

**AUGUST 2015**

## Kelsey elected chair of MCAG Governing Board



With 20 years of service on the MCAG Governing Board, Supervisor Deidre Kelsey began her term as the 2015-16 Chairperson on July 1, 2015.

Born and raised in Visalia, Kelsey moved to Snelling in 1977. After attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, she and her husband Jon settled on the family cattle ranch in Merced Falls. She began her life of civic engagement when

she was appointed to the Snelling Municipal Advisory Council in 1987. Kelsey joined the Merced County Planning Commission in 1990 where she served until she was appointed by former Governor Pete Wilson to a vacancy on the Merced County Board of Supervisors in August 1995.

Currently a five term County Supervisor, Kelsey has worked consistently on land use policy and community planning. She serves on the Zoning Code Update Committee, LAFCO, and the Local Government Commission. She also serves on the Central California Alliance for Health, and represents the Board of Supervisors on the Merced County Employee Retirement Association.

Chair Kelsey represents District 4 on the Merced County Board of Supervisors which includes the communities of Snelling, Winton, Cressey, Ballico, Stevinson, and the City of Gustine.

### AUGUST MEETINGS & EVENTS!

Technical Planning Committee Meeting - August 6, 2015

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting - August 7, 2015

Alternative Planning Strategy Steering Committee Planning Meeting - August 7, 2015

Technical Review Board Meeting - August 12, 2015

Governing Board Meeting - August 20, 2015

[View MCAG Calendar](#) for meeting details and locations.

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*Mauricio Torres, with The Bus, demonstrates online trip planning and bus tracking tools for course participants in Atwater.*

## The Bus participates in Mature Driver Improvement classes

The Merced College Office of Continuing Education offers free "Mature Driver Improvement" classes for community residents over the age of 55. Participants learn about a variety of subjects that can affect a person's driving habits and safety. As part of the course, The Bus staff offers information on alternative transportation in the community and introduces participants to The Bus by offering a firsthand experience. Bus staff also provide training on how to plan a trip using google transit and how to track the bus in real-time using [www.thebuslive.com](http://www.thebuslive.com). The next courses are scheduled for August 26, 2015 in Merced and September 16, 2015 in Atwater. For more information or to reserve your seat, please call Merced College Continuing Education at (209) 381-6540. To learn more about The Bus call (209) 723-3100 or visit [www.mercedthebus.com](http://www.mercedthebus.com).

## The Bus celebrates Rider Appreciation Day

On July 1, 2015, The Bus staff spent the day at the Merced Transpo Center to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rider Appreciation Day! Staff provided cold bottled water and engaged riders with games and prizes. Over 400 bottles of water and 300 free bus passes were given away at the event. Thank you Bus riders!



#### REGISTER NOW!

## San Joaquin Valley Fall Policy Conference

Registration for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual San Joaquin Valley Fall Policy Conference is now open! To register for the conference, please visit [www.sjvcogs.org](http://www.sjvcogs.org) or contact Stacie Dabbs at (209)723-3153 x 308 or [stacie.dabbs@mcagov.org](mailto:stacie.dabbs@mcagov.org). Sponsorship opportunities are available!