop 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program funding for San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program funding for the Valley. The Partnership helped secure additional air quality mitigation funding totaling \$56.5 M, including \$44 M EQIP funding, \$12.5 M DERA funding.
- Five new enterprise zones were designated in the San Joaquin Valley.
- The Partnership successfully advocated for the Hospital Council to receive a **\$500,000** grant from the State to establish the San Joaquin Valley Nursing Education Consortium.
- All eight Valley counties and the respective councils of government are collaborating on the Regional Blueprint Process and were awarded **\$2 million** in grant funding.
- The U.S. Department of Labor awarded **\$1.85 million** to expand nurse training at community colleges in Merced and Modesto, as well as SCCC's Madera Center.
- California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel awarded Kern Community College District **\$500,000** for training in high-wage occupations, such as manufacturing, logistics and construction.
- Prepared water system funding applications through seed grant with Self Help Enterprises for \$21 million for 20 communities with poor water systems. **\$10 million** have been awarded.
- Coordinated and led the Tulare Lake Basin Working Group. Secured **\$324,000** in federal funding. Completed the Tulare Basin Wildlife-Riparian Corridor Plan.
- **\$2 million** Community-Based Job Training Grant was awarded to State Center Community College District and West Hills College to provide training through the "Ensuring Agriculture for Tomorrow" (EAT) program.

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- Partnership Water Work Group is working with Valley stakeholders in an unprecedented effort to develop an integrated regional water plan.
- Partnership Air Quality and Transportation Work Groups worked together to ensure that the high-speed rail system serves the needs of the entire San Joaquin Valley. Worked toward successful passage of AB 3034, legislation that specifically identified the Altamont Corridor connecting the San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area as a high-speed segment eligible for funding under the proposed \$9 billion bond. The language was included in the high-speed rail bond passed by voters on November 4, 2008.
- The 8 County EDC's are all working on strengthening five regional industry clusters with significant growth potential.
- The 8 County WIBs have joined together to do Valley-wide surveys to determine high-demand occupations in these industry clusters. Additionally, with seed funding from the partnership, they have launched a single web site to connect job seekers and employers ([www.careersinthevalley.com](http://www.careersinthevalley.com)) and converged on a single assessment tool.
- Superintendents from the eight Valley counties have convened regularly to improve K-12 education.
- Partnership Secretariat prepared the draft Regional Economic Recovery Work Plan. The Plan was prepared with assistance from the seven work groups who assembled, reviewed, separated, and forwarded over 5,000 projects related to transportation, public infrastructure, economic development, Workforce development, housing, air quality, water and Energy.
  - The Work Plan will assist cities, counties and agencies in the San Joaquin Valley receive funds through the federal Stimulus legislation.
- Completed the Metro Rural Loop Corridor Preservation Feasibility Study. Received an additional \$276,000 from Caltrans to develop formal regional collaboration process and structure encompassing Fresno, Madera, Tulare and King Counties (30 incorporated cities).
- Stakeholders from a range of public and private sector interests – urban, rural, agriculture, business, environmental –joined forces on two Partnership-related entities: Creation of the **San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization** and the **San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust**.
- **The San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization** is working on energy conservation with 14 Valley cities. Additionally, it has signed an MOU making the Valley the first national demonstration site for the 25x'25 Initiative (25% of energy from renewable sources by the year 2025).



California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

September 16, 2009

Terri King  
Kings County Association of Governments  
339 W. "D" Street, Suite B  
Lemoore, CA 93245

Dear Terri,

A while back, you provided me a break out of potential donations to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley by the county and cities with King County, as follows:

City of Corcoran	\$ 920.00
City of Hanford	\$1,873.00
City of Lemoore	\$ 882.00
Kings County	\$1,261.00
Avenal	\$ 564.00 (paid)

To expedite our process, we have enclosed four separate invoices to each of these communities, excluding Avenal. I am hoping you can assist me by distributing to the person(s) you feel best suited to process the donation.

On behalf of the Partnership, I would like to thank you for facilitating this generous donation. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue the Partnership's efforts toward increasing the competitiveness and prosperity of the San Joaquin Valley through intellectual capacity and innovation-driven economic development initiatives.

We appreciate your vision, willingness to collaborate and your commitment to our region.

Sincerely,

Mike Dozier  
Lead Executive  
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

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Date: September 15, 2009

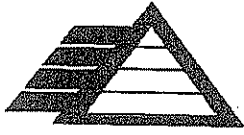
# INVOICE

To: City of Lemoore  
ATTN: Terri King  
Kings County Association of Governments  
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Lemoore, CA 93245

Note: An additional invoice with invoice number will be mailed to you from California State University Fresno Foundation within the next two weeks, but donations can be made using this form. Submittal information is below.

Thank you for your support!

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Donation by the City of Lemoore for continued support of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.	\$882.00
Remit to : California State University Fresno Foundation 4910 N. Chestnut Ave. Fresno, CA 93726-1852	
TOTAL	\$882.00



California State University, Fresno Foundation

INVOICE

Invoice - 24312
Account - 145766
Date - 9/18/09
Cost Center -32708

Remit to - CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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CHRISTINE NUTTING @ 559-294-2230

Table with columns: Date, Ty, Reference, Due Date, Remark, Invoice Amount. Row 1: 09/16/09 RJ 24312 001 10/17/09 DONATION FROM LEMDORE 882.00. Row 2: Balance Due 882.00

DESCRIPTION: DONATION BY THE CITY OF LEMDORE
FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA
PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.

\*\*PLEASE REFERENCE INVOICE# ON THE CHECK\*\*