



SACOG Board of Directors

**Item #15-5-23
Information**

May 14, 2015

Agriculture & the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy

Discussion: SACOG Board Chair Don Saylor will facilitate an informal Board Lunch Discussion on Agriculture & the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS).

The lunch discussion will begin with brief presentations of collaborative work in the region in the area of agriculture and related economic development. David Shabazian, RUCS Project Manager, will provide an overview of SACOG's RUCS Toolkit and emerging projects. SACOG Past Chair and Yuba County Supervisor Mary Jane Griego will share highlights of the recent RUCS case study in her community. Participating regional partners will include Valley Vision, the Metro Chamber, and the Convention & Visitors Bureau who will touch on the Food System Action Plan, Perspectives on Agriculture/Innovation, and Farm-to-Fork.

There will be opportunity for a discussion on new opportunities to collaborate on these regional priorities following the presentations. All Board members are encouraged to attend. Agenda is included as Attachment A.

Approved by:

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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

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Board Lunch Discussion
Agriculture & Rural-Urban Connections Strategy

Evolving Regional Partnerships

Thursday, May 21 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SACOG, 1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
SACOG Board Chair & Yolo County Sup. Don Saylor
2. Rural Urban Connections Strategy - Setting the Stage
David Shabazian, RUCS Project Manager
3. RUCS Yuba County Case Study
SACOG Past Board Chair & Yuba County Sup. Mary Jane Griego
4. Food System Action Plan
Trish Kelly, Valley Vision
5. Perspectives on Agriculture/Innovation
Peter Tateishi, Metro Chamber
6. Farm-to-Fork
Nicole Rogers, Sacramento Convention & Visitor's Bureau
7. Rural Urban Connection Strategy – Future Opportunities
Group Discussion
8. Closing Remarks