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New coordinator appointed for Smart Valley Places- Compact Executive Committee

FRESNO – Smart Valley Places’ Compact Executive Committee (CEC) is pleased to announce its choice for the CEC Coordinator of this project, DCE Planning. Bill Fulton and Ben Noble are part of DCE Planning (www.dceplanning.com), which merged with The Planning Center (www.planningcenter.com) this year in February.

Bill Fulton, AICP, will serve as Principal-in-Charge of the CEC Coordinator project. Mr. Fulton will oversee work on all tasks, attend all CEC meetings, facilitate SVP Conventions, and lead efforts to promote coordination and relationship-building in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Fulton was appointed Mayor of Ventura in December 2009 and is serving a two-year term. He has been hailed as playing a “key role in re-shaping the way urban and metropolitan growth issues are debated in the post-suburban era” (www.cityofventura.net/about/citycouncil).

Ben Noble, Senior Associate, will serve as Project Manager for the CEC Coordinator project. Mr. Noble will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the project, as well as, for maintaining regular contact with the Smart Valley Places Leadership Team, and attending all project meetings. Mr. Noble’s experience in the planning field includes associate planner for the City of Sausalito and planner for Dyett & Bhatia Urban and Regional Planners in San Francisco.

“We are excited to have Bill and Ben as part of the Smart Valley Places team,” said Mike Dozier, lead executive for the Partnership’s Secretariat office, “and we look forward to working with them to continue the efforts to improve the Valley’s challenges and implement Smart Growth planning principles.”



Smart Valley Places

The work of Smart Valley Places and subsequent refinement of the San Joaquin Valley’s Regional Plan for Sustainable Development will be built from the regional framework provided by the six initiatives of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, and the Smart Growth principles of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, under the guidance of the HUD-DOT-EPA Livability Principles.

Each of the 14 Compact Cities is a population of 50,000 or greater and represents the most urban areas of the San Joaquin Valley. This network of cities, formed by compact, is an essential component to implementing smart growth policies at the neighborhood level. Each Compact City is committed to a project or series of projects that embrace the aforementioned guiding principles and contribute to our collective regional effort to demonstrate smart growth in the San Joaquin Valley.

CITY	COUNTY	CITY	COUNTY
Clovis	Fresno	Merced	Merced
Delano	Kern	Modesto	Stanislaus
Fresno	Fresno	Porterville	Tulare
Hanford	Kings	Stockton	San Joaquin
Lodi	San Joaquin	Tulare	Tulare
Madera	Madera	Turlock	Stanislaus
Manteca	San Joaquin	Visalia	Tulare

*Building on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint and its smart growth principles, **Smart Valley Places** is our region's road map to creating more transportation choices, equitable-affordable housing, economic competitiveness, and healthier, safe and walkable neighborhoods, ultimately shaping future growth trends that will impact not only the health and prosperity of the region, but the entire state of California.*

*The **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**, initiated in June 2005 by an executive order from Governor Schwarzenegger, is an unprecedented effort to bring together public and private leaders and resources to address economic, environmental and social issues in the eight-county San Joaquin Valley (from Kern to San Joaquin counties).*