

Blueprints are being developed around the state by Metropolitan Planning Organizations to plan for the population growth that is anticipated in California over the next 40+ years. Blueprints are regional in scope and integrate land use, transportation and resource planning. The planning process considers the “Three Es” of sustainable communities: *prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equity*. Blueprint planning is a comprehensive undertaking that requires innovation, collaborative planning, thinking on a macro scale and a willingness to follow through to implementation.

The eight Valley COGs are committed to work with their member agencies – the 62 cities and eight counties in the Valley – to integrate the Valley Blueprint principles into their general plans. The goal is to achieve the outcomes necessary for an improved quality of life for all who live here.

For more information go to:
www.valleyblueprint.org

These future leaders need your ideas today.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
Blueprint
Planning Process

Submitted by:

- Council of Fresno County Governments
- MADERA CTC
Madera County Transportation Commission
- Kings County Association of Governments
- Kern Council of Governments
- SanCOG
San Joaquin County Association of Governments
- TCOG
Tulare County Association of Governments

In early 2006, the eight Councils of Governments in the San Joaquin Valley came together in an unprecedented effort to develop a coordinated valley vision – the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. This eight county venture is being conducted in each county, and has recently been integrated to form a preferred vision for future development throughout the Valley to the year 2050.

Eight individual Valley COGs planning in unison.

Phase 1: Values and Vision – gathered from community input

Phase 2: Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures based upon Values and Vision

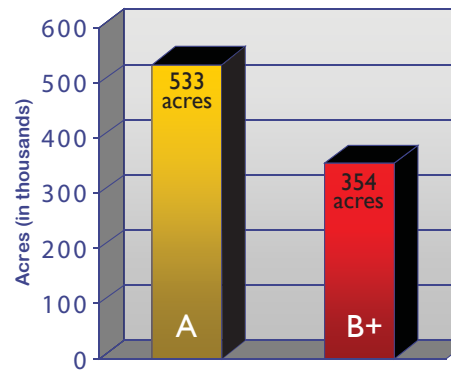
Phase 3: Evaluation of alternative “what if” growth scenarios in each county.

- Selection of preferred county level scenarios for Valley-wide analysis.
- Evaluation of four Valleywide alternative scenarios
- Adoption of Smart Growth Principles and Preferred Growth Scenario for Valley

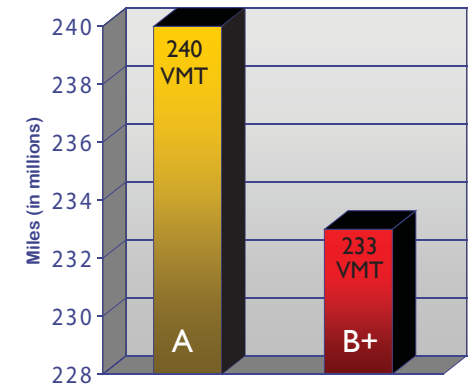
Next Steps:

Work with local agencies to integrate Blueprint principles into general plans.

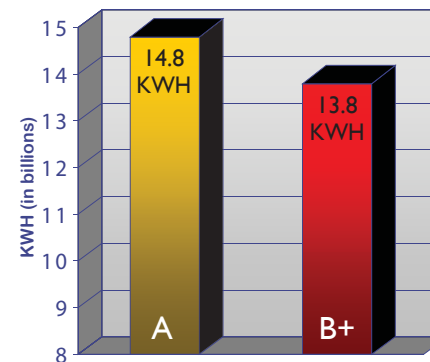
Total acres of new land developed



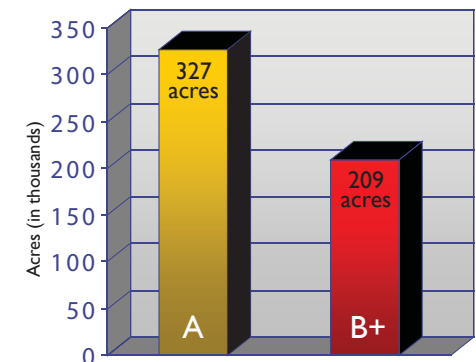
Commute vehicle miles traveled



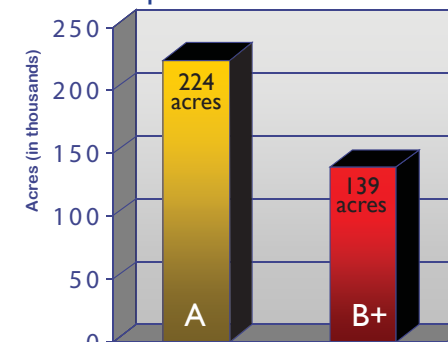
Kilowatt hours consumed for residential use



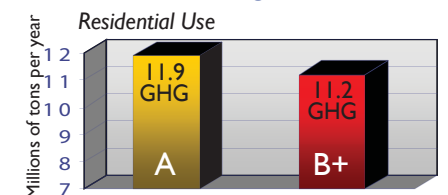
Farmland consumed



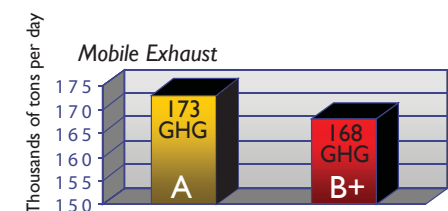
Total acres of natural environment impacted

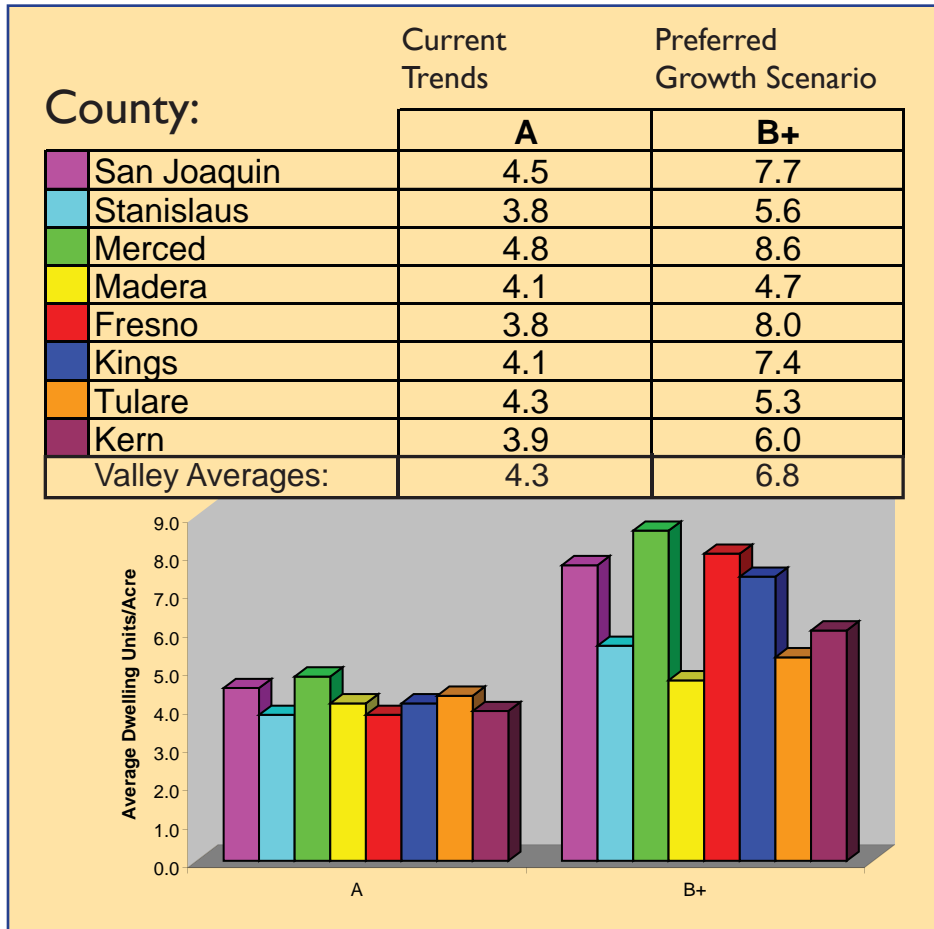


Greenhouse gas reductions



Includes endangered species, habitats and corridors, riparian forest, wetlands and woodlands.





On April 1, 2009 the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Regional Policy Council reviewed the Valley COGs' collaborative work on the Blueprint and took the following actions:

- Adopted a list of Smart Growth Principles to be used as the basis of Blueprint planning in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Adopted Scenario B+ as the Preferred Blueprint Growth Scenario for the San Joaquin Valley to the year 2050. This preferred scenario will serve as guidance for the Valley's local jurisdictions with land use authority as they update their general plans.

Comparing Scenario Outcomes:

(See the following pages)

How we choose to grow will result in different outcomes.

Scenario A represents current trends

Scenario B+ uses "Smart Growth" principles

1. Create a Range of Housing Opportunities & Choices
2. Create Walkable Neighborhoods
3. Encourage Community & Stakeholder Collaboration
4. Foster Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
5. Make Development Decisions Predictable, Fair & Cost Effective
6. Mix Land Uses
7. Preserve Open Space, Farmland, Natural Beauty & Critical Environmental Areas
8. Provide a Variety of Transportation Choices
9. Strengthen & Direct Development towards Existing Communities
10. Take Advantage of Compact Building Design
11. Enhance the Economic Vitality of the Region
12. Support Actions that Encourage Environmental Resource Management

