



**CSAC Central Valley Regional Meeting:  
Economic Opportunity in the Central Valley**

Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> ■ 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Fresno  
2233 Ventura St, Fresno, CA 93721

- 9:00 a.m. Opening Comments**  
Supervisor **Virginia Bass**, CSAC President, Humboldt County
- 9:10 a.m. Host County Welcome & Introductions**  
Supervisor **Buddy Mendes**, Fresno County  
**Graham Knaus**, CSAC Executive Director
- 9:30 a.m. Opportunity Zones in the Central Valley**  
**What can counties do next to attract investments?**  
**Moderator: Erica Manuel**, Executive Director, Institute for Local Government
- **Will Oliver**, Director of Business Services, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation
  - **Larry Kosmont**, President and CEO, Kosmont Companies
  - **Matthew Horton**, Associate Director, California Center, Milken Institute
- 11:00 a.m. Insight Talks**  
*Insights and best practices for local government opportunities for economic development*  
**Connie Conway**, Member, Board of Governors of California Community College System; CSAC Past President; Former Tulare County Supervisor; California State Assembly Minority Leader Emeritus
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Networking**
- 12:30 p.m. Workforce Development and Training**  
**Good jobs need quality workers. How do counties address workforce needs, encourage economic and social mobility, and provide advancement opportunities for their diverse populations?**  
**Moderator: James Gore**, CSAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sonoma County
- **Peter Weber**, Former Executive Committee Chair, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
  - **Jason Britt**, County Administrative Officer, Tulare County
  - **Lee Ann Eager**, President/CEO, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation
  - **Ampelio Mejia Perez**, General Manager, Arts Consortium & My Voice Media Center
- 1:45 p.m. Group Discussion: What Was Learned – What Happens Next?**  
**Moderator: Supervisor Leticia Perez**, CSAC Immediate Past President, Kern County
- 2:00 p.m. Closing Comments & Adjournment**