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The Newsletter of the Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative

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Email [Adriane Lepage](#) and let her know what topics/issues you would like to learn more about.

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Dear Adriane,

Emergency food providers around the region are in high gear this time of year gathering donations and distributing food to those in need. Staff and volunteers are doing awesome work, but more volunteers are always needed! Read below to learn more about these holiday activities and how you can help. Also included in this month's newsletter is a meeting summary from the **FSC Governance Workgroup**, which met December 14th.

Join us for the next meeting of the FSC on **Wednesday, January 11th from 1PM-4PM at Sierra Health Foundation**. To register for the meeting, click [here](#).

Please remember to fill out [this form](#) to ensure your organization is listed in the new **Food System Collaborative Directory**. This new addition to our [website](#) is designed to be an interactive tool where you can find organizations involved with the FSC to connect, network, and act together. If you have any questions about this project, please contact [Adriane Lepage](#). We will be presenting the directory website at the January meeting.

Don't forget to check out the **Upcoming Events** taking place early in 2012!

Cheers,
Robyn

FSC Governance Workgroup Update

The Governance Workgroup met on December 14th to discuss parameters for the FSC's Steering Committee. These parameters included: decision making, membership criteria, elections, &





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membership energy, economy, & roles and responsibilities, among other important topics. We will present the initial Steering Committee structure as decided by the Governance Workgroup at the FSC's quarterly meeting on January 11th. We will also discuss the application process for Steering Committee members at that time, for those interested in being on the first Steering Committee. If you are not registered yet, but would like to participate in the conversation, click [here](#) to register for the meeting.



If you have questions about the Governance Workgroup, please email Robyn Krock at robyn.krock@valleyvision.org.

Partner Profile: Food Banks Getting Ready for Holidays

This month, our area food banks are getting ready for the holiday season. Here is some information on their holiday activities, as well as what you can do to help!

Elk Grove Food Bank Services www.elkgrovefoodbank.org

On December 21st, Elk Grove Food Bank Services will be hosting their annual Christmas Holiday Food Basket Give-a-Way. They are in need of the following items:

- Stuffing mix
- Mashed potatoes
- Vegetables
- Yams
- Cranberries
- Pie filling
- Most holiday fixin's

Food Bank of El Dorado County www.foodbankedc.org

The Food Bank of El Dorado County will be hosting its [annual Holiday Outreach](#) on Saturday, December 17th at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds in Placerville. If you are interested in donating to help provide holiday meals, click [here](#).

Food Bank of Yolo County www.foodbankyc.org

[Running of the Turkeys](#), an annual race to benefit the Food Bank of Yolo County (FBYC), took place on November 19th. The event drew 307 participants and raised \$16,000 and 85 turkeys!

FBYC distributed 1,000 holiday baskets to Yolo County families for Thanksgiving and will be distributing an additional 1,000 for Christmas. FBYC still needs turkeys to complete these baskets. Turkeys and other **non-perishable food donations** can be dropped off directly at the warehouse located at 1244 Fortna Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776.

If you are interested in hosting a food or funds drive for the Yolo County Food Bank, click [here](#).

Loaves & Fishes www.sacloaves.org

The Loaves & Fishes annual christmas meal will be on Sunday, December 25th at 11:00am. If you would like to donate to this meal, please click [here](#) to see the items needed.

Loaves & Fishes is in need of more than just food. To see what

other items are needed, visit <http://sacloaves.org/needs-list>.

Placer Food Bank
www.placerfoodbank.org

Placer Food Bank is in need of volunteer support for the busy holiday season including: BINGO, their Community Outreach Team, drivers (for pick up & delivery of food donations), and the Empty Bowls event in 2012. For more information or to volunteer your time email volunteer@placerfoodbank.org.

If you are interested in donating food to the Placer Food Bank, you can do it online! Click [here](#) to see what they need and purchase food and goods to donate.

River City Food Bank
www.rivercityfoodbank.org

This season, [Whole Foods on Arden Way](#) is once again hosting a holiday food drive benefitting River City Food Bank. Until December 18th, Whole Foods will have five in-store displays taking donations for their top-five most needed items. For a list of these items, click [here](#).

Also, the [Nugget Market on Florin Road](#) is hosting a food drive for River City Food Bank, in conjunction with [KNCI-FM](#).

Next year, look for updates on River City Food Bank's new location at 1800 28th Street!

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
www.sfbfs.org

On November 18th, the Sacramento Food Bank hosted their annual Turkey Drive. Thanks to a gift of 2,000 hams in the final minutes of the event, the Food Bank finished the drive with 8,023 meals (6,018 turkeys, 2,000 hams, and 5 turkeys). This year's Run to Feed the Hungry had 26,844 participants!

The Spirit of Giving Drive, now in its seventeenth year, has donated 4.6 million pounds of canned & nonperishable food items to local families in need. This year, you can donate through their virtual food drive! Click [here](#) for donation instructions.

You can also host your own [donation drive](#) or donate via [text](#) to help support the Sacramento Food Bank.

If you are interested in donating directly to the Sacramento Food Bank this season, here is a [list of needed items](#).

If you are interested in having your organization highlighted in our newsletter, please email [Adriane Lepage](mailto:Adriane.Lepage).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Public hearings on the Draft MTP/SCS and Draft EIR

Date & Time: January 4th, 6:30PM

Location: SACOG Office, 1415 L Street #300

Focus: The Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035 (MTP/SCS) and its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) were released for public comment on November 21st and are available at www.sacog.org/2035. [Written comments](#) are also encouraged.

FSC Quarterly Meeting

Date & Time: January 11th, 1PM-4PM

Location: Sierra Health Foundation, Bannon Island Room

Focus: Urban & rural food system projects in our region. Click

[here](#) to register!

Slow Food Sacramento Mixer

Date & Time: January 24th, 6PM-8PM

Location: [Masullo Pizza](#), 2711 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento

Focus: The first mixer of 2012 will be hosted by Masullo Pizza, a Snail of Approval award winner. Menu and ticket prices will be announced in the January newsletter and posted on www.slowfoodsacramento.com.

Sacramento Hunger Coalition Quarterly Meeting

Date & Time: January 25th, 10AM-12PM

Location: Sierra Health Foundation

Focus: Community hunger issues and initiatives. Please RSVP to Bob Erlenbusch at bob@sachousingalliance.org.

The Last Crop & the Future of California Agriculture

Date & Time: January 31st, 6:30PM-9PM

Location: Sacramento Co-op Community Learning Center

Focus: The Last Crop tells the story of a family, a farm and a vision for an agricultural future that is truly sustainable. Join the filmmaker and farmers after the film for a discussion of how to protect existing farms, create opportunities for young farmers and ensure sources of local food for generations to come. Tickets and more information available [here](#).

For event updates, visit our [online calendar](#). You can also use this calendar to add these events directly to your 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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