



**May 11-13, 2022**  
**Clovis Veterans Memorial District**  
**Clovis, CA**  
**Conference Agenda with Confirmed Speakers**  
**(Unlisted speaker invitations pending)**

**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> evening reception:**

We are hosting a conference kick-off reception in downtown Clovis at Centennial Plaza between House of JuJu and Blast-N-Brew from 5:30-7:30 pm. Special thanks to QK Inc. for sponsoring this event and providing delicious eats from neighboring restaurants. Don't miss it!

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Conference Day 1**

**8:00 – 9:00 am** Join us for a full breakfast and visit sponsor exhibits throughout the venue

**9:00 – 9:10 am** Conference welcome and introductions

Michelle Roman, Master of Ceremonies Mayor of Kingsburg, Fresno COG Policy Board Chair  
Posting of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance", Madera Honor Guard  
Robert Poythress, Chairman, San Joaquin Valley Policy Council  
Mayor Jose Flores, City of Clovis

**9:10 - 10:10 am** Keynote address:

**Lisa X. Walden**

**Co-Founder at Good Company Consulting**  
**Leadership & Communications Expert**

**Lisa X. Walden** is a speaker, strategist, and consultant dedicated to helping businesses create authentic, empowering workplaces that don't inspire the dreaded Sunday scaries. Her presentations deliver action-oriented insights that help people better connect, collaborate, and communicate.

As co-founder of Good Company Consulting, her work is centered on the (strangely revolutionary) concept that people and strategy don't have to be mutually exclusive. She takes

a holistic approach to workplace strategy, keeping human beings – arguably the most valuable resources – at front and center. Lisa Walden’s speeches focus on how to maintain thriving cultures, best-practices for mindful communication practices, and tactics for nurturing the single most important component of a healthy work environment—trust.

Walden has worked with a broad range of clients and organizations, ranging from architects, to finance, real estate, and hospitality. In her speeches, Lisa strives to inspire mindset shifts by presenting valuable, research-based insights in a way that resonates, engages, and entertains. She weaves in stories, statistics, case studies, and some good old-fashioned self-deprecating humor into each and every one of her presentations.

Lisa Walden is the co-author of *Managing Millennials for Dummies* and is deep in the trenches of planning her next book. She is a voracious consumer of all business-related books, podcasts, magazines, and think pieces.

### **10:20 -10:30 – Break, Sponsor Exhibits**

### **10:30-11:45 am – SR 99 Vision- Plenary May 12**

#### ***Completing the 99 Corridor and Beyond ... Sustainable Regional Mobility***

*Valley and state officials are working to “finish 99” with six lanes from San Joaquin County in the north to Kern in the south. But what happens after? What’s the potential for alternative/electric concepts to compliment State Route 99? How about fiber/broadband readiness in our nearby, rural communities? Will we ever see truck only lanes? Find out the latest from our panel of state and local experts.*

- Eric Sauer, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, California Trucking Association
- Lee Ann Eager, Chair, California Transportation Commission and President/CEO, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation
- Umar Javed, President & Co-Founder, WattEV, Inc.

Moderator: Gus Khouri, Principal/Legislative Advocate, Khouri Consulting

### **11:45 am – 12:00 pm – Break and Sponsor Exhibits**

### **12:00 am – 1:15 pm – 2022 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Luncheon**

### **1:15 pm – 1:30 pm – Break and Sponsor Exhibits**

### **1:30 pm – 3:00pm – Afternoon Breakout Workshops and Tours:**

#### **Dolly the Trolley Tour 1**

***Guided tour of Clovis, CA’s cottage homes, trail system, affordable housing and more on Clovis Transit’s Dolly the Trolley.***

*Max 25 – 30 per tour. Sign up at event Welcome Table*

### **Breakout Workshop A:**

#### ***Climate Change and Social Equity***

*Climate change and social equity polices from both Sacramento and Washington D.C. are changing the status quo for funding opportunities for public agencies; hear from experts and what it means for your community.*

- Darwin Moosavi, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Policy and Housing Coordination, California State Transportation Agency
- Jasmine Leek, Founder & Managing Director, Third City Coalition
- Grecia Elenas, Regional Policy Manager, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Moderator: Stacie Guzman, Executive Director, Merced Council of Governments

### **Breakout Workshop B:**

#### ***SB 743 Implementation***

*SB 743 requires that Level of Service (LOS) be replaced by Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in the CEQA process. It has brought challenges and opportunities to the communities in the Valley. Hear from the experts about the latest on the implementation issues and solutions.*

- Eric Sandquist, Sustainability Advisor, SB 743 Program Manager, California Department of Transportation
- Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager, City of Fresno Planning and Development Department
- Charity B. Shiller, Partner, Best Best & Krieger (BB&K) Attorney-At-Law

Moderator: Tony Petros, President/Chief Operating Officer, LSA

### **Breakout Workshop C**

#### ***Housing Financing and Incentives***

*Learn about affordable housing funds available and the benefits of securing a Pro-housing designation for your community.*

- Sohab Mehmood, Housing Policy Specialist, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Chelsea Lee, Housing Policy Manager, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Executive Director, California Strategic Growth Council

Moderator: Marisa Sigala, Principal, Sigala Inc.

**3:15 pm – 4:45 pm – Afternoon Breakout Workshops and Tours**

### **Dolly the Trolley Tour 2**

***Guided tour of Clovis, CA's cottage homes, trail system, affordable housing and more on Clovis Transit's Dolly the Trolley.***

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**Breakout Workshop D**

***Passenger Rail, Transit, HSR, and Innovative Mobility***

*Future of passenger rail, public transit and innovative mobility models for the San Joaquin Valley*

- Creighton Randall, Mobility Development Partners (Moderator)
- Moses Stites, General Manager, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
- Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority/San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
- Garth Fernandez, Central Valley Regional Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority
- Chad Edison, Chief Deputy Secretary, Rail and Transit, California State Transportation Agency

Moderator: Creighton Randall

**Breakout Workshop E**

***New Transportation Technologies***

*Using drones to assess pavement conditions. New frontiers in traffic monitoring and intelligent transportation systems. What other innovations are in store for our transportation systems? This panel will update you on the latest possibilities.*

- Dr. Aly Tawfik, Assistant Professor of Transportation Systems, Department of Civil and Geomatics Engineering, Lyles College of Engineering, California State University, Fresno (Moderator)
- Corey Clothier, Founder/Director, Stantec GenerationAV
- Umar Javed, President & Co-Founder, WattEV, Inc.
- Samuel Campos, Chief Caltrans District 6 Electrical

Moderator: Dr. Aly Tawfik

**Breakout Workshop F**

***Accessory Dwelling Units 101***

*Will Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) change California's landscape? Experts working on a Valleywide plan to help introduce ADUs in your jurisdiction think they're at least part of the answer. Learn how ADUs can be fast tracked to help meet local housing needs.*

- Jenna Chilingirian, Senior Associate Planner, Precision Civil Engineering
- Bonique Emerson, AICP, Vice President of Planning, Precision Civil Engineering
- Lily Cha, Associate Planner, City of Clovis

Moderator: Brenda Amboy, Program Officer, Building Sustainable Communities, Enterprise Community Partners Northern California

**4:45 pm - Day 1 Wrap-Up Session**

**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** – Restaurant Hop and Scavenger Hunt held throughout Downtown Clovis.

Refreshments provided at each location. Hosted by the City of Clovis. *More to come!*

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### **9:00 am – 9:10 am – Welcome**

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A representative from the Fresno County Transportation Authority will introduce the following plenary:

### **9:10 am – 10:10 am - State and Federal Funding**

#### ***How to Maximize New Federal and State Funding for your Community***

*The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill – combined with a rare state budget surplus – have created a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help restore local infrastructure. Learn how to best leverage this historic investment from experts at the state and federal levels who will help guide you through the range of new programs.*

- Jen Covino, Principal, Simon & Company
- Samuel Assefa, Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- Jasmine Amanin, Community Planner, FHWA California Division

Moderator: Jen Covino

### **10:10 am – Break and Sponsor Exhibits**

### **10:15 -11:30 am - Housing**

#### ***Creating sustainable, compact, housing in the Valley***

*California's housing crisis, while not quite as acute in the San Joaquin Valley, remains a massive challenge for our local communities' limited resources. A variety of perspectives – from the state's Housing and Community Development Department and Strategic Growth Council to local planners, developers, and financiers – will map out potential strategies for making compact housing pencil out locally.*

- Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Executive Director, California Strategic Growth Council
- Senator Anna M. Caballero, California State Senate, District 12
- Jason Cater, Principal Planner, City of Bakersfield
- Tom Collishaw, President/CEO, Self-Help Enterprises

Moderator: Jim Harnish, Principal, Mintier Harnish

### **11:30 am – Conference wrap up, including “must be present to win” drawing.**

(You won't want to miss this!)

Serfas® eDART 500W E-Bike

Restaurant and store gift cards to be given away as well.

The Wifi network is called CVMD Guest – no password is needed.