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Innovation Ecosystem – Regional Clusters

- 4 Regional Innovation Clusters
- $20 Million in Total Funding
- Common Goal – Address Path to Market Barriers For Entrepreneurs
BlueTechValley Regional Innovation Cluster

- BlueTechValley Regional Innovation Cluster
  - 39 Counties
  - “Hub and Spoke” Model
  - Regional Approach
  - Hubs
    - CSU Bakersfield, Chico, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, & Sacramento
    - Sierra SBDC Center

- Partners
  - Office of Community & Economic Development at CSU Fresno
  - UC Davis
  - UC Berkeley
  - Schatz Energy Research Center
  - Clean Tech Open
  - AgH20
  - Grant Farm
  - Kern Country EDC
BlueTechValley Regional Innovation Cluster - Objectives

- Focus on Water, Agricultural, and Food Sectors
- Create an ecosystem that attracts local, regional, global entrepreneurs, ideas and technologies
- Provide services, infrastructure, expertise and resources to innovators and entrepreneurs
- Targeted DAC effort – entrepreneurs and solutions
- Benefit to CA rate payers
Valley Ventures

• Funded by EDA’s i6 Challenge program and CEC
• Identify most outstanding start-ups from the BlueTechValley Regional Innovation Cluster
• 4 months program aimed at accelerating growth, with a strong focus on developing sales and distribution
• Investment readiness and access to robust and curated industry network and mentors
• 2 cohorts a year – starting Fall 2017

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