



District Update

Stanislaus County Supervisorial District 3

Includes the communities of West/Northwest Modesto and Salida

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

District 1
William O'Brien

District 2
Vito Chiesa

District 3
Jeff Grover

District 4
Dick Monteith

District 5
Jim DeMartini

Inside this issue:

Fiscalini makes 2
energy from dairy
waste

Stanislaus News & 2
Highlights

Salida Town & 2
County Parade
and Festival

West Modesto 3
Farmer's Market

CalTrans Update: 3
Kiernan Ave
(State Route 219)

Volume 1, Issue 2

Spring/Summer 2009

2009 Stanislaus Leadership Collaborative



The 2009 Collaborative traveled to Washington DC and met with Stanislaus County's elected Federal representatives and various Federal agencies from from March 17 through 19. The priorities presented included Regional Operability for Public Safety Communications; Flood Damage Reduction and Eco-system Restoration Project at Orestimba Creek (in Newman); Tuolumne River Regional Park - Phase IV Carpenter Road; and a Gang Prevention and Intervention Initiative. Core meetings included Senator Barbara Boxer (represented by staff), Senator Dianne Feinstein (represented by staff), Congressman Dennis Cardoza (pictured at left) and Congressman George Radanovich. Other meetings included the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Homeland Security, Security, White House Office of Management and Budget, COPS Office (Department of Justice), the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Governor Schwarzenegger's Washington DC office, Community Capacity Development Office (USDOJ), and others.

Annual trips by the Collaborative began about 6 years ago and have resulted in strengthened Federal relationships, greater visibility of our County and its priorities, and Federal funding allocations to address local needs.

The **Stanislaus Leadership Collaborative** is comprised of individuals from city and county governments, private sector business, non-profits, elected officials, and private citizens from within Stanislaus County. Major priorities and challenges are identified and then presented to Federal officials and agencies whose assistance is sought in resolving these issues. The group's regional perspective, both by representation and scope, allows for appropriate balance and recognition for matters that apply to more than one jurisdiction. Pictured Back to Front (L/R): Rep. Dennis Cardoza, **Jeff Grover**, Jim Ridenour, Adam Christianson, Greg Nyhoff, Ralph Curtis, Bill O'Brien, Roy Wasden, Paul Van Konyenburg, Rick Robinson, Bill Bassitt, Jerry Powers, Joy Madison, Sharon Silva, Sandy Hopp, David Jones.

Shade Tree Partnership Plants Trees in Modesto

In an effort to beautify the community and help reduce utility costs, volunteers donated their time, energy, and muscles to help residents of West Modesto by planting shade trees.

In addition to the benefits derived from the tree plantings in communities throughout the County, a greenhouse and tree nursery has been set up at the Stanislaus County Honor Farm, where trees will be grown from seedlings using inmate labor. inmates have the opportunity to acquire job skills to better equip them to be self-sufficient upon release from custody.

Partnerships include the Greater Modesto Tree Foundation, Rotary Club of Modesto East, Paradise South Weed & Seed, Youth for Christ, Modesto Irrigation District, Congregations Building Communities, Stanislaus County, the City of Modesto, and others.



"I want to be as environmentally friendly as I can be while being a good businessman, one who makes a profit."

—John Fiscalini



Fiscalini Makes Energy From Dairy Waste

An excerpt from the article by Jacqui D. Sinarle, Central Valley Business Journal, 30 October 2008.

It may not spin straw into gold, but Fiscalini Farms' new methane digester will come pretty close by turning an abundant dairy farm by-product—manure—into clean, usable energy.

[As] partner and general manager of Fiscalini Farms and Fiscalini Cheese Co., John Fiscalini's reasons for installing the digester are a combination of environmental stewardship and business sense.

"I want to be able to pass my business on to my children and grandchildren," he says. "I want to be as environmentally friendly as I can be while being a good businessman, one who makes a profit."

The \$3.5 million methane digester is the first of its type used in the Western U.S. and one of fewer than 15 digesters operated by California dairies. At just under 1 megawatt, it will supply electricity for Fiscalini's 1,500-cow dairy operation and cheese plant, as well as local utility customers.

[Here's how it works:] Livestock manure, whey left over from cheese production, feed not eaten by livestock, and green waste such as lawn clippings are fed into two 860,000-gallon concrete tanks. The material is mixed and heated to produce methane, a gas that naturally occurs when microorganisms digest and break down waste products and dead plant material. The resulting methane will be captured and used to

power the digester's engine and generate electricity to run the entire farm and cheese facility, with enough energy left over to serve 100 to 200 typical homes.

Fiscalini got the idea to install the methane digester from a newspaper article he read 3 years ago that said cows were contributing to global warming.

With the new digester, he said, "We expect to reduce the amount of methane that escapes into the environment by 80% to 90%, or about 50 million cubic feet per year." The methane digester's effect on greenhouse gases will be equivalent to removing 5,000 cars from the highways every year.

The full article can be read at Central Valley Business Journal's website, www.cvbizjournal.com



stanislaus
news & highlights

A fast-paced monthly news and features program that showcases recent events impacting Stanislaus County. Watch it online: www.stancounty.com/mytv or review television broadcast schedules at www.modesto.tv/

Salida Town & Country Parade and Festival

On August 22, 2009, the Salida Civic Association will present the annual Salida Town & Country Parade and Festival from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The parade begins at 10:00am, and features local officials, school bands, clubs, businesses, local fire and law enforcement, farm equipment and more. The day's events are free to everyone and include food, craft and information booths, children's activities and live entertainment.

Funds raised for the Salida Civic Association continue its work helping Salida families and bringing family-oriented entertainment to the community.

Those interested in participating in the parade or securing a booth at the festival can email info@salidacivic.org for information and registration.



Sheriff Christianson and Supervisor Grover lead the Sheriff's Posse as they enter the parade route during the 2008 festivities.

Supervisor Jeff Grover
1010 10th Street, Suite 6500
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: 209-525-6560
Fax: 209-525-4410
GroverJ@StanCounty.com

Field Representative:
Sandy Hopp
(209) 525-6472
HoppS@StanCounty.com

West Modesto Farmer's Market

June 18 marks the opening of this year's West Modesto Farmer's Market at Mellis Park, held on Thursdays from 3:00 to 7:00pm. In addition to fresh, locally grown fruit and vegetables, there will also be lively music, children's activities and health education for families.

Born from the goal of making healthy foods available and affordable to the community, the Market represents one of the successes achieved through the Healthy Eating, Active Living Community Health Initiative (HEAL-CHI) grant award from Kaiser Permanente to the West Modesto/King Kennedy Neighborhood Collaborative in partnership with Stanislaus County's Health Services Agency.

"You don't want to miss this year's Market because the produce is grown locally by our West Modesto youth," says Carole Collins, Program Manager for WM/KKNC HEAL-CHI. A new partnership between Project Uplift and Heifer International enables these young men to farm garden plots, learning valuable life lessons and selling the "fruit of their labor" at the Market.



West Modesto Farmers Market

Thursdays 3 ~ 7pm
beginning June 18th

King Kennedy Memorial Center / Mellis Park
601 N. Martin Luther King Dr.

Cal Trans Update - Kiernan Avenue (State Route 219)



Christina Hibbard, Senior Project Manager for CalTrans District 10, provided the following update for both the Phase I (SR 99 to Dale Road) and Phase II (Morrow to SR 108/McHenry Ave) projects on State Route 219/Kiernan:

1) The Phase I construction work is currently concentrated on the Sisk Road intersection area. The next order of work will be to move traffic to the newly constructed lanes on the north side (westbound), while

working on the south side (eastbound) lanes.

CalTrans is expecting to finish the SR 219 Widening construction this fall (2009).

2) CalTrans is in the process of acquiring the right of way for the Phase II section. This is a lengthy task. It is expected that advertising the job for construction will occur in July 2010 and actual work will begin by November 2010.



Find us on the internet!
www.stancounty.com



Stanislaus County Supervisorial Districts

"What district do I live in?" is a frequently asked question in our office. Here's a general description of the five districts in Stanislaus County:

Supervisor William O'Brien:

District 1 - Empire, Knights Ferry, Waterford, Riverbank, Oakdale, Valley Home, Northeast Modesto

Supervisor Vito Chiesa:

District 2 - Denair, Hughson, Hickman, Keyes, La Grange, Turlock

Supervisor Jeff Grover:

District 3 - Northwest Modesto, Salida

Supervisor Dick Monteith:

District 4 - Central Modesto

Supervisor Jim DeMartini:

District 5 - Ceres, Crows Landing, Grayson, Newman, Patterson, Westley, South Modesto

Supervisorial District Maps are located online and are available in the Board of Supervisor's Office at 1010 10th Str, 6th Flr, in Modesto, CA



(Back to Front) Jeff Grover, Bill O'Brien, Dick Monteith, Vito Chiesa, Jim DeMartini