



iHub

SAN JOAQUIN

INNOVATION IN THE VALLEY: AN UPDATE ON IHUB SAN JOAQUIN

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The mission of iHub SJ is to stimulate partnerships, economic development, and job creation by leveraging assets to provide an innovation platform for startup businesses, entrepreneurs, economic development organizations, business groups, and financial institutions.

INTRODUCTION

HISTORY

In October 2013, Gov. Jerry Brown Jr. signed into law Assembly Bill No. 250 creating the California Innovation (iHub) Program within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

In 2014, iHub San Joaquin (iHub SJ), executed a Memorandum of Understanding with GO-Biz and received the official designation as one of 15 statewide iHubs.

iHub San Joaquin operates as a 501c3 nonprofit organization (Tax I.D. 47-2195886).



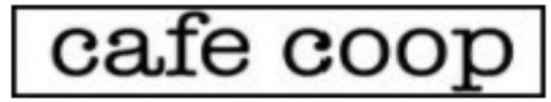
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PILLARS OF FOCUS



ADVANCING HEALTH CARE

- Support development of tools that will improve access to and delivery of health services



SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

- Provide support for new methods and technologies to create sustainable construction in California.



AGRI-BUSINESS

- Foster innovation in clean, affordable ag-technology

H₂O hackathon

a water challenge



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- Now in its 6th year, the day-long competition allows for San Joaquin County students in middle school, high school, and college to solve water issues using coding and technology.
- On April 21, 2021, **over 170 participants** joined the competition virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Students used an App Lab tutorial created by CodeStack Academy and the San Joaquin County Office of Education to learn how to develop an app. The problem presented to students challenged them to create a solution to help preserve the Delta waterways.
- The awards ceremony was livestreamed on the H₂O Hackathon website at the competition's conclusion where winners in all categories received cash prizes totaling **nearly \$20,000!**
- Major sponsors include California Water Service, A.G. Spanos Companies, San Joaquin County, the San Joaquin Partnership, Port of Stockton, Collins Electric, the City of Manteca, Cortopassi Family Foundation, Grassland Fund, Nautilus Data Technologies, the City of Stockton, and many others.

The next H₂O Hackathon is March 26, 2022



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- iHub and the San Joaquin Partnership partnered to combine resources and produce the [Human Firewall](#) event.
- The event focused on the realities of security penetrations and cyber-breaches affecting businesses and the results of not adhering to strict technology protocols.
- Over 100 company professionals from throughout the County participated in the half-day event which featured a social engineer, a black badge Hacker at DEF CON 27, an FBI Special Agent, and other cybersecurity professionals.
- The second of the iHub Cybersecurity Leadership Series, [ICS/SCADA Connected Systems](#) event concentrated on large employers in the manufacturing, critical infrastructure, and logistics sectors.
- Over 150 business professionals attended the day-long conference which included breakout sessions on protecting industry connected systems and critical infrastructure, and manufacturing, as well as an opening luncheon and closing reception to introduce prospective companies to San Joaquin County.

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- iHub SJ, Café Coop, the City of Manteca and others teamed up to produce the first Ag-Tech Summit in San Joaquin County.
- Attendees heard from industry experts, entrepreneurs, and farmers discussing new technologies in air quality, water conservation, and agricultural waste.
- Several companies were featured in a pitch fest and ag-tech start-up company, AquaPrawnica was awarded a grand prize and announced a \$100k seed investment funding by a private San Joaquin County investor.

ANNUAL MEETING & VIRTUAL BUSINESS RECOVERY SUMMIT

- iHub SJ partnered with California GO-Biz and the CA Hispanic Chambers of Commerce to develop a format for the Annual Meeting that could address businesses' concerns on receiving COVID-19 relief aid. More than 300 logged on to the free virtual sessions discussing alternatives to accessing capital and keeping business alive during the pandemic shutdown.
- The event featured keynote speakers Isabel Guzman, the Governor's Office of the Small Business Advocate, and Scott Wu, the CA Bank of Infrastructure and Economic Development (iBank) Executive Director.

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A circular portrait of Scott Wu, a man with short dark hair, wearing a suit and tie.
Scott Wu
Executive Director,
State of California - iBank
(Guest Speaker)
A circular portrait of Isabel Guzman, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a patterned top.
Isabel Guzman
Director of the Office of Small
Business Advocate, State of
California - GO-Biz

2021 PRIORITY

Secure funding from the State of California and iHub 2 designation.

- The Governor's Proposed Budget includes \$2.5 million one-time General Fund allocation to restart and expand upon the Innovation Hub Program with Innovation Hub Grants to Local Entities.
- The Office of Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) will administer the [Inclusive Innovation Hub program \(iHub2\)](#) to incentivize a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the state's tech and science-based startup ecosystem.
- CalOSBA will designate ten regional iHub2's a three-year program and award them \$150,000 for year one to incentivize and launch inclusive programming and \$50,000 in each subsequent year.
- The iHubs2 will be designed to serve as vehicles for highroad jobs and wealth creation that strengthen the development of underserved regions and emerging, diverse entrepreneurs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



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