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Region's clean energy sector gets big boost from SACOG *Unanimous resolution supports investment in promising growth area*

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14 – Leaders of the Partnership for Prosperity's Clean Energy Technology Action team applauded directors of the Sacramento region's transportation planning agency today for adopting a resolution that supports regional investment in the promising clean energy technology sector.

The resolution, adopted unanimously by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board of Directors, contains language expressing support for the environmental, social and economic benefits of the Partnership for Prosperity's Clean Energy Technology initiative.

Through the initiative, the Partnership's Clean Energy team aims to promote and enhance the region's clean energy businesses and entrepreneurs and build our market for green technology. The team would like to see the Sacramento region earn a worldwide reputation for being a leader in this industry sector. The initiative is a key element of the Partnership for Prosperity Regional Business Plan.

"Our research and our outreach to a broad section of community leaders consistently identifies the clean energy sector as a tremendous opportunity to improve both our region's economic prosperity and health," said Valley Vision's Kristine Mazzei, who coordinates the Partnership for Prosperity project. "We appreciate SACOG's leadership in embracing a focus on clean energy technology, and expect that this language supporting it will help tremendously."

The Partnership's Clean Energy Action Team is developing strategies to increase clean-energy related academic and private-sector research, start-up companies, investment capital and educational infrastructure. The language in the SACOG resolution is a visible expression of region's support for clean energy technology, Mazzei said, and can be used as a tool in business attraction and retention efforts.

The Partnership for Prosperity includes the Sacramento Metro Chamber, Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization, Valley Vision and a long and wide-ranging list of public and private agencies, universities and associations. It aims to improve our business climate, workforce and civic amenities in the region that includes El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

Released this spring, the Partnership's regional business plan includes five key strategies:

- Business and government leaders will cooperate better to make this the best place to do business in California.
- We will prove our innovation by growing our unique green energy sector
- We will ensure high school grads are ready to continue their education and join our quality workforce.
- We will support our colleges to produce the skilled people and new initiatives that align with our regional economic needs.
- We will invest more in civic amenities that enhance our identity and quality of life.

For background, visit www.valleyvision.org/partnership/index.html. (END)



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