



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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Rural-Urban Connections Strategy Sacramento County Agricultural Tour

Issue: SACOG will host a Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) Agriculture Tour of Sacramento County on Thursday, October 15, 2009.

Recommendation: None; this is information only. *Please note new date.*

Discussion: The Sacramento County Agricultural tour has been moved to **Thursday, October 15, 2009** to maximize participation for our Board.

SACOG will host an ag tour of Sacramento County for the Board. The tour will have a park-and-ride start at 5th 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, the Elk Grove High School garden, a dairy operation, and discussion of rural delta communities unique to the region. The draft route reflects changes in schedule and destinations due to available time.

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, agritourism, 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, October 15

Park-and-Ride:

Produce Express, 2630 5th Street, Sacramento (5th 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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