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Our purpose is to educate the public and encourage citizen participation in local land use decision making to foster the kind of community growth that strengthens the economy, improves health, conserves land and natural resources, causes less pollution, demands fewer tax dollars and better serves the region's diverse population.

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Two new reports are the focus of attention ahead of the California Air Resources Board Meeting in Bakersfield on January 24th: (1) [“A Home for Everyone: San Joaquin Valley Housing Preferences and Opportunities to 2050”](#) written by Arthur Nelson for the Council of Infill Builders, and (2) [“Saving Farmland, Growing Cities”](#) by the American Farmland Trust.

Newspapers in the San Joaquin Valley have carried stories related to the AFT’s report, including the [Modesto Bee](#), [Fresno Business Journal](#) and [Bakersfield Californian](#). Also, bloggers writing on the region and advocating for policy re-direction, like [ClimatePlan](#) and [Amanda Eaken](#), have also picked up the research and forwarded it to constituencies throughout the region.

The CARB meeting in Bakersfield (Kern County Board of Supervisors, 1115 Truxtun Avenue at 9am) will be discussing both air quality related to particulate matter and the status of SB 375 implementation in the region related to Sustainable Communities Strategy requirements.

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