STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of February 21, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 5-B

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Nomination for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Enclosure: No

Action: Rank a list of three nominees to be submitted to the Partnership Executive Committee for consideration for appointment to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

SUMMARY:

Background:

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was established in 2005 by Governor Schwarzenegger. The Partnership is an unprecedented public-private partnership focused on improving the region's economic vitality and quality of life, while working to address the unique challenges facing the region. The Partnership was extended indefinitely, and governing guidelines were established in July 2010 by Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order S-10-10. The Partnership is guided by a board of directors, consisting of more than 30 members. It is the intention to have a locally elected official from each County in the Valley participate on the board of directors. The Partnership website located at www.sjvpartnership.org has detailed information on the organization, work groups, and various regional collaborative efforts. Annual reports and prior meeting agendas and minutes are also available on the website.

There is currently an open seat for an elected official from Madera County. The Partnership is requesting the MCTC Policy Board submit a list of three nominees for appointment consideration by the Partnership Executive Committee for the Madera County elected official position. Past participants representing Madera were Supervisor Frank Bigelow and Supervisor Max Rodriguez.

Nomination Process:

The process to select a representative includes a MCTC Policy Board recommendation of three ranked local elected officials that must be submitted to the Partnership Executive Committee. Once candidates are referred, they will be invited to submit their formal

application for vetting through the Governor's Appointment Unit in Sacramento. This unit will then select one Madera County elected official as their recommendation, subject to approval by the Governor.

MCTC staff has submitted requests to our member agencies to seek nominees for the Partnership position. The following are the submitted nominees:

1. Supervisor Leticia Gonzalez
2. Supervisor Jordan Wamhoff
3. Council Member Elsa Mejia
4. Council Member Steve Montes

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the MCTC Policy Board narrow the list to three potential candidates to submit to the Partnership Executive Committee for consideration.

The three nominees may be required to submit a letter of interest, a current resume or bio, two-three letters of reference, and complete a detailed online application on the Governor's appointments website. A minimum commitment from candidates is that they attend four quarterly Board meetings per year. MCTC staff will guide the potential nominee(s) through the process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.