Regional Opportunities for Sustainability and Resource Conservation

**WHEN:**
Thursday, June 30, 2016
10 am - 3 pm

**WHERE:**
UC Merced, Crescent Arch Room
5200 North Lake Road, Merced, CA

**WHY:**
Connect with other Smart Growth Advocates!

Learn about Local and Regional Contexts of our built environment that affect our health and natural resources.

Develop a Strategy to Engage Local and Regional Opportunities for Policy Change that can improve equity, conservation and health across the San Joaquin Valley.

**HOW:**
Please RSVP by Monday, June 27 via email to: sophia@fresnometmin.org or call 559-485-1416 for more information.

**SPEAKERS**

Sergio Cuellar, Community Engagement Coordinator, UC Davis Center for Regional Change

Barbara Alberson, Senior Deputy Director, Policy and Planning, San Joaquin County Public Health Services

Ed Thompson, California Director & Senior Associate, American Farmland Trust

Katelyn Roedner Sutter, San Joaquin Regional Director & Environmental Justice Program Manager, Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton

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9:15-10 am  Optional: Tour of UC Merced’s Recycling and Composting Facility- Matthew Hirota, Waste Reduction/Recycling Coordinator, UC Merced

10-10:15 am  Registration & Light Breakfast

10:15-10:30 am  Welcome & Introductions- Fresno Metro Ministry Purpose/Programs/ Partners

10:30-10:45 am  UC Merced Blum Center: Advancing research and education to alleviate the burdens of poverty- Stergios "Steve" Roussos, UC Merced Blum Center

10:45-11:25 am  Setting the Context: The Regional Opportunity Index and What It Tells Us about Sustainability in the San Joaquin Valley, Sergio Cuellar, UC Davis Center for the Study of Regional Change

11:25 am - 2:05 pm  Changing the Frame: Increasing Sustainability and Opportunity

Local Approaches: Complete Streets, Barb Alberson, Senior Deputy Director, Policy and Planning, San Joaquin County Public Health Services

12:05-12:45 pm  Lunch

12:45-1:25 pm  Regional Approaches: Farmland Conservation, Food Systems and Sustainability, Ed Thompson, American Farmland Trust

1:25-2:05 pm  Regional Approaches: SB 375, Air Pollution and the Need to Breathe, Katelyn Roedner Sutter, San Joaquin Regional Director & Environmental Justice Program Manager, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton

2:05-2:45 pm  Taking it Home: County Tables

2:45-3 pm  Wrap Up and Review of the Day