

# Fresno Business Council - Weekly Bulletin

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### **Message from the President—Dick Johanson**

The first of our two fall member meetings is next week, Tuesday, October 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Deloitte & Touche. Hopefully, every member will be able to attend one of the meetings. The second one is set for October 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The agenda is the same for both. The sessions will mark our shift in direction. We will spend a little time on where we have been and then focus on where we are going. Incoming president **Ken Newby** will discuss the impact of the New Economy on Central Valley and **Ken Pascal & Keith Pipes** will address the essential role of the nonprofit sector and how we can strengthen it. Today members are involved in everything from the boot camp to the Incubator to advocacy at the state and federal level. As we help launch New Economy initiatives with our partner, the Central Valley Futures Institute at CSUF, and work together with the newly formed Nonprofit Council there will be new opportunities to help transform our community. If you have not registered yet for one of the meetings, send Barb or Deb an email.

### **Last Day to Register to Vote – October 10th**

October 10, 2000 is the last day to register to vote for the November 7, 2000 General Election. For additional information contact your local county elections office, call 1-800-345-VOTE, or visit <http://www.ss.ca.gov>

### **Three Seats on Fresno Irrigation District Board are up for Election**

The continued vitality of our number one industry, agriculture, and our ability to attract economic development and succeed at the job creation necessary to solve our unemployment problems, depend on a safe reliable water supply. The Fresno Irrigation District delivers a significant portion of the agricultural water used on the east side of the County and all of the City of Fresno water (except for the small amount derived from actual native groundwater). Although FID is technically an agricultural district, its policies are the single most important factor in comprehensively managing the water resources that directly impact water supply and water quality in the Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area. On the November ballot three of the five board seats will be decided. All three seats are being seriously contested. The result of this election will determine the future direction of FID and will have a significant impact on water planning for the metropolitan area. It is hard to overemphasize the importance of this FID election to the short-term water and economic future of this area. Although there are many items on the ballot, we urge you to examine the FID candidates in your division and chose the one that is committed to continuing FID's historic role as a responsible regional water management entity that rises above parochial concerns. An FID board with a responsible, balanced long-term view of their responsibilities will result in the best result for Fresno agriculture and for responsible urban and regional economic growth.

### **Public Affairs Committee to Hear Congressman Cal Dooley and Congressional Candidate Dan Rosenberg**

The Public Affairs Committee will have the opportunity to meet with **Congressman Cal Dooley** (20<sup>th</sup> District) and candidate **Dan Rosenberg** (19<sup>th</sup> District) at their October meeting. All members of the Business Council are encouraged to attend the Public Affairs committee meetings. The informal setting presents an opportunity to engage the candidates in meaningful dialogue and learn their positions on matters of critical importance to our region. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Options for Learning More About Fresno Unified Elections**

Our Education Committee and others have worked hard to recruit qualified people to run for school boards and other offices. There are a number of forums planned to help voters learn more about the candidates running for the Fresno Unified School Board. On October 10 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a forum at Wawona Middle School. (Gettysburg & Thorne). You can find a wealth of information on all races and initiatives from the national to the local level at [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org) the website sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

### **Arts to Zoo Begins October Blitz**

Signs, bumper stickers, and posters are popping up like mushrooms across the County as the Arts to Zoo campaign kicks off its October blitz. The Clovis & Fresno Chamber of Commerce, public and private unions, the rural mayors, schools, businesses, Fresno State and the media are all embracing this grassroots effort to enhance the quality of life in our community. To get your bumper sticker and lawn sign report to campaign headquarters 392 W. Shaw Avenue Suite A8 (Peach & Shaw). To volunteer, call 322-8973.

### **Upcoming Activities and Events:**

First Fall Member Meeting, October 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (Deloitte & Touche)

Public Safety Committee, Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am (Manco Abbott)

Public Affairs Committee, Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm (Baker, Manock & Jensen)

Guests: Congressman Cal Dooley, Candidate Dan Rosenberg – All FBC members are invited

Board of Directors, Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm (PESC)

Second Fall Member Meeting, October 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Deloitte & Touche)