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January 14, 2025

Board of Supervisors  
Administration Building  
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 627  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Board Members:

**Accept an Update on the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy  
for San Joaquin County**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The San Joaquin County Economic Development Association Board recommends that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors accept an update on the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and Appendix.

**BACKGROUND**

In 1962, Congress established the U.S. Economic Development Administration (USEDA), as part of the U.S. Department of Commerce to provide job-creating loans and grants to economically distressed areas characterized by high unemployment. Since its inception, San Joaquin County (SJC) has qualified as a USED A-eligible county due to consistently high unemployment rates.

Since 1976, the SJC Economic Development Association (SJC EDA) has been responsible for preparing the County's Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP). In 2000, the USED A replaced the OEDP with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, the USED A requires communities to submit a new CEDS every five years. The USED A considers the SJC EDA Board as the approving entity for the County's CEDS.

The primary purpose of an approved CEDS is to ensure SJC's continued eligibility for USED A grants, which fund economic development projects as opportunities arise. The last approved SJC CEDS covered the five-year period of July 12, 2019, through July 11, 2024. On May 20, 2024, SJC EDA requested and received an extension for the current CEDS, extending its expiration to February 28, 2025.

To develop the 2025-2030 CEDS, the SJC EDA Board approved funding and procurement of a consultant on January 29, 2024. Subsequently, a CEDS committee was formed, including representatives from municipalities and institutional partners. This committee, along with the consultant and SJC EDA Board, collaborated to draft the new CEDS, fulfilling USEDAs requirement for community participation in the process.

Key Elements of the 2025-2030 CEDS Development Process:

- Each City and the County submitted eligible projects for inclusion in the CEDS.
- Projects included in the approved CEDS may qualify for USEDAs grants if funding becomes available.
- Consultant Vicki Doll of Chabin Concepts worked extensively with SJC EDA staff, the CEDS Committee, municipalities, and institutional partners to identify and prioritize projects.

Projects that have previously received USEDAs matching grants:

1. City of Tracy, International Parkway Bridge over the Delta Mendota Canal
2. San Joaquin County, Economic Adjustment Assistance-COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency
3. Port of Stockton, Navy Drive
4. Stockton Unified School District, Woodruff Regional Occupational Center
5. City of Stockton, Waterfront Seawall
6. Port of Stockton, two Port Warehouses
7. City of Manteca, Manteca Industrial Park
8. City of Tracy, Water Filtration Plant & Trunk Lines
9. City of Escalon, Community Center
10. San Joaquin County, Revolving Loan Fund
11. San Joaquin County, Airmetro Business Park
12. City of Lodi, Eastside Industrial District Drainage
13. San Joaquin County, Business Retention and Expansion Program
14. Port of Stockton, Utility Master Plan
15. Rail Spur at Duck Creek
16. South Stockton Aqueduct

The CEDS serves as a strategic tool for residents, property owners, businesses, investors, policymakers, and the USEDAs, helping to define economic strategies for San Joaquin County. While the CEDS aligns with and complements the economic development goals of the County and its incorporated cities, it does not replace or duplicate local policies. Projects included in the CEDS are eligible for federal funding and have historically resulted in significant grant awards to the region.

The SJC EDA Board approved the 2025–2030 CEDS on November 25, 2024. The final document will be submitted to the USEDAs for approval in January 2025.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The SJC EDA has absorbed all costs related to task force coordination, preparation, and distribution of the CEDS.

## **ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE OF UPDATE**

Following the Board's acceptance of an update on the CEDS, it will be submitted to the USED A for final approval in January 2025.

Sincerely,



Patricia Virgen  
Executive Director

c: County Administrator  
County Counsel  
Auditor – Controller

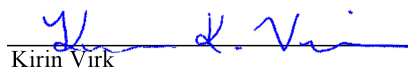
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# Before the Board of Supervisors

County of San Joaquin, State of California

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## ACCEPT AN UPDATE ON THE 2025-2030 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY accept an update on the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for San Joaquin County.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on January 14, 2025 by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

MOTION: Rickman/Dhaliwal/5-0

AYES: **Gardea, Canepa, Dhaliwal, Ding, Rickman**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

ATTEST: RACHÉL DeBORD  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Joaquin  
State of California



By:

**Rachél DeBord**