



Valley Jobs First



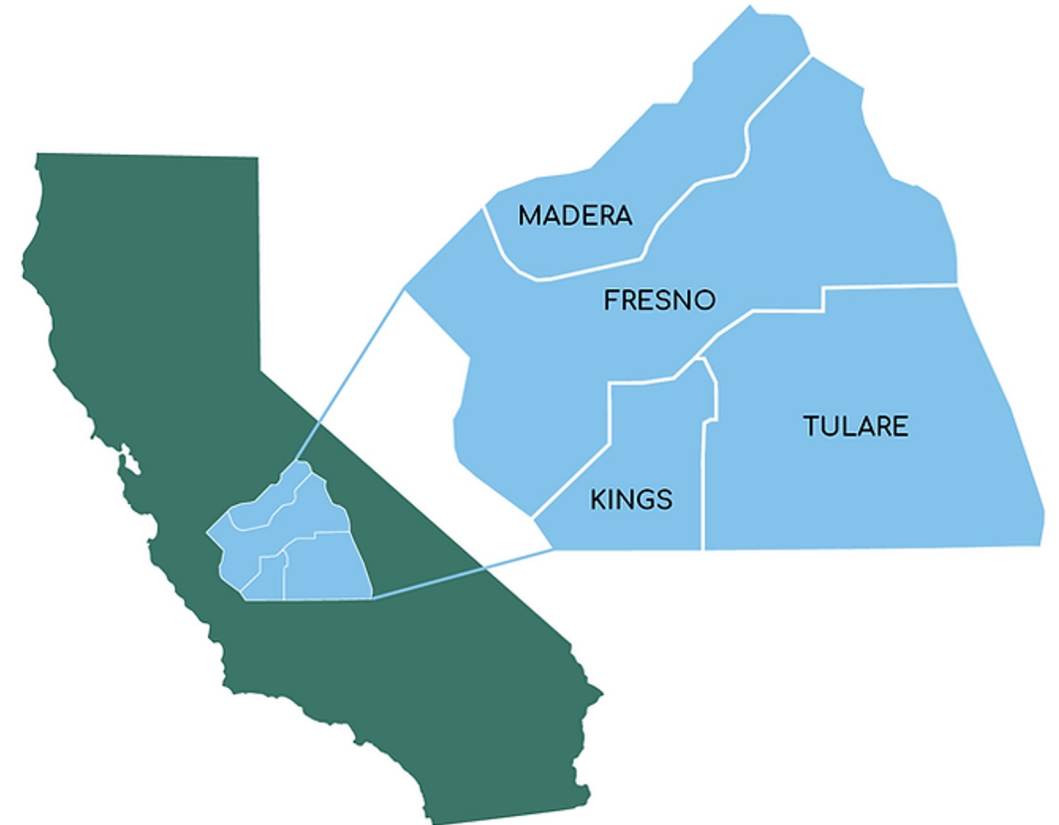
Our Journey



In 2023, the Valley Jobs First coalition launched an intensive, community-driven process to identify regional goals and economic opportunities in alignment with the State of California's 'Jobs First' objectives.

Our question...

What will it take to fundamentally transform our region and foster an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable economy?



Community Input



- Establishing four 'Local Tables' with over 130 residents representing seven major stakeholder groups;
- Investing over 2,900 hours in Local Table Meetings
- Completing local and regional SWOT analyses;
- Working with research partners to complete a data-rich Baseline Report;
- Commissioning ten grassroots organizations to engage over 3,000 community members;
- Convening two 'regional congresses' with Local Table and public participants;
- Surveying local CBOs and civic organizations for projects that align with the California Jobs First objectives;
- Receiving over 75 project ideas across the region
- Synthesizing and reviewing key project themes during Local Table meetings
- Discussing promising economic frameworks and industries clusters with our research partners;
- Launching our Regional Table on January 25th!
- Synthesizing ALL the feedback into a draft framework.....



A little help from our Friends...



California
**Department of
Conservation**



Valley Jobs First

Building a Community-Led, Climate-Forward Economy

INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



RESPONSIBLE FOOD & AG SYSTEMS



CIRCULAR MANUFACTURING



WATER



BROADBAND



COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS



SMALL BUSINESS & MICROENTERPRISE



COMMUNITY HEALTH



EDUCATION & SKILL BUILDING



GUIDING PRINCIPLES | EQUITY | ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP | GOOD JOBS

Drafting the Valley Jobs First Regional Plan



Next steps:

- **Form Regional Strategy Team workgroups**
 - Supported by local and out-of-market experts
 - Which group will you join?
- **Review data collected by community engagement contractors**
- **Spring Sprint to draft investment plans (March – May)**
- **Share draft investment plans for feedback**



Catalyst Projects



Next steps:

- Regional Table reviews and approves Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria for the Catalyst RFP
- Catalyst RFP opens in March
- Local Table scores proposed projects
- Regional Table will approve projects



Timeline



- **January**

- Regional Table launched
- Regional Congress

- **February**

- Finalize Catalyst RFP
- Finalize Regional Workgroups
- Attend Learning Opportunities

- **March – April**

- Regional Workgroup Spring Sprint
- Catalyst RFP

- **May**

- Input and feedback on the Regional Plan
- Approve Catalyst Projects

- **June**

- Update and finalize Regional Plan

- **July – August**

- Develop and finalize Local Implementation Plans
- Submit Regional Plan and Local Implementation Plans in August 2024!

Role of the Local Tables



- **Develop or score and select Catalyst Proposals**
- **Stay engaged with the Regional Plan:**
 - Participate in a regional workgroup
 - Engage in learning opportunities
 - Review Regional Plan updates, provide input and begin to craft strategies for local implementation of the Regional Plan
- **Develop Local Implementation Plans**



Role of the Regional Table



- Review and approve Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria for the Catalyst RFP
- Approve funding for Catalyst RFP projects
- Participate in a regional workgroup
- Support drafting and approve the Regional Plan
- Serve as a feedback loop to the Local Tables
- Participate in Learning Opportunities



Upcoming Events



February 7, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Climate Solutions & Regenerative
Economy Learning Series with the U.S.
Department of Energy & Special Guest
CA State Senator Anna Caballero**



**Local Table
Meetings**



March 1 – 31, 2024
**Catalyst RFP
Will Open**