



# Kings County Association of Governments

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## *Blueprint Vision and Values Phase One Summary 2007*

### Before 2050 Kings County will:

- ◆ *Have a healthy and sustainable environment, which encourages smart growth and development that enhances and preserves our air quality, aquifers, surface waters, agricultural lands, soil, and wildlife resources while strengthening our economic vitality and diversity.*
- ◆ *Be composed of unique cities, rural areas, and communities with a diverse population.*
- ◆ *Have identified economic development niches with competitive advantages and secured a multi-faceted economic development program that enhances and diversifies our economy and ensures an optimal quality of life for all Kings County residents.*
- ◆ *Have an educational system that successfully prepares and retains our citizens to drive both job and income growth through a balanced mix of technical and professional careers.*
- ◆ *Have a multifaceted transportation system that addresses growth and enhances the ability to sustain even more growth and development in the future.*
- ◆ *Become an innovative, energetic, healthy, and inclusive community with a common sense of pride and shared commitment to the effective and efficient utilization of resources and Quality of Life ideals.*

### Values:

- ◆ *Continue to work towards clean air for the benefit of all residents*
- ◆ *Provide a wide range of well designed housing choices in every community*
- ◆ *Promote well designed and safe communities for all residents*
- ◆ *Protect natural resources including native species, vegetation, rivers, and habitats*
- ◆ *Create a vibrant and diverse economy with a range of well paying jobs designed to attract and retain college graduates*
- ◆ *Preserve agricultural lands*
- ◆ *Increase educational opportunities for students to take advantage of vocational programs, associate programs, and bachelors programs*
- ◆ *Secure reliable sources of water maintaining both water quality and quantity*
- ◆ *Create an effective multi-modal transportation system that allows for the greatest convenience and accessibility throughout the county and connecting to the greater San Joaquin Valley, while minimizing the impacts on land use*
- ◆ *Improve access to quality healthcare services and new technologies*
- ◆ *Preserve open and green spaces for both conservation and recreation opportunities*
- ◆ *Promote entertainment and cultural activities for all residents including specific activities geared to young adults*