



Overview of the
**California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley**

Strategic Action Proposal
September 2006

The Executive Order

June 2005

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley is a region rich in resources and important to California's heritage, economy, environment and identity...

- Productive agricultural region
- Three world-class national parks
- Intersected by a critical transportation corridor
- Home to hardworking people of many cultures, races and nationalities

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*...But the Valley's unique geography, climate, and economy pose specific challenges that **demand the attention** of government leaders at the state, local and federal levels*

- Fast-growing population
- High poverty rates, low median income
- Lower Federal funding per capita than state and national averages
- Poor air quality

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WHEREAS, the strength of California is tied to the economic success of the San Joaquin Valley...

*Improving the well-being of the San Joaquin Valley requires a **concerted, coordinated and creative response** from leaders at all levels of government and from community members.*

The Participants

- **8 Cabinet Secretaries** - Business, Transportation & Housing; Education; Cal Environmental Protection Agency; Health and Human Services; Labor and Workforce; Resources, State and Consumer Services; Food and Agriculture
- **8 Local Government Representatives**
- **8 Private Sector**
- **5 Liaisons to other Boards and Agencies**
- **Literally hundreds of stakeholders in 10 work groups**

The Mission

- Identify projects that will **best utilize public dollars** and improve the economic vitality of the Valley;
- **Gain federal support** for projects;
- Partner with **universities, colleges and foundations** to support studies important to the Valley;
- Make recommendations on **alternative approaches to state policies and regulations**; and
- Recommend changes that would **improve economic well-being and quality of life** for the Valley's residents.
- Develop a **strategic action proposal** by October 31, 2006.

The Work Groups

- Air Quality
- Economic Development
- Higher Ed and Workforce Development
- Water Quality, Supply and Reliability; Water/Energy
- Land Use, Ag and Housing
- Telecommunications
- Transportation
- K-12 Education
- Health & Human Services

Summary of Recommendations

- Grow a diversified, globally-competitive economy supported by a highly-skilled workforce;
- Create a model K-12 public education system;
- Implement an integrated framework for sustainable growth;
- Build a 21st century transportation mobility system;
- Attain clean air standards; and
- Develop high-quality health and human services.

Positive Results to Date

- Accelerated completion of H99 business plan; \$1 billion earmark for H99 in bonds.
- \$2 million “Blueprint” grant to San Joaquin Valley COGs.
- \$5 million for ongoing work of Partnership.
- \$500,000 for Central Valley Nursing Ed Consortium.
- \$5 million grant for UC Merced medical education.
- Accelerated funding for Highway 205 and interchange for UC Merced.
- New enterprise zone awarded to Modesto.
- \$600,000 in funding for Internet connectivity in Pixley.
- Completion of plan for state parks in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Completion of plan for “GreenStops,” high-tech rest stops in the San Joaquin Valley.

Next Steps

- **Mid-September through October** – comment period for Strategic Action Proposal.
- **October 26th and 27th** – Partnership board meeting in Fresno; approval of Strategic Action Proposal; approval of RFP for “mini-grants” to seed work of action proposal.
- **Mid-November** – presentation of Strategic Action Proposal to Governor.
- **Mid-November** – New, two-year executive order commissioning continued work of Partnership; reconstitution of Partnership board.
- **2006 – 2016** – Implementation of the Strategic Action Proposal.



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