California Community Land Trust Network

2023 Conference

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Community Ownership in the Central Valley

It’s our North Star vision
Gratitude

Moderator and Panelists

Janine Nkosi, Faith in the Valley, Fresno State, Merritt College

Darlene Franco, Wukchumni Tribe

Jazmin Segura, Fund for an Inclusive California, Common Counsel Foundation

Jairius Matthews, Embers Project (of Edge Collaborative)

Christine Barker, Central California Land Trust
A Portrait of the Central Valley
Emerging CLT Landscape in the Central Valley

Peacock Apartment Community, Fresno

Saint Mary Peregrine Lutheran Church, Stockton

Teena & Janelle
Darlene Franco, Wukchumni Tribe
Wukchumni Tribe
Visalia, CA

Quaker Oaks Farm

40+ years utilizing land for ceremonies

Farming since 2020 on ½ acre of land

Adjacent to a village site and oak preserve

3 acres designated for Wukchumni ceremonies, no formal agreement
Shoyum Pa’an
“Sacred Earth”

An intergenerational community, using the pathways created by our ancestors to care for our earth.
A place where spiritual, physical, mental and emotional
Jairius Matthews, Edge Collaborative
There is a temptation for a new organization to want to do everything. It is essential to stay focused on core priorities and not pursue more than a couple of initiatives. Start small and achieve quick victories, which will build momentum and generate interest and support for future projects. Use this time as an opportunity also to build up relationships, identify shared priorities, and create a funding strategy to support the ecosystem of actors.

**Update on Our “Dandelion Approach”**

**Building a Shared Result & Distinct Subgroup Priorities**

An earlier version of this feasibility report described a draft decision-making proposal for the Stockton Community Team to consider in moving toward consensus on a project to pursue. Since that version of the report was released, the Embers team learned of a new way to support the community during Phase 2. We refer to this as the “dandelion approach.” This approach is designed to create the enabling conditions inside the Embers Project for several visions and projects to germinate and take root simultaneously.

Given the varied interests of the groups (see above for 8 Potential Development Priorities), we’ve since structured the Stockton Community Team into 4 subgroups to help them craft distinct priorities. Instead of asking the community to pursue a singular project, we’re now designing a process where distinct subgroup priorities can flourish under a shared result. We anticipate that the need for decision-making and governance will still be essential to figure out but maybe more relevant to determine inside of each subgroup. The Embers Project still aims to support this objective as we move into the subsequent phases of development.

As the subgroups continue to develop their priorities (based on the above recommendations), they are considering a diverse range of strategies, including:

- The creation of a community land trust to support entrepreneurs and creatives in the preservation of underutilized property;
- The production of new housing units to support pathways into homeownership;
- The development of a pooled fund for housing services (including the cost of utilities) that could support housing and homeownership services across the county;
- The acquisition of vacant or abandoned property to undertake brownfield redevelopment;
- Strengthening the small business ecosystem by supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses of color (specifically African American entrepreneurs)
Jazmin Segura, Fund for an Inclusive California, Common Counsel Foundation
Housing Justice Initiatives of Common Counsel Foundation

October 20, 2023

Fund for an Inclusive California
CCF Housing Justice Initiatives

**Fund for An Inclusive California (F4ICA)**
- Capacity building of community (base building) organizing groups
- Unrestricted operating support
- Tailored regional strategies
- Regional & statewide coordination

**Community Ownership for Community Power (COCP) Fund**
- Capacity building of community ownership models/ formations, including CLTs
- Multi-year operating support
- Development of long-range integrated capital fund
- Statewide
PRIORITY REGIONS SUPPORTED BY THE FUND

- STATEWIDE
- INLAND REGION
- BAY AREA
- CENTRAL VALLEY
- LOS ANGELES
Christine Barker, Central California Land Trust
HOUSING JUSTICE

HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT

KEEP OUR KIDS HOUSED
DEVELOPING STORY

Summerset Residents
FILE LAWSUIT AGAINST OWNER CHRIS HENRY
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