



**Food System Collaborative  
Governance Workgroup Meeting  
April 27, 2011  
Valley Vision**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Participants: (see below)**

**Outcomes:** The second meeting of the Governance Workgroup had three sections: discussion of potential **changes to the meeting structure**, a **review of the vision statement**, and continued **development of the mission statement**.

Meeting structure discussion:

- The original schedule for these meetings was six meetings in six months, but after reviewing the schedule acknowledged that will not be sufficient
- Add **three more meetings for a total of nine meetings, meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month from now until December with the governing body seated at the beginning of next year**; approved by the group
- Change in the attendance requirement for consideration on the first governing body: **group approved to change requirement to five of nine meetings (rather than the original four of six meetings)**
- Last meeting will likely be held at the beginning of December, rather than the end of November, to avoid potential conflicts with the Thanksgiving holiday.

Review of the Vision Statement:

- Vision statement developed from the last meeting was reviewed and approved:  
**We envision a regional food system that embraces our diverse cultural heritage and unique agricultural assets to provide healthful food for all in a secure, economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially equitable manner.**

Development of the Mission Statement

- The last meeting concluded with a very draft version of the Mission Statement:  
The Food System Collaborative is a forum that gives a voice to the diverse efforts working on food access, education, and ag sustainability in the six-county region. We are a regional clearinghouse and hub facilitating network opportunities by convening, advocating, building consensus, and leveraging efforts to promote and advance an inclusive regional food system.
- Discussion of existing statement
  - Should we include community outreach in the mission statement?

- The FSC is a collaborative of organizations that work directly with community members; it is our responsibility to empower those organizations in their work and their ability to reach the community
    - In general, the FSC does not work on direct public outreach, so this would not be appropriate in the mission statement
  - Need to add food production
    - Concern that tone is too urban; lacks the voice of farmer
    - Food production drives the process of creating a viable food system, so we need to ensure that those groups are not alienated by our mission statement
  - Statement should cover front yard gardener to rural producer
  - Need to create an inclusive statement that draws urban and rural into the collaborative, rather than creating a sense of exclusivity
  - The statement needs to be simple and straight-forward
- Developed two versions of the Mission Statement (difference in italics):
  - **The Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative links rural and urban efforts *in the six-county region working towards a viable and inclusive regional food system.***
  - **The Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative links rural and urban efforts working towards a viable and inclusive food system *in the six-county region.***

Next Steps:

- Next meeting is May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30AM at Valley Vision
- Before the next meeting, **each participant should write a draft values statement** based on the values discussed at the April 5<sup>th</sup> FSC meeting (see Values Flowchart at the end of this document for reference)
- Valley Vision will seek input on the two mission statements from FSC members who represent rural communities in the region.

**Participants:**

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 Shawn Harrison – Soil Born Farms  
 Lisa Kresge – California Institute for Rural Studies  
 Robyn Krock – Valley Vision  
 Adriane Lepage – Valley Vision  
 Bill Maynard – Sacramento Community Garden Coalition  
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# Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative - Values

