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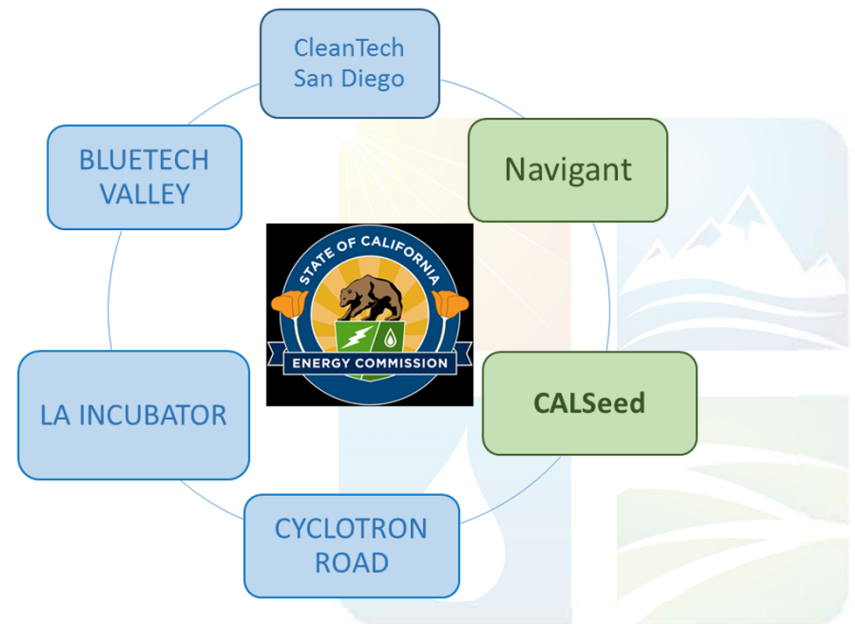
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IEPR Joint Agency Workshop
SB 350 Low-Income Barriers Study Implementation

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
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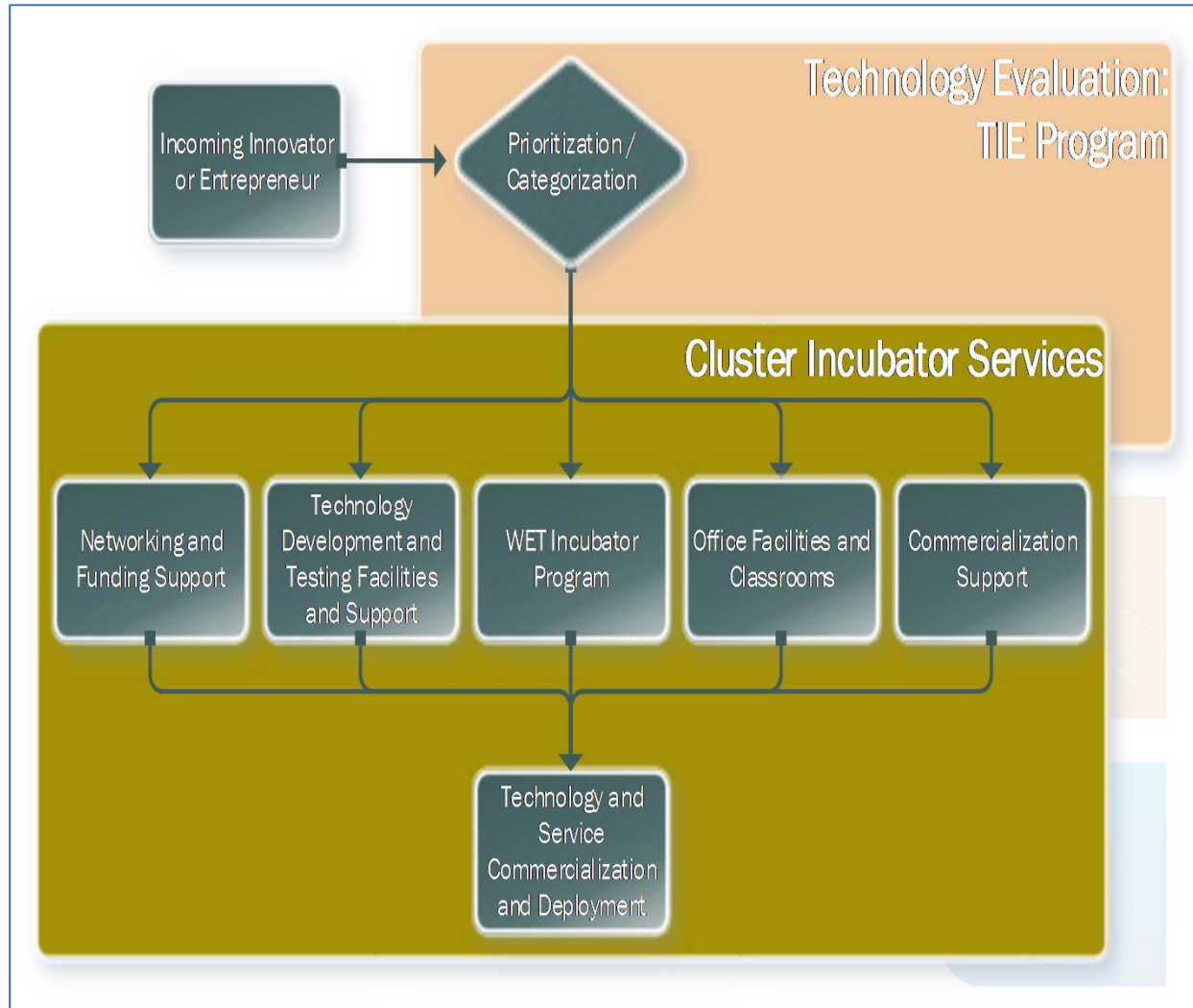


BlueTechValley Regional Innovation Cluster - Objectives

- 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



Programs/Services



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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