



Connecting Citizens, Shaping Solutions

**Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
Tuesday, June 22, 2010**

MEETING SUMMARY

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the June 22nd Food System Collaborative (FSC) meeting. Lively discussions about farm to school programs and significant input about the FSC's Food Charter will help further the goals of increasing access to healthy foods for all residents of the region and supporting small farmers throughout the region. See below for details.

Participants

See below (30)

Next Steps

- Valley Vision will create a meeting summary and distribute to the FSC email list
- Valley Vision will coordinate logistics for a meeting designed to develop an outreach plan for the Food Charter
- Paul Philley will make revisions to the Food Charter according to input given at the meeting
- The next meeting of the Food System Collaborative will be September, date and location TBD.

Meeting Outcomes

- Food Charter – after significant input from participants, the group agreed to accept the Food Charter and began discussing how it should be moved forward. It was agreed that the document should be vetted with community organizations, economic development agencies, and others before being presented to elected officials. Participants also agreed that the document can be adjusted to meet the needs of different jurisdictions. A special meeting will be held in 3-5 weeks to create an outreach plan. All Collaborative members are invited.
- Cathy LeBlanc gave a presentation on national obesity levels and school garden work currently being done in Camptonville. According to the data presented, increased obesity nationwide follows federal farm subsidies.
- Julia van Soelen from UC Davis presented research being done in Yuba County to develop a farm to school program in Marysville and further develop the program in Camptonville. Through focus groups in both communities, a “power map” has been developed to facilitate a deeper understanding of the components and complexities of a food system and farm to school program. The map shows the assets and barriers to developing a farm to school program along with the relationships and connections that can help or hinder the process. Additionally, the groups have done visioning processes to find what they would like their school districts’ farm to school programs to look like.
- Robyn Krock updated the FSC on the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD)’s Healthy Foods Task Force. There are 5 working groups: School Gardens, Curriculum, Cafeteria and Purchasing, Facilities and Demo Sites, and Growing Financial Support. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in a committee according to their interests and

expertise. Michelle Johnston of Center for Health Improvement offered help and expertise in writing a white paper to affect policy that increases healthy foods in schools.

- Melissa Guajardo from Soil Born Farms gave an update on development of the locally-sourcing food hub. Partners on the project are reconsidering the timeline. To make the facility work well, a starting point where sales and production levels meet needs to be determined.

Participants:

Kathleen Babin, Sacramento Food Bank
Nicholas Barry, Office of Senator Darrell Steinberg
Matt Callo, Alchemist CDC
Maxine Clark, Soil Born Farms
Dawn Dunlap, Health Education Council
Bob Erlenbusch, Sacramento Hunger Coalition
Gail Feenstra, SAREP
Mary Helen Doherty, Alchemist CDC
Melissa Guajardo, Soil Born Farms
Frances Johnson, Yolo Food Bank
Michelle Johnston, Center for Health Improvement
Trish Kelly, Valley Vision consultant
Jamila Khan, Alchemist CDC
Robyn Krock, Valley Vision
Stephanie Landrum, Kaiser Permanente
Cathy LeBlanc, Camptonville Partnership
Charles Mason, Ubuntu Green
Bill Maynard, Sacramento Parks and Recreation
Randii McNear, Davis Farmers Market
Jim Mills, Produce Express
Dave Morris, Community member
Bill Mueller, Valley Vision
Paul Philley, Sacramento Metro Air Quality Mgmt District
Dave Runsten, CAFF
Julia Sway, Valley Vision
Julia Thomas, Sacramento Food Coop
Christine Tien, The California Endowment
Paul Towers, Pesticide Watch
Julia Van Soelen Kim, UC Davis