



# Planning Under The Sun Visalia October 6-9

Visalia Marriott and Visalia Convention Center



## **Mobile Workshop #1 | CM 5.0 | Cost \$60**

Sunday, October 6, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 9, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Planning in the Park**

Tulare County is fortunate to be home to the nation's second national park – Sequoia National Park – along with its neighbor Kings Canyon National Park together preserve over 1,350 square miles of wilderness and natural wonders found nowhere else on earth. The park's original purpose was to preserve the magnificent Giant Forest area and its groves of giant sequoias. As time went by, park managers realized the sequoias were being loved to death – disturbances to the great trees root systems were imperiling them. This 2/3-day tour will examine how the park has managed the challenge of accommodating the needs of throngs of visitors while maintaining the Park's environmental integrity and natural beauty.

*This workshop is offered twice.*

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## **Mobile Workshop #2 | CM 3.5 | Cost \$30**

Tuesday, October 8, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### **Foothill Growth Management Plan**

Located below the mountain snow, and above the valley fog, the Oak covered Sierra foothills have become an attractive place to live. The natural beauty of the area attracts visitors and residents every year. There is a great interest to move future development away from the prime farmlands of the valley floor into the foothills, yet the area faces many challenges to planning and developing. Among these challenges are scarcity of water, difficult topography, and abundant natural and cultural resources.

Tulare County adopted its Foothill Growth Management Plan to direct growth into the foothills while protecting resources. The City of Porterville has likewise directed growth into the foothills while protecting valuable resources in its award winning General Plan.

This workshop will tour some of the key areas of the foothills where growth is being managed and directed, including a stop in Porterville for a discussion with their Planners.

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## **Mobile Workshop #3 | CM 3.0 | - CANCELLED**

Tuesday, October 8, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Planning Down on the Farm**

Tulare County is one of the nation's leading agricultural counties with over 240 commodities produced – primarily on the valley floor. This tour will give attendees a quick taste of agricultural operations including a state of the art dairy (with over 3,000 cows) that uses solar power, an operating packing house, and a trip to the County's unique growing operation – the Monrovia Nursery facility, where thousands of ornamental plants are grown on over 1,000 acres of fertile land of the Kaweah River delta.

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## **Mobile Workshop #4 | CM 3.0 | Cost \$35**

Tuesday, October 8, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

### **From Farm to Plate**

Central California is the world's fruit basket, and Tulare County is one of the leading agricultural areas in the nation – including having the status of the nation's number one dairy county. Producing basic commodities constitutes the bulk of agricultural activities but making finished food products is an increasingly important activity. This fun and informative workshop will stop at a cheese farmstead and factory, and a winery to observe the process of making both. A tasting will be offered of various products.

**Mobile Workshop #5 | CM 2.0 | - Cost \$25**

Monday, October 7: 10 am to noon, *and* 2 pm to 4 pm

Tuesday, October 8: 10 am to noon, *and* 2 pm to 4 pm-Cancelled

**Downtown Visalia Trolley and Walking Tour**

While many cities have undertaken strategies to invigorate their core areas, Visalia is renowned for its attractive and historic Downtown. This workshop will focus on comprehensive strategies used by the city, including historic preservation ordinance, and key projects that have contributed to making Downtown Visalia the “jewel of the valley”. Stops will include the fabulous Fox Theatre, new transit center, Visalia Rawhide baseball stadium, and Kaweah Delta Hospital campus, among others. Attendees will also learn about the Downtown Business Owners Association and its vital Business Improvement District

*This workshop is offered four times.*

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**Mobile Workshop #6 | CM 3.0 | CANCELLED**

Monday, October 7, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Small Cities Success Stories**

The central valley is a land of small communities with strong ties to agriculture. See how three communities have responded to the challenge of maintaining their vitality through the ups and downs of an agriculturally-based economy. The City of Lindsay nearly fell off the map when several major employers closed up shop, and a major citrus freeze hit the region in the early 1990s. In response, this town undertook a series of development projects, including a major city-owned recreational facility that, among other things, offers surfing! Exeter revitalized its downtown based on a chance comment at a city meeting. Finally, residents of Woodlake have established a fascinating botanical garden that aims to grow at least one of every type of crop grown in the Valley.

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**Mobile Workshop #7 | CM 5.0 | Cost \$52**

Monday, October 7, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**A River Runs Through Us – in a Canoe**

In an arid area like the central valley, a splash of water goes a long way toward making life more pleasant. This workshop will travel to the San Joaquin River on the north edge of Fresno to see the community efforts in play helping to restore and preserve the unique environment of the San Joaquin River for all to enjoy. Thanks to a group of far-sighted citizens Fresno and Madera have taken actions to preserve their river and its riparian corridor as a major open space and recreational feature. A land trust and a State Conservancy were formed to establish recreational facilities and opportunities, along with habitat preservation. Attendees will learn and experience ongoing efforts to preserve, enhance, and make accessible this special resource. Attendees will be able to explore various river facilities, enjoy river trails, and canoe down the river!

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**Mobile Workshop #8 | CM 2.0 | - CANCELLED**

Tuesday, October 8, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Planning on the San Joaquin River**

The San Joaquin River is a rich and valued resource with a colorful, complex history. There is no shortage of agencies, organizations, groups, citizens, and farmers involved and passionate about planning the future of this river. From river restoration to preserving a local fishing spot – it is all happening on the San Joaquin. Travel to the north end of Fresno at Spano Park to enjoy a spectacular view overlooking the San Joaquin River and hear from Melinda Marks of the SJR Conservancy and others discuss the various planning efforts occurring concurrently on and along the San Joaquin. Then explore the Fresno River West project proposed below the park along the river and the restoration efforts being done along the banks of the H-Pond (when you see it, you’ll get it).

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**Mobile Workshop #9 | CM 3.5 | - CANCELLED**

Monday October 7, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Edison Ag Tac – Energy Education Center**

The City of Tulare is fortunate to host the Edison Ag Tac – Energy Education facility. This unique and fascinating installation is a one-stop demonstration shop of energy efficiency. Normally open to homeowners, architects, designers, electricians and anyone else interested in energy efficiency, the latest energy-saving technologies are on display, including fascinating solar equipment. This tour of cutting-edge technology is not to be missed.

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**Mobile Workshop #10 | CM 2.0 | Cost \$30**

Tuesday, October 8, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Where There's a Will, There's a Way: Downtown Fresno**

The Fulton Mall in Downtown Fresno was the second pedestrian mall built in the United States in the early 1960's. Did the ensuing decades of decline of the Central Business District happen because of the Mall, or despite it — or both? While evidence of the Mall's economic failure has been clear, the role of various causes has been debated ever since. The City is currently preparing the EIR for their Fulton Corridor Specific Plan that includes alternatives to bring the automobile back to Fulton and plan for a future High Speed Train Station. Attendees will see the new housing and public art being built downtown and go on a walking tour of Downtown Fresno's pedestrian malls, including City Hall, historic buildings, baseball stadium, and planned location of Fresno's high speed train station at the historic Santa Fe Depot. City Staff involved in these downtown planning efforts will lead this tour.

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**Mobile Workshop #11 | CM 3.5 | Cost \$30**

Tuesday, October 8, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Water Management in the Central Valley**

Throughout California water is a precious resource that must be managed wisely. Tulare County has the dual challenge of managing potentially devastating floods and conserving water supplies in an arid climate. This workshop will meet with representatives of the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District who will explain the mission and activities of this agency, including flood control and groundwater recharge. Attendees will visit Lake Kaweah and Terminus Dam and examine giant "fuse gates" that were recently installed to expand the storage capacity of the lake.

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**Mobile Workshop #12 | CM 3.5 | Cost \$30**

Monday, October 7, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Valley Habitats: Places and Preservation**

Perhaps more than any other regions in California, intensive agricultural activities have eliminated almost all native land and habitat in the Central Valley. In recent decades, land trusts have formed to preserve what is left of this resource for future generations. Tulare County is fortunate to have unique valley habitats created primarily by the Kaweah River delta - including the Kaweah Oaks Preserve – the last major remnant of a vast oak forest that once stretched across major portions of the County. Staff with the Sequoia Riverlands Trust will detail major activities of the trust and showcase key habitat preserves including Kaweah Oaks Preserve, Dry Creek Preserve (habitat mitigation bank) and the Herbert Preserve.

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**Mobile Workshop #13 | CM 3.25 | - CANCELLED**

Monday, October 7, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**The Self Help Housing Model**

Self-Help Enterprises pioneered the mutual self-help housing program in the early 1960s, and since that time has helped 6,000 farmworkers and other low income families achieve home ownership. Headquartered in Visalia, SHE broadened its housing programs to include affordable rental housing development, rehabilitating existing housing, and homebuyer financing and counseling assistance. The agency also works to build infrastructure systems for low income communities including water, sewer and storm drain facilities. Attendees will tour several recent projects and learn more about the mutual self-help model and the role of nonprofit organizations in the development of housing.