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The Newsletter of the Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative

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Dear Kristine,

We are excited to announce that the [Food Charter](#) was published in [Edible Sacramento](#) and the [Sacramento Natural Food Co-op Reporter!](#) The increased exposure of this document is a great step forward for the FSC.

In this month's newsletter, we're most interested in the Food Desert Locator, an interactive map unveiled by the USDA at the beginning of the month, which will be an invaluable resource as we work to improve healthy food access in the Sacramento region. We also have an update from the Governance Workgroup, a recap of the LEED Convergence focusing on Food, Farming, & Agribusiness, and a brief story about the Community Garden ordinance currently in motion in Sacramento.

Also, don't forget that our next convening is on **June 7th from 9AM-12PM at the Serna Center!** To register, click [here](#).

Don't forget to check out the Upcoming Events section! With summer just around the corner, our partners have a lot of exciting things going on in the coming months.

Best,  
Robyn

### Food Deserts in the Sacramento Region

On May 2nd, the U.S. Department of Agriculture unveiled its Food Desert Locator. The project identifies a food desert as "a low-income census tract where a substantial number or share of residents has low access to a supermarket or large grocery store." Prompted by First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! campaign to fight against obesity, this interactive map allows users to zoom down to the census tract level to identify food deserts within a specific area. To view the map and see how our region fares in this study, click [here](#). To review the press release from the USDA, click [here](#).

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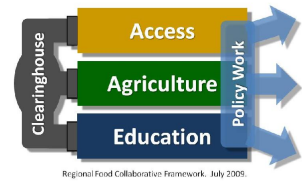


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### Update: FSC Governance Workgroup

The Governance Workgroup held its third meeting on May 25th at Valley Vision. After finalizing a draft version of the Mission Statement, we began focusing on developing the Values Statement. The discussion was very stimulating and we left the meeting with a lot of good ideas! We also started discussing the representation of the Governing Body, as we want to make sure that the FSC is a reflection of our region and the work we are trying to do.



We are excited to share with you the Mission and Values Statements and hear your feedback at the [FSC quarterly meeting on June 7th!](#)

If you are interested in participating in the Governance Workgroup but have not been able to attend a meeting, you can still join us! Email [Adriane Lepage](#) to get additional details on participation.

### LEED Convergence: Food, Farming, & Agribusiness

On May 18th, [LEED](#) (Linking Education & Economic Development) hosted Convergence VI: Food, Farming, and Agribusiness at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. In addition to great speeches from West Sacramento Mayor [Chris Cabaldon](#) and California Board of Food and Ag President [Craig McNamara](#), the Convergence hosted an insightful panel discussion including David Shabazian from [SACOG](#), Patrick Mulvaney of [Mulvaney's Building & Loan](#), Mary Kimball from the [Center for Land-Based Learning](#), and Clare Hesler-Lewis from the [Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine & Food Science](#) at UC-Davis. To read more about the event, click [here](#).



### Sacramento City Community Garden Ordinance

The City of Sacramento recently introduced an ordinance to allow for community gardens on private lands. The ordinance was presented by the city's planning department and discussed at four community meetings around the city. There was strong support for developing an ordinance along with significant concern from community members about some of the provisions in the ordinance, including the cost of developing a garden. The ordinance is scheduled to go before the City Council in June, tentatively at the June 21st Council meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting but would like to submit comments regarding the ordinance, you can do so



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through eComment on the Council website. To learn more about the ordinance, click [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SLUG Urban Farm Stand**

**Date and Time:** Every Thursday from 12PM-6PM, starting March 31st and ending June 30th

**Location:** 38th & Broadway, behind American Legion High School

**Focus:** The farm stand will be run by high school students from American Legion and is supported by SLUG. For more information visit [www.oakparkslug.org](http://www.oakparkslug.org).

### **Sunday Supper to Support Soil Born Farms**

**Date and Time:** May 29th and June 26th, 5PM-7PM

**Location:** Co-op Community Learning Center

**Focus:** \$25 per person. More information and a menu at <http://www.soilborn.org/events.html>.

### **Food System Collaborative Quarterly Meeting**

**Date and Time:** June 7th, 9AM-12PM

**Location:** Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue

**Focus:** School nutrition, including a panel discussion with Ann Evans (Davis Farm-to-School), Brenda Padilla (SCUSD), Tia Shimada (CFPA), and Cathy LeBlanc (Camptonville Community Partnership). Click [here to register!](#)

### **Food, Fun(ds), and Farmstands**

**Date and Time:** June 9th, 6:30PM-9PM

**Location:** 40 Acres Art Gallery (35th and Broadway)

**Focus:** Annual fundraiser for Alchemist CDC. Live music by [Hot Tar Roofers](#), finger food, and libations. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.alchemistcdc.org](http://www.alchemistcdc.org).

### **Dirt! The Movie Film Screening**

**Date and Time:** June 10th, 6:30-8:30PM

**Location:** Co-op Community Learning Center

**Focus:** Tickets are \$10 and benefit [One Farm at a Time](#). For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### **3rd Annual Urban Ag Fest**

**Date and Time:** June 18th, 6PM-9:30PM

**Location:** Plates Cafe & Catering

**Focus:** For more information and to register, visit <http://3rdurbanagfest.eventbrite.com/>.

**For event updates, visit our [online calendar](#).**

**Want your events listed here? Email [Adriane Lepage](#) and we'll add it to our calendar so FSC members know about it!**



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