



Connecting Citizens, Shaping Solutions

**Food System Collaborative
Governance Workgroup Meeting
June 22, 2011
Valley Vision**

MEETING SUMMARY

Participants: (see below)

Outcomes: The fourth meeting of the Governance Workgroup included two sections: an update on the **values statement** and a continuation of the **discussion on representation of the Steering Committee**.

Update on the Values Statement

- At the June 7th convening, the full collaborative agreed to table values statement development and create a **Declaration of Principles** based on the Food Charter
- Valley Vision will work on an initial draft and present it to the governance workgroup

Representation: Sector & Geography

- Creation of County Chapters
 - Consider the commitment required for those who live far away or are in more time-consuming professions (e.g. farming); hosting county chapters could address this issue
 - County chapters make the Steering Committee more manageable since the group would be smaller and also increase local-level community involvement
 - Consider rotating counties that host FSC meetings to focus on what is happening in each county (plus equalize the burden of travel)
 - Establishing county chapters is a significant undertaking – would we integrate with existing groups that represent similar interests, rather than starting a whole new organization?
 - Integrate with existing organizations, e.g. have item on meeting agenda to discuss local issues that are important/relevant to the work of the collaborative
- Sector Representation
 - Less of a geographical interest for some sectors, since they tend to have interests that are not geographically specific
 - Engage with who is already at the table and expand the committee from there
 - Overworking this discussion could move towards specialization
 - Consider the Food System cycle in sector discussions
 - Agriculture/Production – export, urban, infrastructure, workers, organic, conventional, small-scale, new farmers, immigrant farmers, ag tourism, suppliers/support
 - Distribution – transportation (local and export), infrastructure, wholesale, direct market, CSAs, food hub
 - Processing – on-farm, commercial, meat, storage, commercial kitchen, packaging, branding, food hub
 - Policy – land use planning, right-to-farm, water, state, local, federal, regional, zoning, farm bill, direct certification, food deserts, food security
 - Underserved Access – food banks, faith-based organizations, food pantries, food closets, community organizations, CalFresh/WIC expansion, farm stands, food box programs,

- Retail – restaurants, stores, ag tourism, mobile vendors, farm stands, farmers’ markets, business owners, distribution, processing
- Education/Outreach – healthcare, schools, media, service providers, community groups, public outreach, universities, farmer training programs, ag extension, marketing, on-farm apprenticeship, ag tourism, farm-to-school, other research & development, food safety, environmental groups
- Eaters/Consumers – community at large, individuals (open process)
- Waste Management – green restaurant association, collection, processing, municipal green waste, public education programs, corporate sustainability
- Food Chain Workers – farm workers, k-12 cafeteria, children of farm owners, restaurant, farm-labor contractors, other industrial cafeterias, factory workers, shipper/packers, retail workers, other on-farm employees
- Steering committee should do regular evaluation of whether or not the group is representative; do gap analysis and outreach to improve and build upon representation, knowing it will take time to establish more adequate representation
- Form an Advisory Committee for representatives from government and other organizations/entities who could act as advisors on specific issues rather than sit on the Steering Committee

Representative expectations and responsibilities

While this will be discussed at length at our next meeting, a few ideas came up at this meeting

- Should be available and committed
- Have an understanding and expertise on one of the three concentrations of the FSC: education, ag sustainability, and food access

Next Steps

- The next meeting is on July 27th from 9:30-11:30AM at Valley Vision. We will discuss representative expectations and responsibilities, and if time permits move on to representative appointments and the nomination process

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