



Draft Agenda

Environmental Resource Areas Meeting

SPECIAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION #2

June 1, 2007
1:30 - 3:30PM

Kern Council of Government
1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor Conf. Room

- I. **Sign In - Welcome - Introductions**
- II. **Meeting Notes from May 10, 2007 - Approve - Rob Ball, Senior Planner**
- III. **Tribal Participation Opportunities at Kern COG - Discussion - Ron Brummett, Executive Director**
- IV. **UC Davis ICE Center Environmental Layers Overview and Ranking Survey of Environmental Data for use in Land-Use Model - Mike Heimer**
- V. **Status of Federal/State Conservation Plans and Data - What is the status of Federal and State Conservation Plans and Data participants are encouraged to bring copies of documents maps and updates on their map data for consideration in local transportation and land use planning processes.**
- Discussion
- VI. **Next Steps/Additional Contacts**
- VII. **Adjourn/Hand In Comment Forms**

Environmental Resource Areas Meeting - Special Tribal Consultation MEETING DETAILS

FEATURING: Mapping and Modeling Data from the 8-Councils of Governments in Central California and UC Davis ICE developed in support of the Governor's Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

DATE: Thursday, May 10, 2007, 1:30 to 3PM

LOCATION: Kern Council of Governments, Third Floor Conference Room
1401 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

PARKING: All day parking is available in the unmarked spaces of the parking garage located at The Southwest corner of 19th and K Streets in downtown Bakersfield, 1 block East of Chester.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Environmental and Cultural Resource Experts Needed -- Environmental and Resource agency directors and key staff from Federal, State, Regional, Local and Tribal governments responsible for reviewing and commenting on environmental documents for land use and transportation plans and projects in the 8-county central California region. The 8-counties include: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern. This event includes the entire San Joaquin Valley, the Southern Sierra Nevadas and the Kern portion of the Mojave Desert. All interested persons are invited.

BACKGROUND: The San Joaquin Planning Agencies is made up of the 8-councils of Governments (COGs) that cover the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley. In 2006 the agencies received a grant from the California Department of Transportation to develop a long-range vision or "Blueprint" for the rapidly growing region. Called the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, this visioning process will be used by the COGs and local governments to guide land use and transportation decisions throughout the region. The project uses geographic information systems, land use modeling and visualization technology to forecast where urbanization will be by 2050. The land use model - Uplan - was developed by UC Davis which is providing technical and data support to the COGs and local governments in this project. The project website is www.valleyblueprint.org. Other partners include the San Joaquin Valley Air District, the Great Valley Center, and UC Davis ICE Program. It is also important to note that each of the COG boards are made up of representative of all local government jurisdictions in the 8-county region, making them a party to the project as well.

PURPOSE: To provide a forum for responsible environmental and cultural resource agencies and groups to provide input into local planning processes at the outset. This process is intended to fulfill some of the new early consultation requirements in the new federal transportation bill adopted in 2005.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES:

- Identify and prioritize areas of avoidance for future urbanization, to be used in regional land use modeling out to the year 2050.
- Identify problems, limitations and gaps with data to be used in the urbanization modeling.
- Identify updated data and layers for inclusion into the land use model
- Development of a future urbanization model that avoids environmental and resource areas
- Streamlined environmental review process for the region that features land use and transportation projects that avoid the most environmentally sensitive areas and have a better basis for cumulative effects.

OPPORTUNITY: This meeting is a rare opportunity for environmental and cultural resource agencies and groups to provide input up front at the beginning of the process rather than at the 11th hour when a project is headed for final local approval and the financial risk to project proponents is highest.