

## **San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Effort Seeks Community Input at March Workshops**

*Help Decide the Future of San Joaquin County*

The population of San Joaquin County is projected to double by 2030, and to grow by over a million new people by 2050. Such dramatic growth raises major questions: Where and how should we grow? Where will the roads go? How do we want this growth to affect our economy, agriculture, education, transportation, housing, air quality – in short, our future quality of life?

You will have a chance to help shape San Joaquin County's future at nine upcoming community workshops:

### **Ripon**

Thursday, March 1, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Ripon Community Center  
334 W. 4th Street, Ripon

### **Escalon**

Wednesday, March 7, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Escalon Community Center  
1055 Escalon Avenue, Escalon

### **Lathrop/French Camp/Weston Ranch**

Thursday, March 8, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Lathrop City Council Chambers  
390 Towne Center Drive, Lathrop

### **Lodi/Lockeford/Acampo/Clements/Thornton/Woodbridge**

Thursday, March 15, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Crete Hall, Hutchins Street Square  
125 S. Hutchins Street, Lodi

### **Manteca**

Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Manteca Branch Library  
320 W. Center, Manteca, CA

### **Countywide Workshop in Spanish**

Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 6:00-8:00 pm  
(Registration at 5:30 pm)  
El Concilio  
308 N. California St., Stockton

### **North & Central Stockton/Morada**

Wednesday, March 28th, 6:30-8:30 pm  
United Cerebral Palsy Association  
333 W. Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton

**South & Central Stockton/Linden/French Camp/Weston Ranch**

Thursday, March 29, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm

San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 East Weber Avenue, Stockton

**Tracy/Mountain House**

Thursday, March 29, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm

Tracy Community Center

300 E 10th Street, Tracy

We encourage you to participate in the workshop for the area in which you live or work, but you are welcome at any of the workshops. Light refreshments will be available, and except where noted, registration starts at 6:00 pm. These workshops are part of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process, which will help develop a vision to guide the San Joaquin Valley's growth over the next 50 years, beginning with input from community members like you.

The workshops will be fun and very participatory. We will provide information on the issues, and you will be able to share your ideas and input through both large and small group activities.

San Joaquin is one of eight San Joaquin Valley counties sharing a \$2.5 million grant to conduct this type of planning. The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) and other counties are organizing this public visioning process to help residents develop a preferred scenario for future land use and transportation leading to a higher quality of life.

In this first round of community workshops, participants will have a chance to identify the most important values and goals for the future of your community and the County as a whole. In a second round, to be held later in 2007, participants will evaluate various alternative future growth scenarios, based on the feedback from the first round of workshops, to determine a preferred scenario for future growth. The results will be made available and incorporated into the final San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, which will help guide local elected officials and other decision-makers on what community residents want to see in the future.

We encourage people across the community to participate in the upcoming workshops. It is important that residents of all income levels, ages, languages, and physical abilities are represented. We will accommodate those with special physical, transportation, or language needs with an advance request. We especially encourage young people to attend -- after all, they are the ones who will be living in our vision for the future!

Advance registration is encouraged. To register for any of the community workshops, please visit [www.sjcog.org](http://www.sjcog.org) or contact Anthony Zepeda, SJCOG Regional Planner, at 468-3913 or [azepeda@sjcog.org](mailto:azepeda@sjcog.org).