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ANDRADE PORT OF ENTRY

Acronym: Website: cbp.gov/contact/ports/andrade-class

Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Homeland Security

The Andrade Port of Entry (POE) is located at the southern terminus of State Route 186 at the international border. It is a small two-acre site constructed in 1970. It has two primary inspection lanes, four pedestrian lanes, one lane for occasional commercial crossings, and a main building and residence for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. On an average day in 2014, approximately 1,200 privately-owned vehicles and 2,200 pedestrians entered the U.S. through this POE.

BRAWLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Acronym: Website: brawleychamber.com

Type: Business Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The Brawley Chamber of Commerce promotes and champions business growth and vitality for those who live, visit, and work in the community. The Chamber focuses on five core competencies—creating a strong local economy, promoting the community, providing networking opportunities, representing the interest of business with government, and administering political action.

CALEXICO EAST PORT OF ENTRY

Acronym: Website: cbp.gov/contact/ports/calexico-east-class

Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Homeland Security

The east crossing was built in 1996 in an effort to divert traffic from the busy Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) in Downtown Calexico, California. Since that time, all truck traffic entering the U.S. from Mexicali is inspected at Calexico East. The facility is constructed of tent-like canopies and includes a bridge that crosses the All American Canal. It has a full range of cargo processing functions. On an average day in 2014, approximately 1,200 trucks, 9,300 privately-owned vehicles, and 800 pedestrians entered the U.S. through this POE.

CALEXICO WEST PORT OF ENTRY

Acronym: Website: cbp.gov/contact/ports/calexico-west-class

Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Homeland Security

This Port of Entry (POE) is a pedestrian and vehicle inspection facility constructed in 1974. On an average day in 2014, more than 11,000 privately-owned vehicles and 12,500 pedestrians entered the U.S. through this POE.

CALI-BAJA MEGA-REGION

Acronym: Website: calibaja.net

Type: Business Planning Area(s): Economic Development

To compete in an increasingly global economy, San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation (EDC) partnered with Imperial Valley EDC to ultimately market the two respective regions and Baja California as a "mega-region". The U.S. Department of Commerce awarded these two EDC's a grant to develop this strategy, and it is the first of its kind to be awarded by the Federal Government.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Acronym: CALED Website: caled.org

Type: Business Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) is the premier statewide professional economic development organization dedicated to advancing its members' ability to achieve excellence in delivering economic development services to their communities and business clients. CALED's membership consists of public organizations, private organizations, and individuals involved in economic development. It focuses on the business of creating and retaining jobs.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Acronym: DFG Website: wildlife.ca.gov
Type: State Planning Area(s): Environment

The California Department of Fish and Game maintains native fish, wildlife, plant species, and natural communities for their intrinsic and ecological value and their benefits to people. This includes habitat protection and maintenance in a sufficient amount and quality to ensure the survival of all species and natural communities. The Department also is responsible for the diversified use of fish and wildlife including recreational, commercial, scientific, and educational uses.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Acronym: DTSC Website: dtsc.ca.gov
Type: State Planning Area(s): Environment

The mission of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation, and pollution prevention. The DTSC also inspects hazardous waste cargo at the Calexico East Point of Entry.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION — DISTRICT 11

Acronym: Caltrans Website: dot.ca.gov/dist11

Type: State Planning Area(s): Transportation

Caltrans manages more than 50,000 miles of California's highway and freeway lanes, provides inter-city rail services, permits more than 400 public-use airports and special-use hospital heliports, and works with local agencies. Caltrans carries out its mission of improving mobility across California with six primary programs: Aeronautics, Highway Transportation, Mass Transportation, Transportation Planning, Administration, and Equipment Service Center.

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Acronym: CHP Website: chp.ca.gov/find-an-office/border-division/offices/(625)-el-centro

Type: State Planning Area(s): Public Safety

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security to the people of California. This is accomplished through five departmental goals: Prevent Loss of Life, Injuries, and Property Damage; Maximize Service to the Public and Assistance to Allied Agencies; Manage Traffic and Emergency Incidents; Protect Public and State Assets; and Improve Departmental Efficiency.

CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING

Acronym: CMTC Website: cmtc.com

Type: Business Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The California Manufacturing Technology Consulting is affiliated with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and is part of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program. The Hollings MEP Program contains 60 centers across the U.S. to serve the manufacturing community. Quarterly surveys ensure full accountability and provide a performance scorecard of certified value for customers.

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY EDUARDO GARCÍA — DISTRICT 56

Acronym: Website: asmdc.org/members/a56

Type: State Assembly Planning Area(s): Jobs/Housing, Transportation, Energy/Water Supply,

Environment, Economic Development, Homeland Security

This primarily rural district currently consists of all of Imperial County and 13.3 percent of Riverside County (including Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Mecca, and Thousand Palms).

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR BEN HUESO — DISTRICT 40

Acronym: Website: sd40.senate.ca.gov

Type: State Senate Planning Area(s): Jobs/Housing, Transportation, Energy/Water Supply,

Environment, Economic Development, Homeland Security

California's 40th State Senate District is one of 40 Senate Districts. It includes portions of San Diego and Riverside Counties, and all of Imperial County.

CITY OF BRAWLEY

Acronym: Website: brawley-ca.gov

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

Brawley is located 13 miles (21 km) north of El Centro. According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the city population was 25,820 in 2014, up from 22,052 at the 2000 census. The city has a significant cattle and feed industry and hosts the annual Cattle Call Rodeo. Year-round agriculture is an important economic activity in Brawley.

CITY OF CALEXICO

Acronym: Website: calexico.ca.gov

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

Calexico is located in Imperial County, California. According to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population was approximately 39,799, up from 27,109 at the 2000 census. Calexico is about 122 miles (196 km) east of San Diego and 62 miles (100 km) west of Yuma, Arizona. The name "Calexico" is a portmanteau of California and Mexico, which, like adjacent city of Mexicali, emphasizes its identity as a border city.

CITY OF CALIPATRIA

Acronym: Website: calipatria.com

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

Calipatria is located 23 miles (37 km) north of El Centro. It is part of the El Centro metropolitan area. According to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population was approximately 7,519, up from 7,289 at the 2000 census. The community is located along State Route 111.

CITY OF EL CENTRO

Acronym: Website: cityofelcentro.org

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

El Centro is the largest city in Imperial Valley, east anchor of the Southern California Border Region. It is the core urban area and principal city of the El Centro metropolitan area which encompasses all of Imperial County. El Centro is also the largest American city to lie entirely below sea level (negative 50 feet). The City, located in the far southeastern corner of California, is conveniently near the major Southern California cities of San Diego and Los Angeles. According to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population was approximately 43,763, up from 37,835 at the 2000 census.

CITY OF HOLTVILLE

Acronym: Website: holtville.ca.gov

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

Holtville, or Holton as it was first called, is located 10.5 miles (17 km) east of El Centro. According to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population was approximately 6,290, up from 5,612 at the 2000 census. The newly constructed State Route 7 connects Holtville to the factories and industrial areas of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico.

CITY OF IMPERIAL

Acronym: Website: cityofimperial.org

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

City of Imperial is located 4 miles (6.4 km) north of El Centro. According to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population was approximately 16,811, up from 11,754 at the 2000 census. It is part of the El Centro metropolitan area. The City is a bustling center in Imperial Valley due to its central location in the valley and proximity to Mexico, making it an ideal location for industry and business services.

CITY OF WESTMORLAND

Acronym: Website: cityofwestmorland.net

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

Westmorland is located 8.5 miles (14 km) southwest of Calipatria. According to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population was approximately 2,268, up from 2,131 at the 2000 census. It is part of the El Centro metropolitan area.

COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE

Acronym: Website: cocopah.com/government.html

Type: Tribal Planning Area(s): Tribal Government

In 1964, the Cocopah Indian Tribe founded its first Constitution and formed a five-person Tribal Council. The leader of the Cocopah Indian Tribe is called a chairwoman or chairman. Currently, Chairwoman Sherry Cordova leads the Tribal Council, which also includes a vice-chairman and three Tribal Council members.

COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Acronym: CRWCD Website: coloradoriverdistrict.org

Type: State Planning Area(s): Water Management

The Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) is the principal water policy and planning agency for the Colorado River Basin within the State of Colorado. The CRWCD is responsible for the conservation, use, protection, and development of Colorado's apportionment of the Colorado River. It provides legal, technical, and political representation regarding Colorado River issues for its constituents.

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

Acronym: Website: co.imperial.ca.us

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Transportation

The County of Imperial is located in Imperial Valley, in the far southeast of California, bordering both Arizona and Mexico. It is part of the El Centro metropolitan area. The county seat is the City of El Centro. According to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population was approximately 179,091, up from 142,361 at the 2000 census. Established in 1907, it was the last county to be established in California. Imperial County also is part of the Southern California border region, also referred to as San Diego-Imperial, and is considered one of the most economically diverse regions in the state.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Acronym: Ex-Im Bank Website: exim.gov

Type: Business Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) is the official export credit agency of the U.S. Ex-Im Bank's mission is to assist in financing the export of U.S. goods and services to international markets. Ex-Im Bank enables U.S. companies—large and small—to turn export opportunities into real sales that help to maintain and create U.S. jobs and contribute to a stronger national economy.

IMPERIAL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER OFFICE

Acronym: Website: co.imperial.ca.us/ag

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner Office is charged with enforcing the laws of the California Food and Agricultural Code. These laws and the regulations of the California Code of Regulations address the many aspects and complexities of agricultural production in California.

IMPERIAL COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Acronym: ICAPCD Website: co.imperial.ca.us/AirPollution

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Environment

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District strives to protect the public from the harmful effects of air pollution, achieve and maintain air quality standards, foster community involvement, and develop and implement cost-effective programs. These programs aim to meet state and federal mandates, and they consider environmental and economic impacts.

IMPERIAL COUNTY AIRPORT

Acronym: IPL Website: airnav.com/airport/IPL

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Transportation

Also known as Boley Field, Imperial County Airport is a county-owned, public-use airport. It is mostly used for general aviation but has scheduled passenger service from one commercial airline, subsidized by the Essential Air Service program. The airport is located about 1 mile (2 km) south of the central business district of Imperial, California (partially in the City of Imperial and partially in an unincorporated area of Imperial County). It serves nearby communities of the El Centro metropolitan area.

IMPERIAL COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Acronym: ICFB Website: icfb.net

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Economic Development

Imperial County Farm Bureau is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership organization whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests in Imperial County as well as at the state and national level. Through public relations, education, and advocacy, the goal is to support the economic advancement of agriculture, balanced with appropriate management of natural resources. It is governed by a Board of Directors that meet monthly to discuss issues that are facing the agriculture community and to develop policies and recommendations at the local level.

IMPERIAL COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Acronym: ICPDS Website: icpds.com

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Land Use and Enforcement

The Imperial County Planning and Development Services (ICPDS) has a number of responsibilities. These include the long-range planning handled by the Land Use Planning Division and code enforcement handled by the Building Inspection Division. The ICPDS consists of administrative and accounting staff.

IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Acronym: ICTC Website: imperialctc.org/about-ictc

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Transportation

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) was established under Senate Bill 607 (Ducheny, 2009). As a county transportation commission, ICTC member agencies are enabled to exercise basic initiative and leadership in the transportation planning and programming process. The ICTC body guides the development of the Regional Transportation Plan for the Imperial region and its regional, state, and federal transportation improvement programs and their updates, including but not limited to: The preparation and submittal of applications for transportation-related funds; the planning, programming, and administration of regional transit services; and the encouragement of active citizen participation in the development and implementation of various transportation-related plans and programs.

IMPERIAL COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Acronym: WDB Website: ivworkforce.com

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The main goal of the Imperial County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is to provide training and employment services that address the needs of local businesses, job seekers, and workers. By working with community organizations and leaders, the WDB is able to identify trends and opportunities in the labor market and align workforce development activities accordingly. The WDB is focused on creating a well-trained and sustainable workforce for existing and future industries in Imperial Valley.

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Acronym: IID Website: iid.com

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Energy and Water Resource Management

The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) is a fiscally-responsible public agency whose mission is to provide reliable, efficient, and affordably-priced water and energy service to the communities it serves. The IID has two core businesses and one overarching mission—to keep the lights on and the water flowing. These two basic functions of the IID, both having to do with meeting its customers' essential needs, require extensive planning, teamwork, and above all, consistency.

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

Acronym: IVC Website: imperial.edu

Type: Academia Planning Area(s): Education

The Imperial Valley College (IVC) was established in 1960 and has been serving the postsecondary educational needs of the community since. One in seven jobs in Imperial County has some connection to IVC, including direct college employees, student workers, and graduates of IVC who are in the local workforce. IVC offers 65 associate degrees and 55 certificate programs.

IMPERIAL VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Acronym: IVCF Website: ivcommunityfoundation.org

Type: NPO Planning Area(s): Philanthropy

The Imperial Valley Community Foundation is Imperial Valley's leading philanthropic organization and facilitator of charitable giving and community needs. They encourage, support, and facilitate meaningful dialogue on issues affecting each of Imperial Valley's communities. They also work with philanthropists to develop creative solutions to meet critical community needs.

IMPERIAL VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Acronym: IVEDC Website: ivedc.com

Type: Business Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation is a partnership of private enterprise and local government that is united by the common vision of expanding and diversifying the economy of Imperial County. Its investors include a host of public and private organizations that benefit from the growth of the region's economy.

IMPERIAL VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE

Acronym: IVEZ Website: business.brawleychamber.com/list

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The Imperial Valley Enterprise Zone is a specific geographic area located within parts of the City of Brawley. It also includes portions of the unincorporated area of Imperial County, targeted for economic revitalization, where any for-profit entity (S-corps, partnerships, LLCs, etc.) can get California State tax credits.

IMPERIAL VALLEY JOINT CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Acronym: IVJCC Website: ivjointchambers.org

Type NPO Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The Imperial Valley Joint Chambers of Commerce is a non-profit organization, comprised of members from the Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, and Westmorland Chambers of Commerce, whose focus is business development, the promotion of tourism, and legislative advocacy.

IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT

Acronym: IVT Website: ivtransit.com

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Transportation

Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) is a fixed-route public bus service that serves as an operator for the Imperial County Transportation Commission. IVT was created in 1989 and began operations as a five-route system with three buses running Monday through Friday. The passenger ridership averaged approximately 3,000 passengers a month. Today, the service has 12 routes and over 20 buses in operation. The passenger ridership averages approximately 55,000 passengers a month.

IMPERIAL VALLEY VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Acronym: IVVGA Website: ivvga.com

Type: NPO Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association is a non-profit, member-driven organization dedicated to maintaining and improving the viability of the produce industry. It is an association that works for Imperial Valley vegetable growers, involved with issues such as labor, food safety, the water right, water conservation and use, environmental protection, and public education.

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES — IMPERIAL COUNTY DIVISION

Acronym: Website: cacities.org/member-engagement/regional-divisions/imperial-county

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Policy

The League of California Cities is an association of California city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence policy decisions that affect cities. The Imperial County Division includes the seven cities in Imperial County and provides members with the opportunity to exchange ideas and information and share the advantages of cooperative advocacy.

QUECHAN TRIBE

Acronym: Website: itcaonline.com/?page_id=1173

Type: Tribe Planning Area(s): Tribal Government

The Quechan Tribe is a Native American tribe living on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, on the lower Colorado River in Arizona and California, just north of the border with Mexico. Members are enrolled into the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation. According to the most recent data from the Tribal Enrollment Office, the Quechan population totals 2,475 members. The federally-recognized Quechan Tribe's main office is located in Fort Yuma, Arizona. Its operations and the majority of its reservation land are located in California. Currently, President Michael Jackson leads the Tribal Council, which also includes a vice-president and five Tribal Council members.

SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCIL

Acronym: DEC Website: sdidec.wordpress.com

Type: Business Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The San Diego and Imperial District Export Council (DEC) is an organization designed to contribute leadership and international trade expertise to complement the U.S. Commercial Service's export promotion efforts through reaching out to the community, counseling businesses on the exporting process, and conducting trade education. Using its unique relationship with the U.S. Commercial Service, the trade promotion arm of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the DEC supports export promotion through community outreach and works with local trade organizations to support international trade counseling and education.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY — IMPERIAL VALLEY

Acronym: SDCWA Website: sdcwa.org/imperial-valley
Type: Local Planning Area(s): Energy/Water Supply

The San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water. The SDCWA works through its 24 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support the region's \$218 billion economy and the quality of life of 3.2 million residents. The SDCWA has an office in Imperial Valley.

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY — IMPERIAL VALLEY CAMPUS

Acronym: SDSU-IV Website: ivcampus.sdsu.edu

Type: Academia Planning Area(s): Education

The San Diego State University (SDSU) Imperial Valley Campus is a branch campus of SDSU serving the desert area of Southeastern California. It is accredited as an integral division of SDSU and operates under the same academic calendar. Established in 1959 by an act of the State legislature, the campus has two locations in Imperial Valley: Calexico and Brawley.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Acronym: SCAG Website: scag.ca.gov

Type: State Planning Area(s): Regional Planning

Over the past four decades, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has evolved as the largest of nearly 700 councils of government in the U.S. It functions as the metropolitan planning organization for six counties (Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial) and 191 cities. The region encompasses a population exceeding 18 million residents in an area of more than 38,000 square miles. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to encourage a more sustainable Southern California now and in the future.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Acronym: SWRCB Website: swrcb.ca.gov

Type: Local Planning Area(s): Water/Supply

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has jurisdiction throughout California. It was created by the State legislature in 1967 to protect water quality by setting statewide policy, coordinating and supporting the SWRCB efforts, and reviewing petitions that contest SWRCB actions. There are nine regional water quality control boards that exercise rulemaking and regulatory activities by basins. This organization is a result of the landmark Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Region 9—San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board covers San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside counties.

TEAMCALIFORNIA

Acronym: Website: teamca.org/location_assistance.php?region=san_diego

Type: NPO Planning Area(s): Community

TeamCalifornia is a private, non-profit California membership-based corporation that brings together economic development organizations from across the state to market their communities for business investment and job creation in California. TeamCalifornia's members are important advocates and resources for business development in California; they know how to expedite projects and are invaluable sources of information for site location assistance anywhere in the state.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Acronym: UC ANR Website: ceimperial.ucanr.edu

Type: Academia Planning Area(s): Education

The University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) is the bridge between local issues and the power of University of California Research. UC ANR's advisors, specialists, and faculty bring practical, science-based answers to Californians. Through the UC ANR, the University of California Cooperative Extension funds the Imperial County CalFresh Nutrition Education Program. The Program provides the community with nutrition education and after-school programs for the entire family.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN JUAN VARGAS — 51ST DISTRICT

Acronym: Website: vargas.house.gov

Type: Federal Official Planning Area(s): Jobs/Housing, Transportation, Energy/Water Supply,

Environment, Economic Development, Homeland Security

California's 51st Congressional District includes all of Imperial County, South San Diego County, and California's entire U.S.-Mexico border. Cities in the district include National City, Chula Vista, and El Centro.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE — RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Acronym: USDA RD Website: usda.gov

Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Economic Development

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development works to support locally-led regional efforts across the nation so that rural places can use the region's assets to collaborate, increase productivity, and create a more vibrant future. The USDA is currently working with over 50 such regions through its Great Regions effort and other programs, and is working collaboratively to support the regional work of other federal agencies through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR — BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Acronym: BLM Website: blm.gov

Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Environment

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior. It administers 261 million surface acres of America's public lands, located primarily in 12 western states. The BLM sustains the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY — REGION 9

Acronym: EPA Website: epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-9-pacific-southwest

Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Environment

The mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment. The EPA develops and enforces regulations, awards grants, conducts environmental research, sponsors partnerships, and educates the public about the environment.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Acronym: FWS Website: fws.gov/cno/le/
Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Environment

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Acronym: GSA Website: gsa.gov

Type: Federal Planning Area(s): Transportation, Environment, Economic Development,

Homeland Security

The U.S. General Services Administration helps federal agencies to better serve the public by offering superior workplaces, expert solutions, acquisition services, and management policies at best value.

YUMA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Acronym: YMPO Website: ympo.org

Type: State Planning Area(s): Regional Transportation and Land Use Planning

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) plans, coordinates, and integrates activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing multi-agency transportation planning program. YMPO planning includes coordinating and integrating sustainable solutions, and maintaining a continuing 23-year multi-agency comprehensive transportation plan, and a communicative atmosphere to incorporate their public involvement.