



WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

WEST HILLS COLLEGE / USDA STEM Listening Session

West Hills Community College District, 9900 Cody St. Coalinga, CA 93210

March 20, 2018

1 pm – 4 pm.

We are seeing a change in workforce skills needed for 21st Century jobs. This includes farming and other jobs in the Central Valley.

West Hills Community College District and the USDA Rural Development welcome your participation in this Listening Session to express your views about the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education in Rural Communities and the role of broadband. USDA's approach to Broadband and the Distance Learning Telemedicine Program will be improved with your insights.

REGISTRATION: 12:30 – 1:00 PM

AGENDA:

1:00 – 1:15 pm Welcome

- Linda Thomas, Vice Chancellor, West Hills College
- Introduction: USDA CA RD Director Kim Vann
- Director Kim Vann, USDA CA RD Welcome Remarks on STEM
 - Director Vann acknowledges other State Directors participating remotely
- Linda Thomas, introduces Listening Panel
 - Terry Brase, Farm of the Future
 - Robert Tse, State Broadband Coordinator, USDA CA RD
 - Tim O'Connell, Western Regional Community Economic Development, USDA RD
- Linda Thomas, introduces Terry Brase for remarks
- Linda Thomas, remarks on West Hills mission and broadband
- Linda Thomas introduces Robert Tse as moderator for Listening Session

1:15 – 1:20 pm Listening Session Format

- Robert Tse Describes Listening Session Format

1:20 – 3:50 Listening Session Comments (timed comments) Robert Tse Moderates

3:50 – 4:00 pm Wrap Up and Thank You

- Linda Thomas
- Kim Vann
- Terry Brase
- Robert Tse

Note: if there are 25 speakers, they will have 6 minutes each.