

Support legislation that would provide flexibility for rural housing trusts in the San Joaquin Valley to better participate in the Proposition 1C Local Housing Trust Fund program.

Support legislation and administrative policies for a fair share allocation of Prop 1C housing funds, and state funded CDBG programming for valley projects and programs.

The Valley MPOs reject the GHG emission targets adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Those targets were not based on the best information available from the regions. The Valley urges the CARB to work in concert with the Valley MPOs and with the best methodology available to re-evaluate the targets in 2012 or earlier.

Promote the inclusion of transportation funding in any proposal for a national economic stimulus package.

Advocate for Department of Energy Conservation Block Grant Program funds to be utilized for regional energy planning purposes.

Increase income caps in State and Federal grants so that qualified mid-income entrepreneurs may participate. Current guidelines provide financial aid for only those in the low to very low income brackets.

Support legislation and/or administrative reforms to streamline the federal and state government's project delivery process and to eliminate unnecessary and/or duplicative requirements.

Support integrating state and federal environmental impact studies without compromising environmental standards, to avoid project cost increases that occur due to lengthy processes.

Support a new designation for the San Joaquin Valley as an Air Quality Enterprise/Empowerment Zone at the state and federal level.

For any funds generated under a cap-and-trade program, support legislation that will provide adequate funding to disparately impacted regions such as the San Joaquin Valley for mitigating air quality or climate change impacts.

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Support the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Water Quality, Supply, and Reliability advocacy efforts. Their mission is to ensure a reliable, adequate quality water supply to sustain a high quality of life, and a world-class agricultural sector, while protecting and enhancing the environment.

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Support efforts to provide a continuing stream of funding the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

Oppose unfunded federal and state mandates on local and regional governments.

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