

On behalf of all the sponsors, thank you for attending the first meeting of the Central Valley Roundtable series on June 15, in Fresno. The enthusiastic response illustrates the great appetite for establishing relationships and partnerships to help address the community and economic development needs of the Valley.

If you haven't already done so, I hope that you will take the time to pursue some of the leads and contacts you made at the meeting. Should you need contact information for any of the organizations or individuals, please contact me or Rollie Smith of HUD. In addition, you can review many of the presentations and investment opportunities shared at the meeting on the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Taskforce website: www.sanjoaquinvalley.us. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any feedback about the June 15 meeting or suggestions for future meetings that you would like to share.

I am working on the agenda for the second meeting of the roundtable series which has been rescheduled for **August 11** entitled, *Stronger Partners, Stronger Communities*. This meeting will be a workshop focused on the capacity and readiness of nonprofits and governmental agencies in the eight-county San Joaquin Valley that are pursuing community and economic development objectives. We are pleased to have the California Community Economic Development Association (CCEDA) as the facilitator for this meeting.

CCEDA provides technical assistance and development training throughout California to organizations engaged in revitalizing neighborhoods. Representatives of financial institutions, local governments, community development corporations, faith-based organizations, and others with a community development mission are the key stakeholders that we would like to reach for this next meeting. Please submit the names and contacts for organizations that you feel would benefit from attending the workshop. A preliminary agenda accompanies this letter.

We are still seeking a location and host for the August 11 meeting. If you know of or have space that can accommodate about 50 people, please let me know. If you are interested in sponsoring any part of the meeting, I am happy to discuss this with you.

Sincerely,

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