



Ripon

On October 8, 2008, eight people met at the City of Ripon Community Center in Ripon to discuss key assets and problems that face the Ripon Planning Area and the county.

Thinking Locally Thinking Regionally

Results

The following represents a summary of the top assets and problems raised during the exercise on Thinking Locally.

Top Ripon Planning Area Assets:

- Agriculture
- Schools
- Police and fire services
- When you say you live in Ripon, people say your lucky
- Friendly town
- Peaceful place to live
- Kids can grow up peacefully
- Good soil for farming
- River for recreation
- River walkway, bridge, and bike path
- Irrigation from farmers that keeps the groundwater table high, because Ripon is on wells

Top Ripon Planning Area Problems:

- Agricultural vandalism, theft, and joyriding
- Rural dumping
- Slow Sheriff response time
- Contract with the Sheriff to have City police patrol unincorporated areas near Ripon
- Pests (rats) coming-up from the river
- Trespassing
- Traffic
- Water
- Gangs coming from other cities

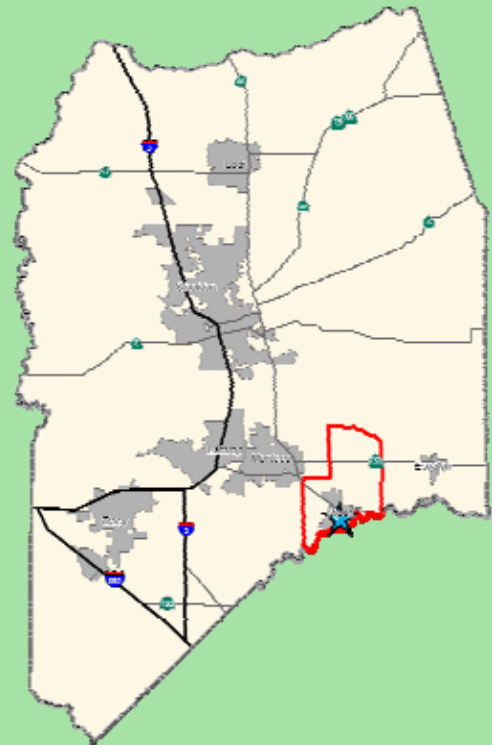
The following represents a summary of the top assets and problems raised during the exercise on Thinking Regionally. Appendix A shows the full results from this meeting.

Top San Joaquin County Assets:

- Location
- Delta
- Agriculture
- Transportation facilities to move agricultural products (port, air, freight, rail)

Top San Joaquin County Problems:

- We would like to have more freedoms, even though we need rules



- Ripon isn't considered part of San Joaquin County by many people
- Lack of County representation on the Governor's panel on the Delta
- Where will water come from for new houses?
- What will the prison hospital do to the County's social services and who will pay for it?