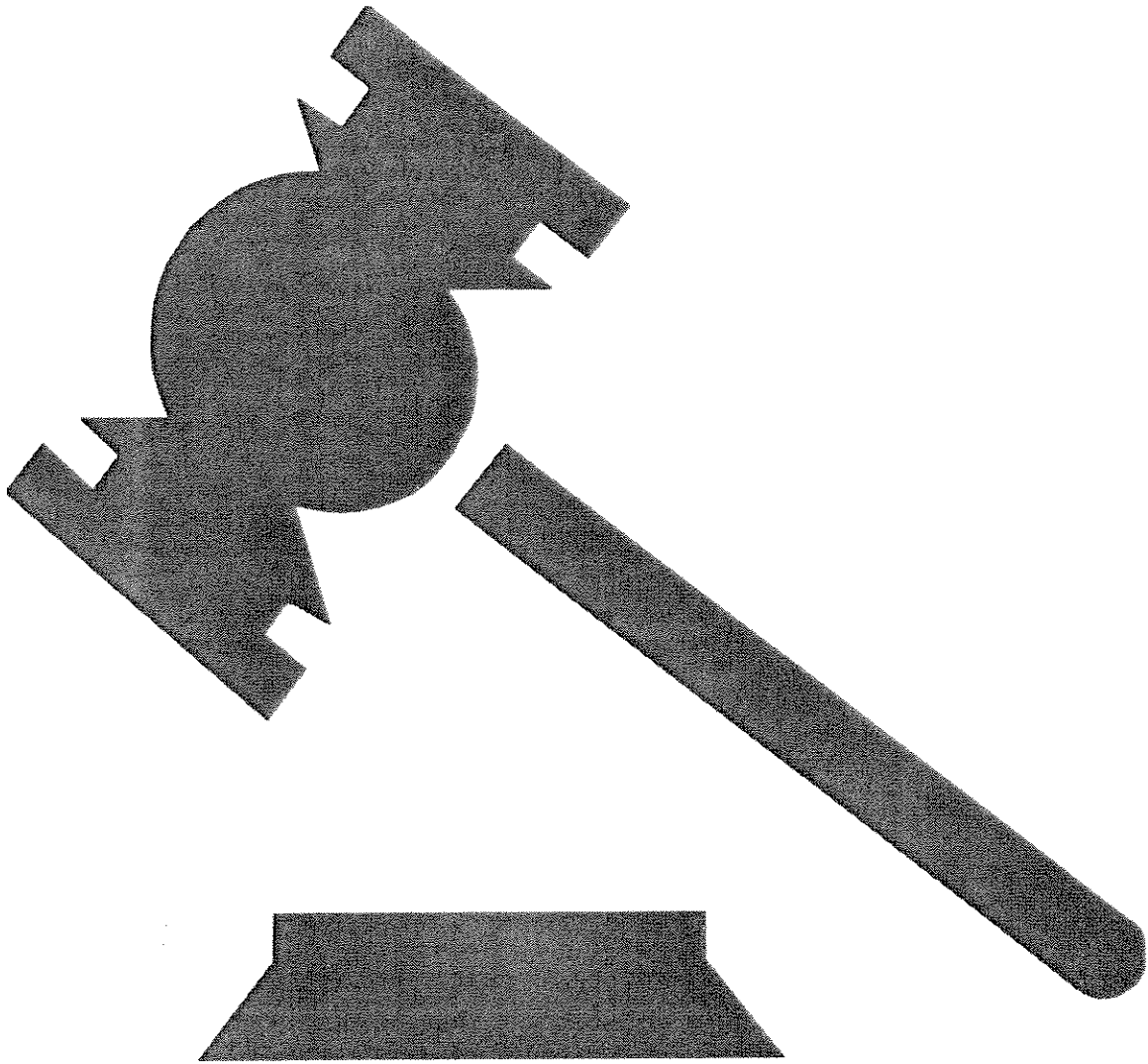
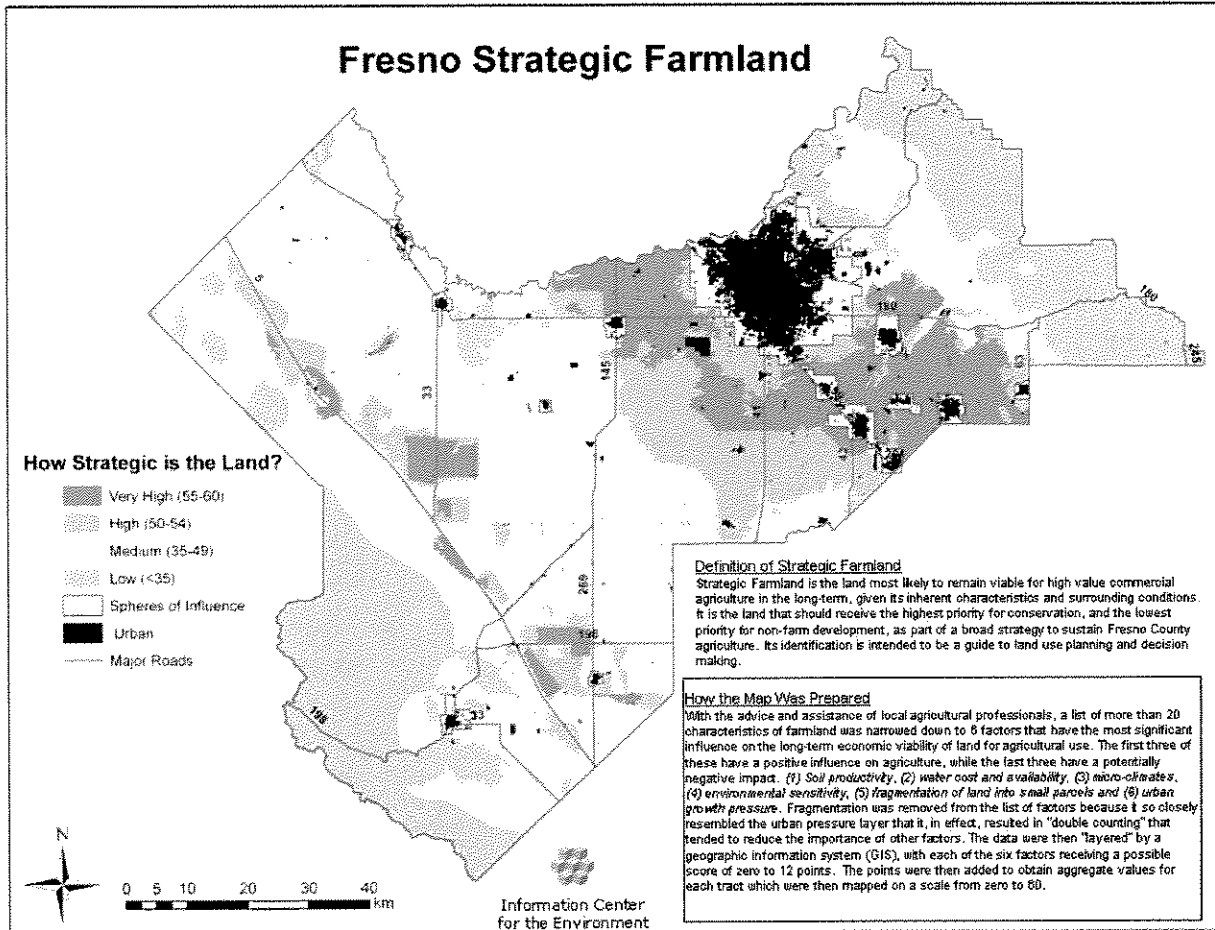




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Explanation of the Fresno County Strategic Farmland Map

The strategic farmland map shows the relative importance of land to agriculture in Fresno County. It is intended as a guide to both public and private decision making that could affect the land. But it is not a land use plan. Nor is it necessarily intended to be a legal document. Its impact on land use decisions will depend largely on the public policies that local jurisdictions adopt as part of the Model Farmland Conservation Program.



What is "Strategic Farmland?"

The term "strategic" is defined by the dictionary as "important or essential to, or forming an integral part of, a strategy."¹ The Model Farmland Conservation Program (MFCP) is intended to be a strategy for keeping the most important land available for agricultural use for as long as possible, given that some land will need to be sacrificed for urban development and other non-agricultural uses. Determining which land is most important to agriculture is an integral, essential first step in achieving an appropriate balance.

¹ Webster's College Dictionary, Random House, 1997.

The strategic farmland map is based on the following definition of “strategic farmland,” which was recommended by American Farmland Trust as a consultant to the Council of Governments and, after deliberation and revision, endorsed by the Fresno Model Farmland Conservation Project Steering Committee and adopted by the project Advisory Committee.

“Strategic farmland” is the land most likely to remain economically viable for high-value commercial agriculture in the long-term, given its inherent characteristics and surrounding conditions. It is the land that should receive the highest priority for conservation, and the lowest priority for non-farm development, as part of a broad strategy to sustain Fresno County agriculture.

This definition is focused squarely on the economic viability of agriculture as affected both by the characteristics of the land itself and by what is happening around it. This concept is novel, but not without precedent.² It is important to note, too, that although this definition implies that there is only strategic land and non-strategic land, the Strategic Farmland Map divides Fresno County land into four categories, from low to very high, that identify the relative strategic importance of the county’s farmland.

What Was Considered in Determining the Categories of “Strategic Farmland”?

In California, the Department of Conservation’s Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) is the standard method of identifying “important” farmland. Though the FMMP is one of the best systems of its kind in the nation, it does not capture all the factors that influence the long-term economic viability of agriculture. Its categorization of farmland is based largely on soil characteristics.³ Soils are a critical factor in determining the agricultural importance of land. Better soils generally produce higher crop yields with the same inputs and, thus, strongly influence the economic viability of agriculture. However, other factors such as the availability and cost of irrigation water are obviously important to the ability to produce food in California. And still other factors, like the presence of endangered species, tend to inhibit agricultural production or make it less likely that the land can continue to be profitably farmed.

As part of the Model Farmland Conservation Program strategy, we expanded on the FMMP definition of important farmland to reflect the influence of these other important factors. With the advice and assistance of the project Steering Committee, including Agriculture Commissioner Jerry Prieto and Farm Bureau Executive Director Ryan Jacobsen, a list of more than 20 characteristics of farmland was narrowed down to six factors that the Committee determined to have the most significant influence on the long-term economic viability of land for agricultural use in Fresno County. Three of these have a positive influence on agriculture: soil productivity, good availability of low-cost water, and micro-climate. The other three have a potentially negative impact on agriculture: environmentally sensitive areas, fragmentation of land into small parcels, and urban development pressure.

² See the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system designed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/lesa/>

³ See the FMMP Important Farmland map categories. http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp/mccu/Pages/map_categories.aspx

How the Map Was Made

For each of these six factors, digitized spatial data were obtained from existing sources and entered into a computerized geographic information systems (GIS) database.⁴ The table at the end of this paper describes the specific data sets and how a range of values (0 to 12 points) was assigned to each. The data were then “layered” by the computer and, after the land fragmentation layer was discarded, each of the remaining five factors was given equal weight.⁵ The points were then added to obtain aggregate values for each tract which were then mapped on a scale from one to 60. The range of scores was then divided into four categories: very high (55+) – i.e., the most strategic farmland -- high (50-54), medium (35-49) and low (<35) points to produce the final map.

One factor that deserved special mention is urban development pressure. The assumption was made that land now officially earmarked for future development is not likely to remain economically viable for agriculture in the long-term. The clearest indication of this is inclusion of land within city spheres of influence, which are supposed to indicate the ultimate build-out of urban areas, at least for the foreseeable future. Thus, what was, in effect, a policy decision was made by the Steering Committee to take agricultural land within existing spheres off the table from the standpoint of agricultural conservation – even though it is some of the most productive land in the county. (Cities may nevertheless decide to conserve some of this land.) The Advisory Committee subsequently endorsed this position with the admonition that existing spheres may have to be revisited. Some cities in the county have larger spheres relative to their anticipated growth, and may have to be expanded sooner rather than later to accommodate population increase and economic growth. Where and how that occurs should be guided by the strategic farmland map as an indicator of how much Fresno County’s agricultural economy may be compromised by urban development.

How Should the Strategic Farmland Map Inform Local Land Use Decision Making?

As indicated above, the strategic farmland map itself is not intended as a land use plan or, by itself, to have any legal standing. Its ultimate influence on land use – and on the fate of agriculture – will depend on the specific policies and programs that ultimately comprise the Model Farmland Conservation Program, as formally adopted by the County, cities, the local LAFCO and other official decision makers. Ideally, it will also guide the county Blueprint as it determines where and how future growth should occur.

That said, there are a few principles implied by the strategic farmland map that should inform local land use decision making and on which the ultimate Model Farmland Conservation Program should be based.

⁴ Computer services were provided by the Information Center for the Environment (ICE) at the University of California, Davis, under the direction of Professor Mike McCoy and with assistance from graduate students Evan Schmidt, Nathaniel Roth and Patrick Huber. <http://ice.ucdavis.edu/> ICE is also doing the computer mapping for the San Joaquin Blueprint project. Additional computer mapping assistance was provided by Kristine Cai of Fresno COG.

⁵ Fragmentation of the land into small parcels was eliminated from the list of factors because it very closely resembled the urban development pressure layer. This, in effect, resulted in “double counting” the influence of development pressure and, thus, unacceptably reduced the relative weight given to the other factors.

1) Land use decision making inevitably involves a balance between maintaining agriculture and accommodating urban growth. Ideally, decisions will minimize the impact on agriculture while promoting development that meets market demand and public needs. Generally, this can be achieved by avoiding development of the most strategic farmland and by developing the land that is converted to urban use in the most efficient way possible. These are among the fundamental tenets of *A Landscape of Choice*.

2) The more strategic the farmland, the stronger should be the presumption that it should not be converted to non-agricultural use and the stronger the case must be that alternatives that are less debilitating to agriculture are not feasible or appropriate.

3) The more strategic the farmland, the greater the importance of developing it efficiently (consuming less land per person, job, etc.) so as to maximize its development value and minimize the amount of additional farmland of comparable importance that will have to be developed.

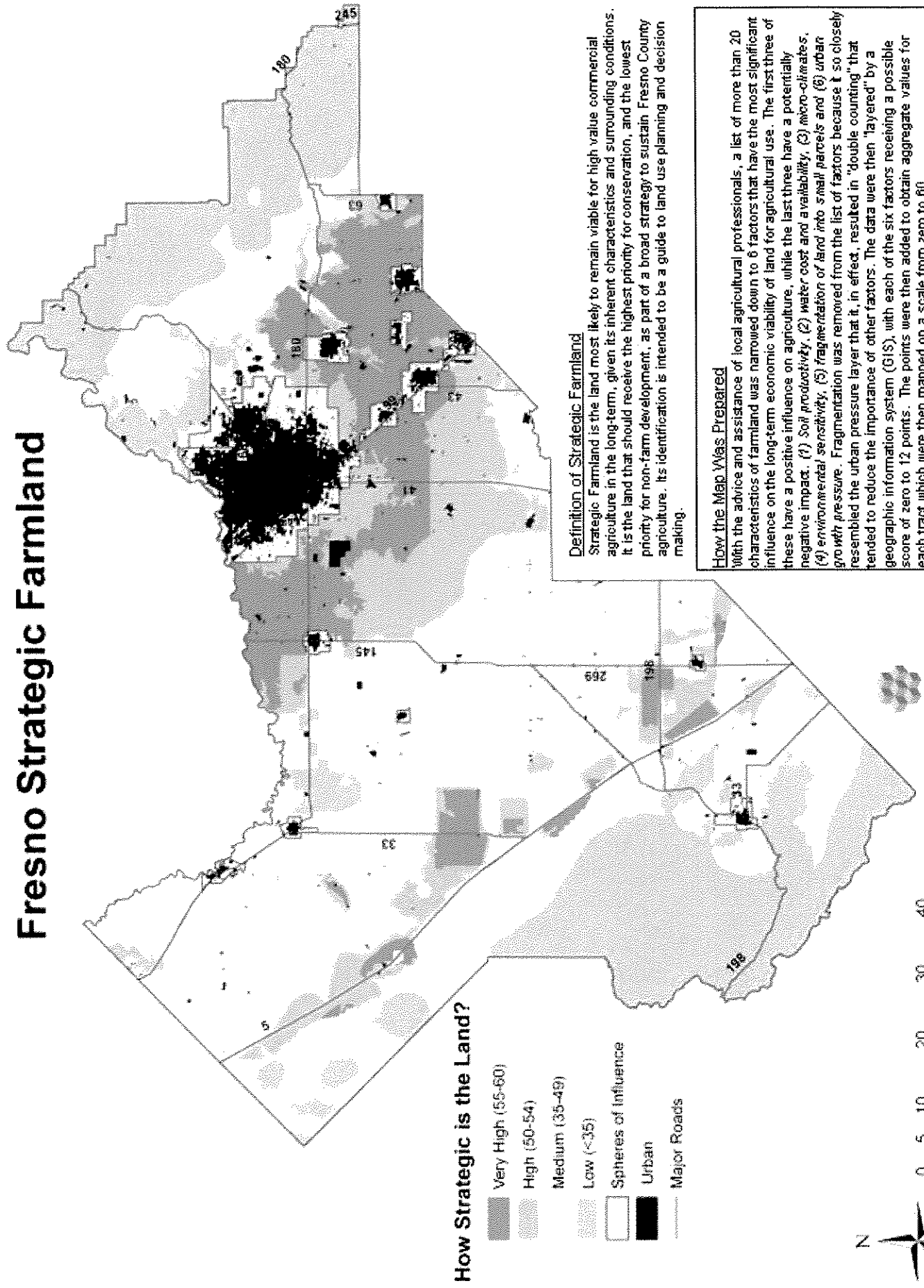
4) Development that occurs adjacent to strategic farmland, for example, at the edge of cities, should be designed and configured in such a way as to minimize any impact it may have on agriculture use of such land.

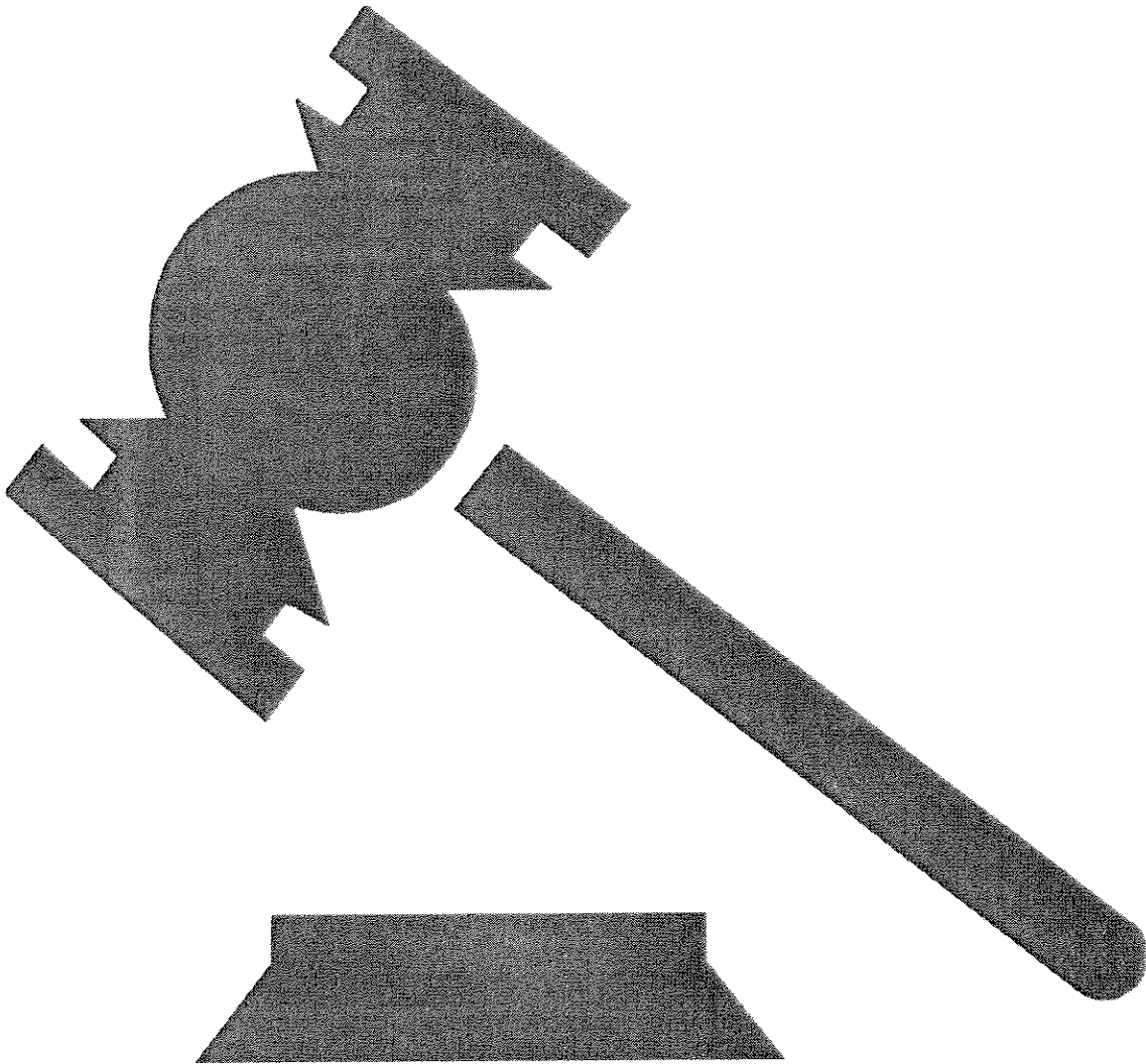
Final Observation: What the Strategic Farmland Map Shows

The Fresno Strategic Farmland Map shows the relative importance of farmland to agriculture as reflected by practical factors that contribute to, or detract from, its long-term economic viability. The one thing that stands out above all is that most of the cities in Fresno County are virtually surrounded by the most strategic farmland. The empirical evidence and analysis that went into the map, thus, tends to confirm the conventional wisdom that the so-called “Golden Triangle” is, indeed, the most important farmland in Fresno County – the land that agriculture can least afford to sacrifice. This places a high premium on finding ways for the cities to grow efficiently and in specific directions where development will do the least harm to the food production resources on which the county, the state and the nation depend. This is the greatest challenge that the Model Farmland Conservation Program must effectively address.

Factors and Data Used to Calculate Strategic Farmland Values	
Factor	Data Set
Soil Productivity	Farmland Mapping & Monitoring Program important farmland data. Points awarded as follows: Prime Farmland = 12 Farmland of Statewide Importance = 10 Unique Farmland = 8 Farmland of Local Importance = 6 Grazing land = 4 Urban land = 0
Water Availability and Cost	No empirical, countywide water data are available. As a proxy, Agriculture Commissioner Jerry Prieto and his staff mapped the county based on personal knowledge of water availability and cost. Their findings were reviewed by members of the agriculture community at meetings throughout the county. Points awarded as follows: Good water availability and affordability = 12 Marginal water = 6 Grazing land or no water = 0
Micro-climate	The one very high value crop grown in Fresno County that requires a special micro-climate is citrus. Thus, this layer focuses on this crop. Department of Water Resources crop data (2000) were used to identify areas where citrus is now grown. 1990 PRISM data were used to determine the median values for January low temperature, July high temperature, annual precipitation and relative humidity in these areas, which was assumed to define the optimum micro-climate for citrus crops. PRISM data for all other areas were then compared to the optimum conditions, with aggregate scores recalibrated to a 0 to 12 point scale with the highest scores representing the most strategic land from the standpoint of citrus production.
Environmental Sensitivity	This layer combined data for vernal pools (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Holland series), other wetlands (National Wetlands Inventory) and endangered species (California Natural Diversity Database). Vernal pools and wetlands were all given a score of 0. The likelihood that endangered species are present was given a score of from 12 (little or no probability of endangered species) to 0 (very high probability). The three factors were added and the aggregate score was recalibrated on a 0 (most environmentally sensitive) to 12 (least environmentally sensitive) scale.
Urban Development Pressure	FMMP 2002 data were used to identify areas already developed for non-agricultural uses. Current 2008 city spheres of influence were identified using Council of Fresno County Governments data. All land within current spheres of influence was assumed to be earmarked for future development and, thus, not likely to remain in agricultural use. Points were awarded as follows: Land already developed or within existing spheres = 0 All other land = 12

Fresno Strategic Farmland





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San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

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“San Joaquin Valley National Agricultural Goods Movement & Trade Corridor Program” Fact Sheet

What it is

The proposed program would be a part of the new Federal Transportation Bill supported by all eight of the San Joaquin Valley Counties. A program is different from an earmark. Rather than looking for funding for a particular project, the San Joaquin Valley Program would be established as a part of the transportation bill, such as CMAQ is now. The program would be a comprehensive strategy outlining economic issues in the Valley and how the program would benefit the valley's economic situation while greatly contributing to nationally significant goods movement.

A similar program, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) was created for the same purpose, citing poverty, underdevelopment, and other factors as reasons for the program. Between 1965 and 2002, \$6.2 billion was appropriated to the region for the Appalachian Development Highway System. The San Joaquin Valley is very comparable to the Appalachian region in many ways, including the unemployment rate, poverty rates, education levels, and lack of adequate infrastructure.

Why

The SJV Program would outline a system approach to:

Improve National Goods Movement
Improve National Farm to Market Corridors
Produce a Lasting Economic Benefit to an Economically Distressed Region

Main Components

There will be four main project components:

- SR-99; The backbone of agricultural goods movement
- Trade Corridors; Overall transportation connectivity to move goods across the nation
- Grade Separations; Reducing auto-train conflicts within communities for better quality of life and improved air quality
- Rail; Investing in rail as essential to goods movement

For questions, please call Jennifer Dansby of the Council of Fresno County Governments at (559) 233-4148 or Ted Smalley –Executive Director/Tulare County Association of Governments at (559) 733-6291.

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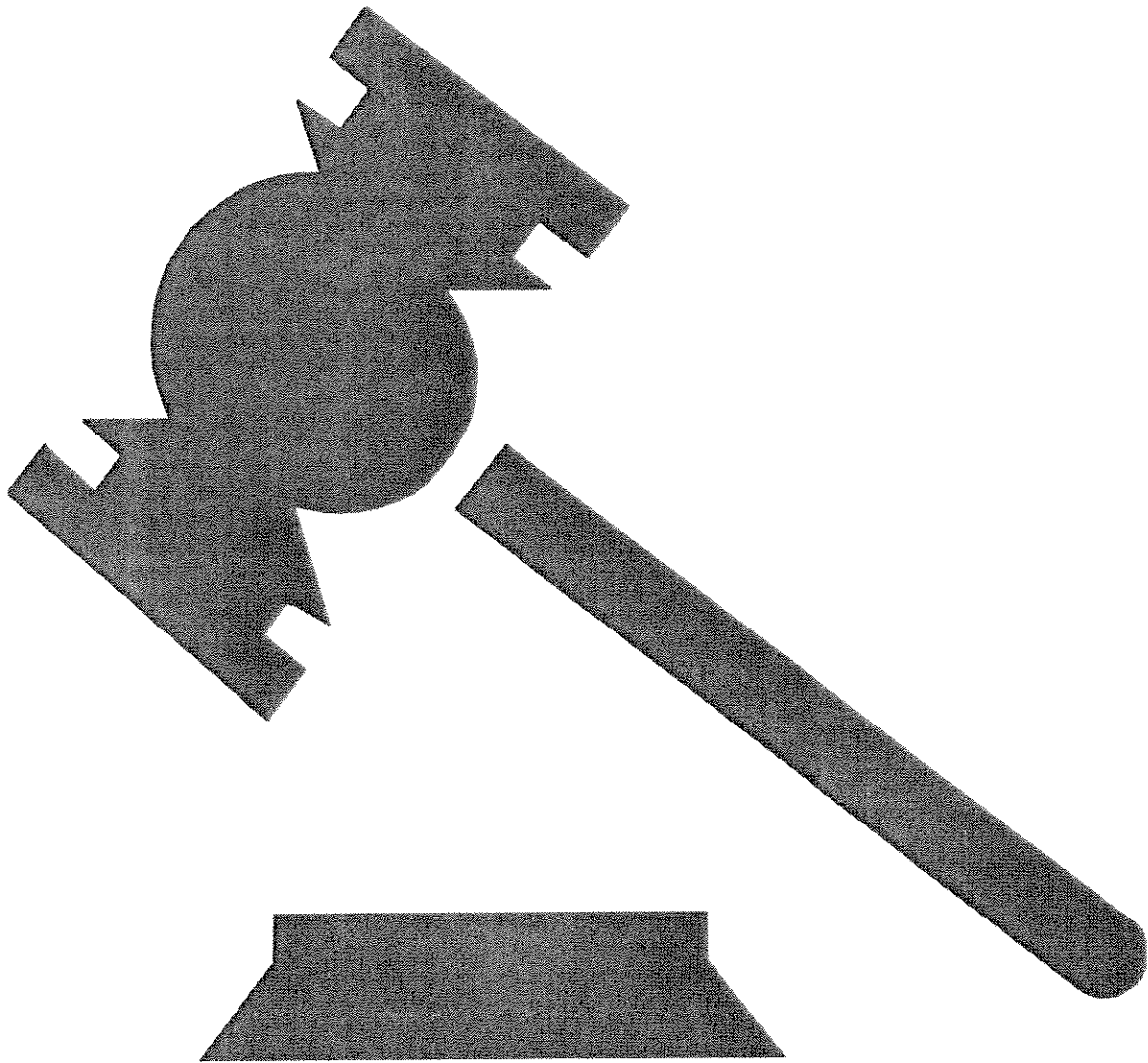
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DATE: July 3, 2008
TO: COG
ATTN: Tony Boren,
Executive Director
FROM: Steve Samuelian

Attached please find the Year End Report for COG for 2008.

COG
FISCAL YEAR END REPORT FOR 2008
(7/01/08)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Project</u>
Jan. 23, 2007	1:00 PM	COG Meeting Re: One Voice
Jan. 25, 2007	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
Feb. 5, 2007	1:30 PM	COG Meeting – Re: One Voice
March 5, 2007	1:30 PM	COG Meeting – Re: One Voice
March 12, 2007	All Day	COG to Sac. – One Voice
March 13, 2007	All Day	COG to Sac. – One Voice
March 14, 2007	All Day	COG to Sac. – One Voice
March 23, 2007	2:00 PM	COG Meet. with Dan Dunmoyer
March 29, 2007	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
April 19, 2007	2:00 PM	Conference call with City of Fresno, COG, Sen. Florez's office & CPUC
April 20, 2007	12:00 Noon	Lunch @ COG with Barbara Goodwin, Tony Boren
May 10, 2007	All Day	COG to Sacramento (Bonner @ BTH) (See Agenda attached)
May 31, 2007	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
June 15, 2007	3:00 PM	Conference Call with Dan Dunmoyer, Peter Weber, Seyed Sadredin
July 13, 2007	1:30 PM	Cindy Tuck, Cal-EPA @ COG Roundtable Meeting
July 19, 2007	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting

Aug. 15, 2007	1:00 PM	Conference Call – COG & Sen. Lowenthal Re: SB974
Aug. 23, 2007	11:00 AM	COG – Office Meeting
Aug. 24, 2007		COG – Sacramento Meetings
Aug. 27, 2007	All Day	COG to Sacramento (See attached Agenda)
Aug. 31, 2007	11:45 AM	Conference Call – Senator Dean Florez office, Barbara Goodwin, Seyed Sadredin, Tony Boren, Peter Weber, Tom Jordan
Sept. 27, 2007	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
Oct. 25, 2007	6:00 PM	Meeting
Oct. 25, 2007	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
Oct. 31, 2007	10:00 AM	Meeting – Barbara Goodwin, Pete Weber, Raji Brar
Nov. 6, 2007	10:30 AM	Meeting with Barbara Goodwin, Tony Boren
Nov. 7, 2007	11:30 AM	California Consulting & City of Reedley Hosted meeting with Curt Augustine, Deputy Legislative Secretary for Transportation & Housing for Governor Schwarzenegger
Nov. 16, 2007	5:00 PM	Conference Call – COG & ARB
Nov. 29, 2007	6:00 PM	Meeting with COG
Jan. 14, 2008	4:00 PM	Meet. with Jennifer Dansby re: Sacramento One Voice Trip
Jan. 24, 2008	6:00 PM	Meeting – Sub-Committee for One Voice
Jan. 24, 2008	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
Jan. 29, 2008	3:00 PM	Conference Call – Barbara, Tony Re: One Voice
Feb. 19, 2008	3:00 PM	Conference Call – Staff & lobbyists from Valley COG

Feb. 28, 2008	6:00 PM	Sub-Committee for One Voice
Feb. 28, 2008	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
Mar. 4, 2008	3:00 PM	Call re: March 5 th Meet.
Mar. 5, 2008	1:30 PM	Pre-meeting for One Voice
Mar. 6, 2008	9:00 AM	Conference Call – Valley One Voice
Mar. 10, 2008	All Day	One Voice meetings in Sacramento
Mar. 11, 2008	All Day	One Voice meetings in Sacramento
Mar. 12, 2008	11:00 AM – 12:00	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council – Valley Voices
Mar. 27, 2008	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting
April 24, 2008	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting – prepared and sent report
April 28, 2008	10:30 AM	Conference Call – Blake Konczel, Clark Thompson, Chris Westlake, HCD Re: Housing Trust
May 29, 2008	3:30 PM	COG Board Meeting
June 26, 2008	7:00 PM	COG Board Meeting

Sacramento Meetings for COG

Monday, March 12, 2007

Capitol Building Room # 113

10:00 am	Daily Briefing: Steve Samuelian, Consultant to COG
10:30 am	Curt Augustine, Deputy Legislative Secretary for Transportation for the Governor
11:00 am	Yolanda Benson, Deputy Secretary for Jobs, Economic Development, & Trade (BT&H)
11:30 am	Chris Woods, Democrat Assembly Budget Consultant
12:00	Lunch – everyone on their own
1:30 pm	David Crane, Economic Development, Senior Advisor for Governor's Office
2:00 pm	Assemblyman John Benoit, Republican – Part of Riverside
2:30 pm	John Barna, CTC Director
3:00 pm	Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi, Republican – Amador
3:30 pm	Peter Detwiler, Staff Director for Senate Local Government Committee
4:00 pm	Brian Annis, Democrat Senate Principal Budget Consultant
4:15 pm	Chris Holtz, Republican Assembly Budget Consultant
4:30 pm	Senator Leland Yee, Democrat – San Francisco (no show)

Sacramento Meetings for COG

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Capitol Building Room # 115

9:00 am	Daily Briefing: Steve Samuelian, Consultant to COG
9:30 am	Assemblyman Pedro Nava, Chair Assembly Transportation Committee
10:00 am	Senator Dick Ackerman, Senate Minority Leader
10:30 am	Jennifer Gress, Democrat Senate Trans. Consultant
11:00 am	Senator Dave Cogdill, Republican – Modesto/Fresno
11:30 am	John Moffatt, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary
12:00	Lunch – everyone on their own

Room 4203

1:30 pm	Anya Lawler, Democrat Assembly Consultant on Local Government
2:00 pm	Carol Baker, Pedro Reyes, Speaker Fabian Nunez Office
2:15 pm	Assemblyman Mike Villines, Minority Leader
3:00 pm	Rob Ogelsby, Legislative Director of Air Resources Board
3:30 pm	Senator Alan Lowenthal, Senate Transportation Chairman
4:00 pm	Randy Iwasakai, Chief Deputy Director of Cal-Trans
4:30 pm	Brian Kelly, Senator Don Perata Staff
4:45 pm	Cyndi Marxen, Assistant Secretary for Policy at Cal-EPA
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	COG Reception Frank Fat's 806 L Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Sacramento Meetings for COG

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Capitol Building Room # 447

8:30 am	Daily Briefing: Steve Samuelian, Consultant to COG
9:15 am	Carrie Pourvahidi, Deputy Director of High Speed Rail Authority
10:00 am	Assemblyman John Laird, Chairman of Assembly Budget Committee
10:15 am	Gregson Poteous, Republican Assembly Transportation Consultant
10:30 am	Senator Abel Maldonado, Republican – San Luis Obispo Antonio Ortega, Legislative Aide
11:00 am	Assemblyman Juan Arambula, Democrat – Fresno
11:30 am	Assemblywoman Nicole Parra, Democrat – Hanford Tom Higgins
12:00	Lunch – everyone on their own

Arambula's Courtyard Patio 2nd Floor

1:30 pm	Rocel Bettencourt, Republican Senate Budget Consultant Ted Morley, Republican Senate Transportation Consultant
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Senator Florez's Office

2:00 pm	Senator Dean Florez, Democrat – Kern/Fresno
3:30 pm	Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

End of One Voice Trip 2007

The Council of Fresno County Governments

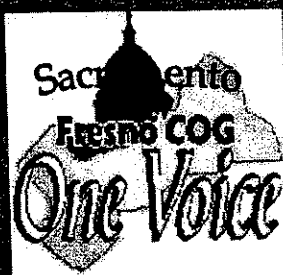
2007 Sacramento "One Voice" Delegation

FRANK FATS

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Time: 6:00PM

RSVP: 559-244-0801



Invite you to:

"A Salute to San Joaquin Valley Legislators"
~ Buffet Reception ~

Date: March 13, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm –8:00pm

Location: Frank Fats's
806 L Street

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*An opportunity to visit with Mayors,
Councilmembers, Supervisors and
community leaders from the Fresno
County region.*

RSVP's for March 13th COG Event

1. Bill Cardoza, Board of Equalization
2. Tom Hudson, Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard
3. Dan Brennan, Senator Roy Ashburn Staff
4. Elliott Balch, Assemblyman Juan Arambula Staff
5. Lynne Jensen, Assemblyman Juan Arambula Staff
6. Jose Antonio Ramirez, Firebaugh City Manager
7. Dan Dunmoyer, Governor's Cabinet Secretary
8. Kurt Augustine, Governor's Deputy Secretary
9. Reichel Feicht, Capitol Director for Assemblywoman Galgiani
10. Gail Delihant, Capitol Director for Assemblyman Aghazarian
11. Assemblyman Bill & Becky Maze
12. Chris Kahn, Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Affairs Secretary
13. Julianna Thomas, Legislative Director for Assemblyman Mike Villines
14. Lynne Jensen, Consultant Budget Subcommittee #4 for Arambula
15. Yolanda Benson, Deputy Secretary for Jobs, Economic Development, & Trade
16. Don Tow, Mayor of Selma
17. Alan Bengyel, Huron City Manager
18. Leland Bergstrom, Mayor of Kingsburg
19. Rudy Dhaliwal, Mayor of San Joaquin
20. Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno
21. Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes/Building Industry Association
22. Al Smith, President/CEO of Fresno Chamber of Commerce
23. Leo Capuchino, Councilmember, City of Mendota
24. Amy Huerta, Government Affairs Manager, Fresno Chamber of Commerce
25. Lydia Zabrycki, Dir. Of Business Partnering, Quad Knopf
26. Armando Lopez, Mayor, City of Parlier
27. Victor Lopez, Mayor, City of Orange Cove
28. Rico Aguayo, Councilmember, City of Fowler
29. Victoria Salisch, Chair, Fresno Chamber of Commerce
30. Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director, Fresno COG
31. Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
32. Tony Boren, Fresno COG
33. Renee DeVere, Fresno COG
34. Steve Samuelian, Fresno COG Consultant
35. Assemblyman Juan Arambula
36. Assemblywoman Jean Fuller
37. Senator Roy Ashburn
38. Assemblywoman Nicole Parra
39. Fresno Council President Henry Perea
40. Fresno Councilwoman Cynthia Sterling
41. Greg Barfield, Councilwoman Sterling's Chief of Staff
42. Senator Dean Florez
43. Dan Spears, City of Sanger Economic Development Director

May 10, 2007

Fresno COG

10 a.m. SECRETARY DALE BONNER

11:15 A.M. Ivan Altamura

11:30 A.M. Brenda Quintana

Noon Craig from Senator Cogdills's Office

1 p.m. Mercedes Flores

Stop By/Drop in's:

- **Florez**
- **Parra**
- **Galgiani**
- **Denham**



SCHEDULE for COG
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007

9:30 A.M.	John Hummer Business, Transportation & Housing
10:00 A.M.	Anya Lawler, Room 157, LOB Assembly Local Community Consultant
10:30 A.M.	Ted Morley, Senate Republican Policy Office LOB, 248
11:00 A.M.	Jennifer Gress & Art Bauer Senate Trans. Committee Capitol Building, Room 2209
12:00 Noon	Lunch Elliott Balch Assemblyman Juan Arambula's office
12:30 P.M.	Dan Dunmoyer Cabinet Secretary
1:00 P.M.	Josh Tooker Senator Lowenthal's office
3:00 P.M.	Speaker's Staff Pedro Reyes and others Room 317
Afternoon:	Brian Kelly, Senate President's office Rules Committee Capitol Building Room 412
4:00 P.M.	Ivan Altamura, Assemblyman Mike Villines' Chief of Staff
5:00 P.M.	Brenda Quintana, Director of Local Government Curt Augustine, Governor's Office

THE CITY OF REEDLEY
in conjunction with
California Consulting, LLC

*Invites you to an
Invitation only luncheon*

With Special Guest

Curt Augustine
Deputy Legislative Secretary for
Transportation and Housing
For Governor Schwarzenegger

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Time: 11:30 A.M. - Reception
12:00 P.M. - Luncheon
12:30 P.M. - Speaker, Curt Augustine

Location: Reedley Opera House
1720 10th Street
Reedley, CA 93654

RSVP: To: Sylvia, City of Reedley
(559) 637-4200 Ext. 212 or E-mail: sylvia.plata@reedley.com
By: Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007

ONE VOICE
Monday, March 10 - Capitol Building, Room 115
(Fresno County Council of Government - COG - 15 cities & Fresno Co.)
(As of 3/13/08)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
10:00 AM	Briefing - Steve Samuelian	
10:30 AM	Jennifer Gress, Consultant Senate Transportation & Housing Com (916) 651-4121	
11:00 AM	Dan Dunmoyer, Cabinet Secretary Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor	(916) 445-6131
11:30 AM	John Hummer, Deputy Secretary for Goods Movement (916) 327-2804 Business, Transportation & Housing (BTH) Jim Bourgart, Deputy Secretary for Transportation (916) 327-2804 & Infrastructure, Business Transportation & Housing	
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM	Carrie Pourvahidi, High Speed Rail	(916) 322-1422
2:00 PM	Brian Kelly, Consultant, Senator Don Per	(916) 651-4170
2:30 PM	Brian McGowan, Business, Transportation & Housing (916) 323-5404 Deputy Secretary for Economic Development & Commerce	
3:00 PM	Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod Peter Detwiler, Staff Director Local Government, Construction (916) 651-4115	(916) 651-4032
3:30 PM	Assemblyman Juan Arambula	(916) 319-2031
4:00 PM	Pedro Reyes, Special Assistant to the Speaker (916) 319-2046 Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nunez's office	
4:30 PM	Assemblyman Pedro Nava Assembly Transportation Committee Chair	(916) 319-2035
5:00 PM	Meetings End	
6:00 PM	Dinner @ McCormick & Schmick's, 1111 J Street, Sacramento, CA Speaker: John Barna, Exec. Director Calif. Transportation Commission (916) 654-4245	

ONE VOICE
Tues., March 11th - Capitol Building, Room 115
(Fresno County Council of Government - COG - 15 Cities & Fresno Co.)
(As of 3/13/08)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
8:30 AM	Briefing	
9:00 AM	Brian Annis, Senate Consultant to Budget Committee	(916) 651-4103
9:30 AM	Cindy Tuck, Undersecretary of Cal EPA	(916) 324-3708
10:00 AM	Mark Stivers, Consultant Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	(916) 651-4121
10:30 AM	Senator Alan Lowenthal, Chair Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	(916) 651-4027
11:00 AM	Assemblywoman Nicole Parra	(916) 319-2030
11:30 AM	Brenda Quintana, Director of Local Govt & Community Relations	(916) 873-2894
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	<u>Lunch</u>	
1:30 PM	Mike Chrisman, Secretary Resources Agency	(916) 653-7310
2:00 PM	Rocel Bettencourt, Fiscal Consultant Senate Republican Policy Office	(916) 651-1501
2:30 PM	Sen. Dean Florez	(916) 651-4016
3:00 PM	Curt Augustine, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary John Moffat, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary	(916) 445-4341 (916) 445-4341
3:30 PM	Craig Swaim, Sen. Dave Cogdill's office	(916) 651-4014
4:00 PM	Assemblyman Bill Maze	(916) 319-2034

4:30 PM

Mary Nichols, Chair
Air Resources Board

(916) 322-5840

End at 5:00

6:00 PM

Reception - Frank Fat's, 806 "L" Street

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
2008 San Joaquin Valley "One Voice" Delegation

Invite you to:

"A Salute to San Joaquin Valley Legislators"
~ Buffet Reception ~

Date: March 11, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm –8:00 pm

Location: Frank Fat's
806 L Street
Sacramento, Ca

RSVP: Jennifer Dansby
Fresno COG
559-233-4148

*An opportunity to visit with Mayors,
Councilmembers, Supervisors and
Valley COG Directors from the San Joaquin
Valley Region*

FRANK FAT'S

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Time: 6:00PM

RSVP: 559-233-4148

2008 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's Valley Voices
Wed., March 12th - Capitol Building, Room 115

(San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council - 8 Valley COG's)

(As of 3/13/08)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
8:30 AM	Briefing	
9:00 AM	John Hummer, Deputy Secretary for Goods Movement (916) 327-2804 Business, Transportation & Housing (BTH) Jim Bourgart, Deputy Secretary for Transportation (916) 327-2804 & Infrastructure, Business Transportation & Housing	
9:30 AM	Jennifer Gress, Consultant Senate Transportation & Housing Comm.	(916) 651-4121
10:00 AM	Senator Alan Lowenthal, Chair Senate Transportation & Housing Committee Jennifer Gress, Consultant Senate Transportation & Housing Comm.	(916) 651-4027 (916) 651-4121
10:30 AM	Brenda Quintana, Director of Local Government & Community Relations	(916) 873-2894
11:00 AM	<u>Valley Leg. Delegation @ Room 4202</u>	
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM	Peter Detwiler, Staff Director Local Government Consultant	(916) 651-4115
1:45 PM	Curt Augustine, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary (916) 445-4341 John Moffat, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary (916) 445-4341	
2:00 PM	Cindy Tuck, Undersecretary of California EF	(916) 324-3708
2:30 PM	Senator Dean Florez	(916) 651-4016
2:45 PM	Morgan Crinklaw, Assem. Mike Villine	(916) 319-2969
3:00 PM	Brian Kelly, Consultant Senator Don Perata's office	(916) 651-4170

3:30 PM

Senator Dick Ackerman
Senate Republican Leader (Big 5)

(916) 651-4033

End at 4:00 PM

4:30 PM

California Transportation Commission Meeting

5:00 PM

Meetings End

2008 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's Valley Voices
 March 12th: 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon, **ROOM 4202**
 (Regional Policy Council and San Joaquin Valley Legislators)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Senator Jeff Denham	Senator Jeff Dehnam	(916) 651-4012
Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian	Asm. Greg Aghazarian	(916) 319-2026
Leigh Carter	Legis Aide/Asm. Alan Nakanishi	(916) 319-2010
Assemblyman Bill Maze	Asm. Bill Maze	(916) 319-2034
Jim Kjol	Asm. Bill Maze	(916) 319-2034
Valory Mitchell	Asm. Bill Maze	(916) 319-2077
Ken DeVore, Legislative Director	Sen. Roy Ashburn	(916) 651-4018
Reichel Feicht	Asm. Cathleen Galgiani	(916) 319-2017
Andrew Hoag	Asm. Nicole Parra	(916) 319-2030

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**2008 San Joaquin Valley COGs Policy Council
Valley Voices Priorities**

Advocacy Issues	Request
PROPOSITION 1B: TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND	Recognize the San Joaquin Valley as a unique and separate region, and, therefore, entitled to a share of all funding programs. Maximize San Joaquin Valley's regional share of Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund bond monies to be used for the Valley's regional goods movement needs and priorities.
PROPOSITION 1B: GOODS MOVEMENT EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM	Maximize San Joaquin Valley's regional share of Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program bond monies to be used for air quality improvements related to goods movement in the Valley.
PORT CONTAINER FEES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	Support legislation that includes the San Joaquin Valley region as a recipient of any new port container fees collected at the California ports to mitigate the emissions associated with freight movement to and from the ports through the Valley.
STATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING PROJECTS	Oppose cost shifts or changes in responsibility for projects funded by the state to the local transportation entities.
PROPOSITION 42 (TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT ACT)	Oppose the practice of taking spillover funds and placing them in the General Fund; allow Proposition 42 (Transportation Congestion Improvement Act) to receive all gas sales tax revenues.

2008 SACRAMENTO "ONE VOICE" TRIP PARTICIPANTS

As of 2/25/08

1. **Leland Bergstrom**, Mayor, City of Kingsburg
2. **Bob Whalen**, Mayor, City of Clovis
3. **Amarpreet Dhaliwal**, Mayor, City of San Joaquin
4. **Armando Lopez**, Mayor, City of Parlier
5. **Ramon Dominguez**, Mayor, City of Huron
6. **Hilda Plasencia**, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Huron
7. **Leo Capuchino**, Councilmember, City of Mendota
8. **Kathy Millison**, City Manager, City of Clovis
9. **Cruz Ramos**, City Manager, City of San Joaquin
10. **Alan Bengyel**, City Manager, City of Huron
11. **David Elias**, City Manager, City of Fowler
12. **Bruce Rudd**, Assistant City Manager, City of Fresno
13. **Ron Manfredi**, City Manager, City of Kerman or **Trinidad Rodriguez**, Mayor, City of Kerman
14. **Scott Brockett**, Councilmember, City of Reedley
15. **Al Smith**, President and CEO, Chamber of Commerce Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
16. **Amy Huerta**, Government Affairs Manager, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
17. **Katie Stevens**, Government Affairs Coordinator, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
18. **Lydia Zabrycki**, Director of Business Partnering, Quad Knopf
19. **Jeffrey T. Roberts**, Granville Homes, Inc.
20. **Kirk Hunter**, CEO, Southwest Transportation Agency
21. **Carol Mills**, Trustee, Fresno Unified School Board
22. **Blake Konczal**, Director, Fresno County Workforce Investment Board
23. **Cindy Parral**, Volunteer and Intern
24. **Cal Rossi**, McMillan Homes,
25. **Barbara Goodwin**, Executive Director, Council of Fresno County Governments
26. **Tony Boren**, Deputy Director, Council of Fresno County Governments
27. **Barbara Steck**, Senior Transportation Planner, Council of Fresno County Governments
28. **Clark Thompson**, Transportation Planner, Council of Fresno County Governments
29. **Jennifer Dansby**, Transportation Planner, Council of Fresno County Governments
30. **Steve Samuelian**, Consultant, California Consulting, LLC.