



Item #09-8-15

## Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee Information

July 30, 2009

### Rural-Urban Connections Strategy Sacramento County Agricultural Tour

**Issue:** SACOG will host a Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) Agriculture Tour for Sacramento County on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

**Recommendation:** None; this is information only.

**Discussion:** SACOG will host an ag tour of Sacramento County for the Board. The tour will have a park-and-ride start at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway in Sacramento. The bus will take Board members to Rancho Cordova City Hall for the regular board meeting. The tour will begin following the meeting. The Sacramento County tour has destinations including an urban farm stand that serves a high number of low-income families, a family-run farm stand, the Elk Grove High School garden, a dairy operation, a small wine grape farm selling to large markets, a cold storage facility, a small diversified farm, and fully operational winery in the delta.

The Sacramento tour will be the final in a series of ag tours that began last year. Our previous tours have covered Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, El Dorado and Placer counties. Each tour has looked at challenges and opportunities for local producers and consumers of agriculture, varied land uses and policies related to agriculture, agricultural districts, agri-tourism, goods movements, and economic sustainability of rural areas.

This tour will follow the previous model with the Board meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Rancho Cordova City Hall followed by the tour which will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

### Tour & Board Meeting, Thursday, September 24

Park-and-Ride:

Produce Express

2630 5th Street, Sacramento (5<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, park on the street)

Regular Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. at Rancho Cordova City Hall.

Staff will provide tour updates to all committees including information on the schedule, destinations and speakers.

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