San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters Initiative

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

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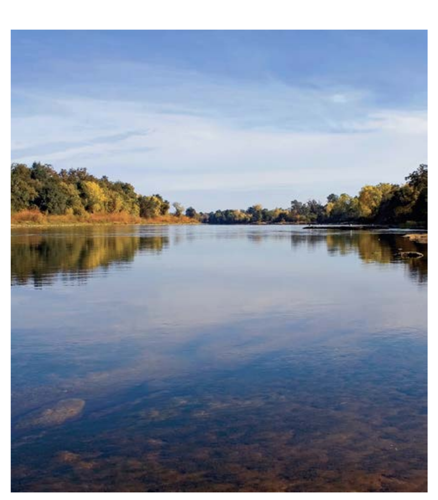
Health and Wellness

Agriculture

Clean Energy



Water Technology

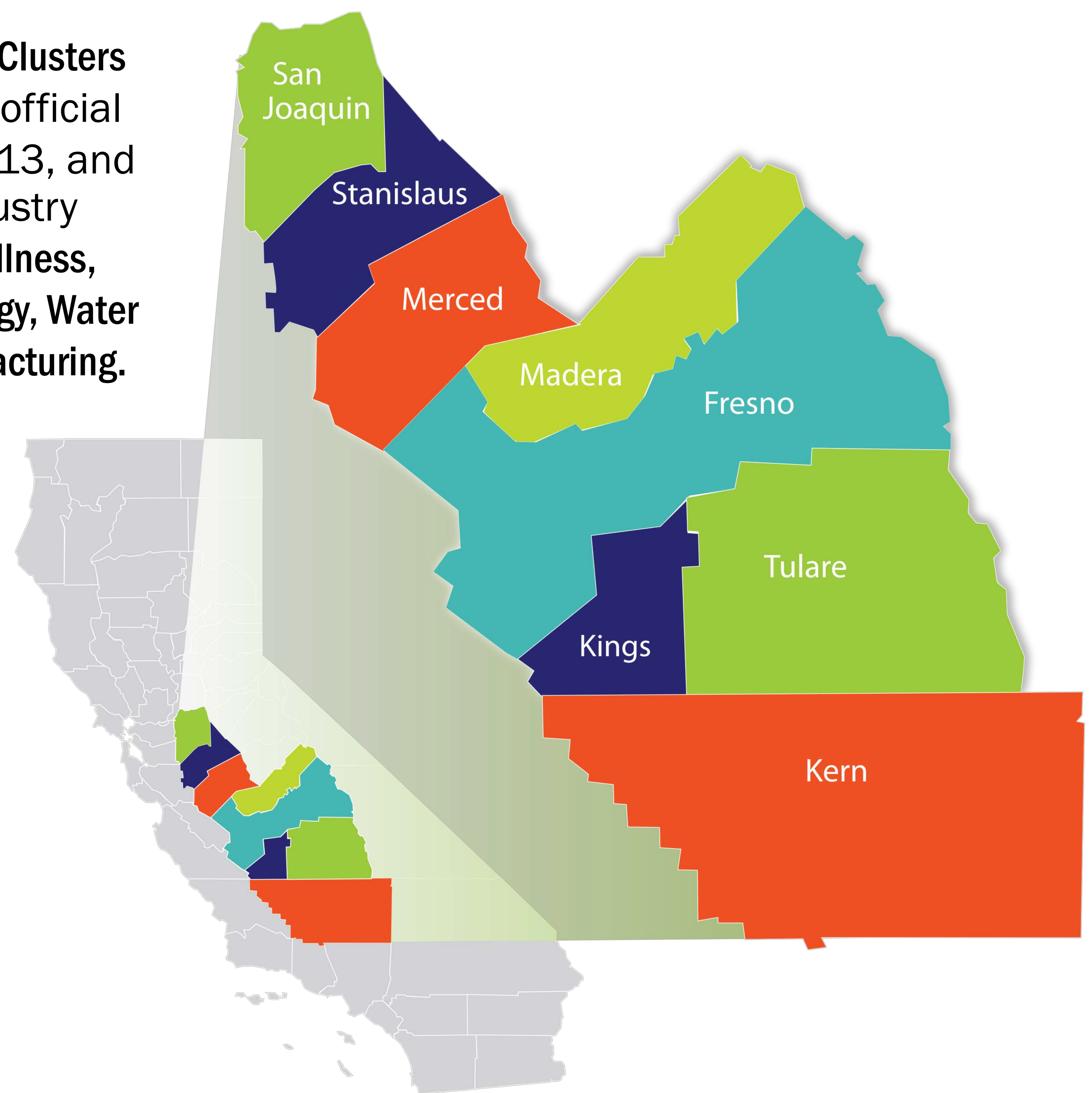
Manufacturing

The **Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI)** got its official start in February 2013, and established five industry clusters: **Health & Wellness, Agriculture, Clean Energy, Water Technology and Manufacturing.**

RICI is the result of the analysis of the Valley's industry clusters, directed by Fresno State's **Office of Community and Economic Development**, on behalf of the **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.**

The goal of the project is to support improved regional economic performance, sustainability, and shared opportunity for Valley residents, businesses and communities.

The yearly **Manufacturing Summit** and the **2016 Clean Energy Summit** are examples of RICI's effort to foster regional collaboration and synergistic growth among Valley industries.



Photos of the **2016 Manufacturing Summit**, organized by the Fresno State **Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)**. Top Left: Mike Betts, Chair, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Cluster; Mike Dozier, Executive Director, OCED, Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary, U.S. EDA; Ashley Swearengin, Mayor of Fresno.

The Regional Industry Clusters Initiative

serves the eight counties and 62 cities of the San Joaquin Valley, one of the fastest growing and increasingly diverse regions in the state.

As part of the Partnership, RICI was designed to address the region's persistent economic, environmental and social challenges and disparities compared to other regions in the state and nationally, while changing the pathway for the Valley's economic future and overall well-being. Its creation also acknowledged the critical importance of the Valley to the state and national economy.

Cluster Priorities:

1. Coordinate on cross-cluster opportunities/nexus
2. Develop workforce strategy
3. Accelerate R&D/technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, access to capital

A main goal of RICI is to help Valley industries capture their value-added potential and stop economic leakage (shown right).

Capturing the "Value Chain" for the San Joaquin Valley Economy