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Welcome to the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint

Welcome to the first edition of the Blueprint Roadmap E-News - intended to provide you with brief monthly updates now that the Blueprint has moved into its implementation phase. We're looking forward to sharing highlights on Blueprint activities that are taking place around the Valley in order to keep you engaged and informed. Stay tuned...

Moving forward from here

In early 2006, the eight Regional Planning Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley came together in an unprecedented effort to develop a coordinated Valley vision - the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. This eight county venture was conducted at both the county level and the Valley level and was ultimately integrated to create a preferred vision for future development in the Valley to the year 2050. The planning process involved extensive outreach that engaged thousands of community members. Scenario planning looked at alternative growth options and analyzed each within the context of performance measures. "What if" growth scenarios that illustrated how different growth patterns could result in very different outcomes, led to the selection of a preferred alternative. This preferred growth alternative, along with 12 Smart Growth Principles, was adopted by the Regional Policy Council on April 1, 2009, thus moving the Blueprint planning process into the implementation arena.



Work has recently commenced to develop the Blueprint Roadmap - implementation strategies and tools that will guide local planning decisions in the direction needed to realize the values expressed by residents throughout the Valley. The common theme mentioned throughout the Valley was a desire for more livable communities that would lead to an improved quality of life for all who live here. We are looking to the Blueprint Roadmap to provide the direction needed.

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The Blueprint Roadmap Consultant Chosen

The Valley's Regional Planning Agencies have contracted with the consulting team led by Mintier Harnish to develop the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Roadmap. The team will produce a summary of the Blueprint planning process, an implementation strategy and a toolkit for local planners.

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