



January 22, 2004
Tipton Memorial Hall
577 E. Spencer Ave., Tipton, CA



On January 22, 2004, fifty-six people from Tulare County, including the communities of Tipton, Earlimart, Poplar, Woodville, and California Hot Springs attended a planning workshop to participate in updating Tulare County's General Plan. Held at the Tipton Memorial Hall, the workshop provided an opportunity for attendees to assist in identifying overall planning issues and assets that should be focused on during the General Plan update.

Participants worked as members of 11 planning teams. Each team identified top issues facing the County today and what they thought would be leading issues in the year 2025. In addition, they discussed what assets the County could enhance, protect, and build upon. Once they listed these, the teams mapped issues and assets within the County. They also identified their favorite scenic places in the County.

Following the group discussions, the planning teams shared their efforts and observations with the entire group. The following pages summarize each planning team's issues and assets lists and maps. For each of the questions, the team's top three items (as selected by the team members) are highlighted in bold type.

Team 1



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Child care**
- **Poverty**
- **Lack of work, particularly opportunities for women**
- Housing
- Family education and resources to access education
- Recreation areas
- Transportation
- Roads are ugly
- Equal medical access needed

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Economy**
- **Water**
- **Housing, poverty, work and overpopulation are all interrelated**

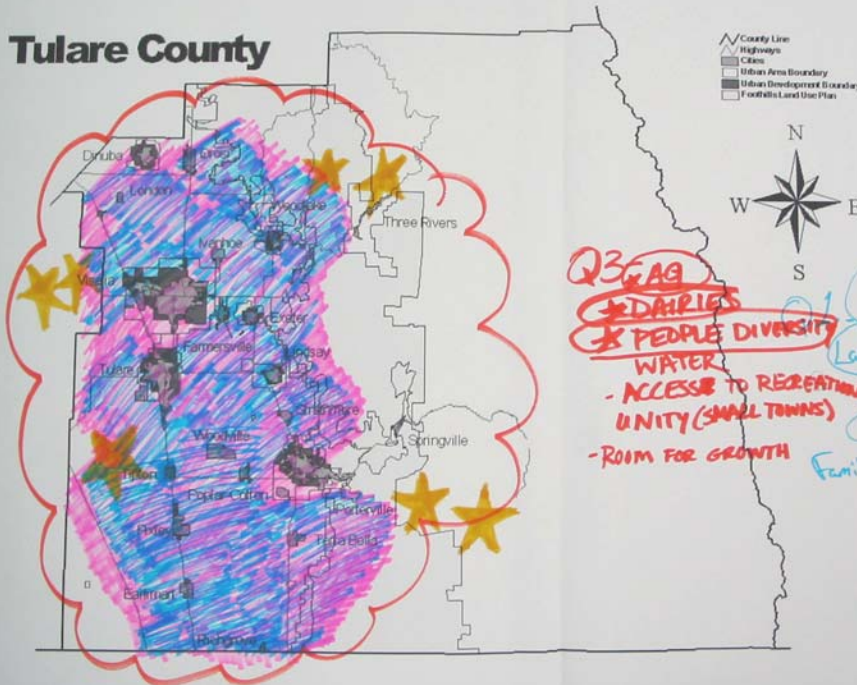
Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Agriculture**
- **Dairies**
- **Diversity of people**
- Water
- Access to recreation
- Unity in the small towns
- Room for growth

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Tipton**
- **Three Rivers**
- **Visalia**
- **Springville**

Tulare County



Q2 Economy
 5 Water
 Housing
 Poverty
 Work
 Over Population

Q3
 WATER
 PEOPLES
 PEOPLE DIVERSITY
 - ACCESS TO RECREATION
 UNITY (SMALL TOWNS)
 - ROOM FOR GROWTH

Poverty
 Land Work
 Housing
 Child Care - funding
 Family Education / resources
 Recreation Areas
 Transportation
 Equal Medical Attention Access.
 Roads Ugly
 Opportunities for Women.

Team 2 – ‘Team Woodville’



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Jobs**
- **Housing**
- **Environmental contamination and health effects**
- Bills are too high
- County does not have enough money
- Information and orientation is needed
- Redevelop the community (lights and streets)
- Crime

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Water contamination**
- **Population**
- **More factories would take away from agriculture**
- Jobs
- Transportation

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Scenic routes**
- **Hardworking people**
- **Hospitals**
- Highway access to both east and west (mountains and ocean)
- Mooney Grove Park
- Casinos and entertainment

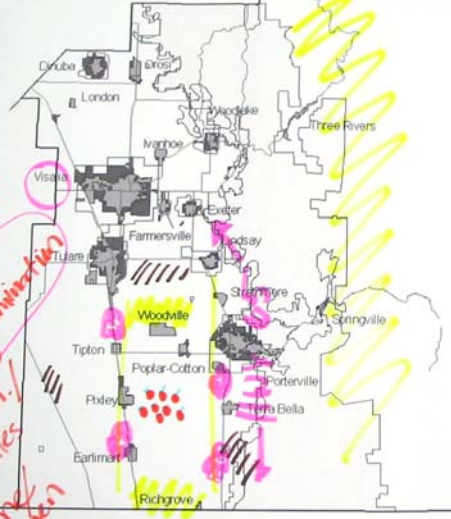
Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Three Rivers**
- **Mountains**
- **Woodville**
- **Orange groves**

"TEAM WOODVILLE"

- Q1**
- Jobs / Trabajos
 - Houses / Viviendas
 - Bills to High / Biles muy Altas
 - \$ / Dinero
 - Info & Orientation / Info y Orientación
 - Health / Salud (medioambiente)
 - Environment Contamination / Medioambiente Contaminación
 - Redevelop Comm / Luce y Calles
 - Crime / Crimen

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- Q2**
- Agriculture
 - More Contamination
 - Jobs? / Trabajos
 - Population / Población
 - Land Use for more factories / Destrucción de Terrenos
 - Agua / Water
 - Transportation?

County Line
Highways
Cities
Urban Area Boundary
Urban Development Boundary
Urban Land Use Plan



- Q3**
- Scene Routes / Paisajes
 - Hwy Access to E & W (mountains & ocean)
 - Autopista E & W entre la playa
 - "Hard Working People" / Gente Trabajadora
 - Visalia Example (Markey Park)
 - Centros Comerciales
 - Casino Jobs / Entertainment
 - Hospitals

multiple living forms in single family houses.
not enough housing

Tom 2

Team 3



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Under funded transportation infrastructure - potholes, curbs, gutters and sidewalks are needed**
- **Air quality**
- **Zoning changes are needed in the rural areas to attract commercial development and retail**
- Jobs
- Growth
- Equitable pay and better wages
- Small town leadership
- Dust problems and air quality

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Population growth resulting in loss of farmland and more air quality issues**
- **Traffic and infrastructure including poor condition of roads and congestion**
- **Air quality**

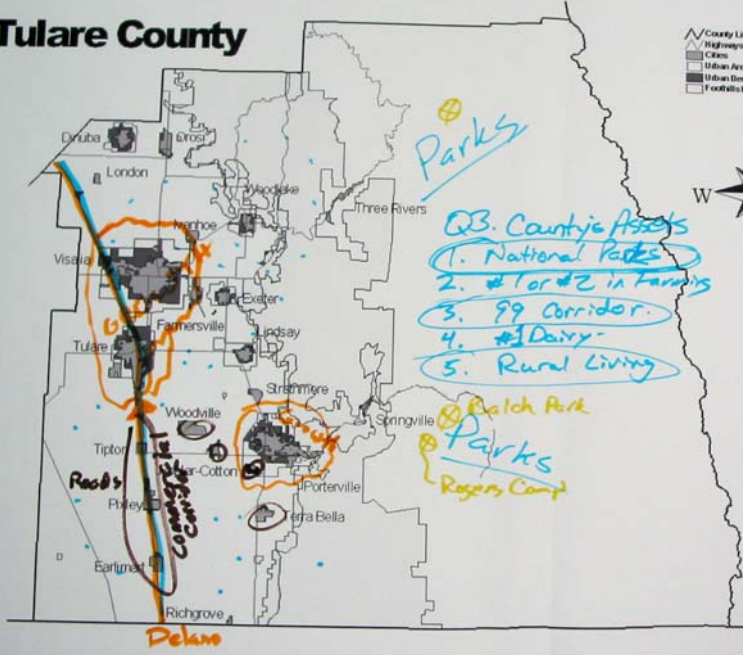
Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **National parks and tourism**
- **Highway 99 corridor**
- **Rural living**
- Number one or two in farming
- Number one in dairy

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Balch Park**
- **Rogers Camp**
- **Pismo Beach**

Tulare County



Q1. Issues Today

1. Jobs
2. Growth
3. Equitable Pay
Better Wages
4. Small Town Leadership
5. Pot holes, curbs
gutters - sidewalks
Under funded:
Transportation/Eds.
6. Dust Problems (Air Quality)
7. Commercial spending in
Rural areas
8. Rural zoning to attract
business. - MI, C.

Q2. Issues 2025

1. Population Growth
Loss of ~~Food~~ ^{Food} land
more air quality issues
2. Same problems as above
Lack of \$\$\$
- Roads - Poor
- Congestion

Favorite Place &

Team 4 – ‘Team Earlimart’



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Public safety – police, fire, water quality and sewer issues, especially in rural communities**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Investment and jobs**

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Population growth outpaces services delivery and jobs**
- **Public safety and health**
- **Infrastructure**

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Agriculture**
- **Natural Resources**
- **Tourism**
- People
- Location between the mountains and ocean

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Earlimart, once known as ‘Alila’**

Team 5



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Money**
- **Lack of jobs**
- **Air quality**
- Drugs – methamphetamine labs
- Land development
- Affordable housing
- Schools (high school) in south County area
- Hwy. 99 industrial park
- Repair of Hwy. 99
- Road and street repair

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

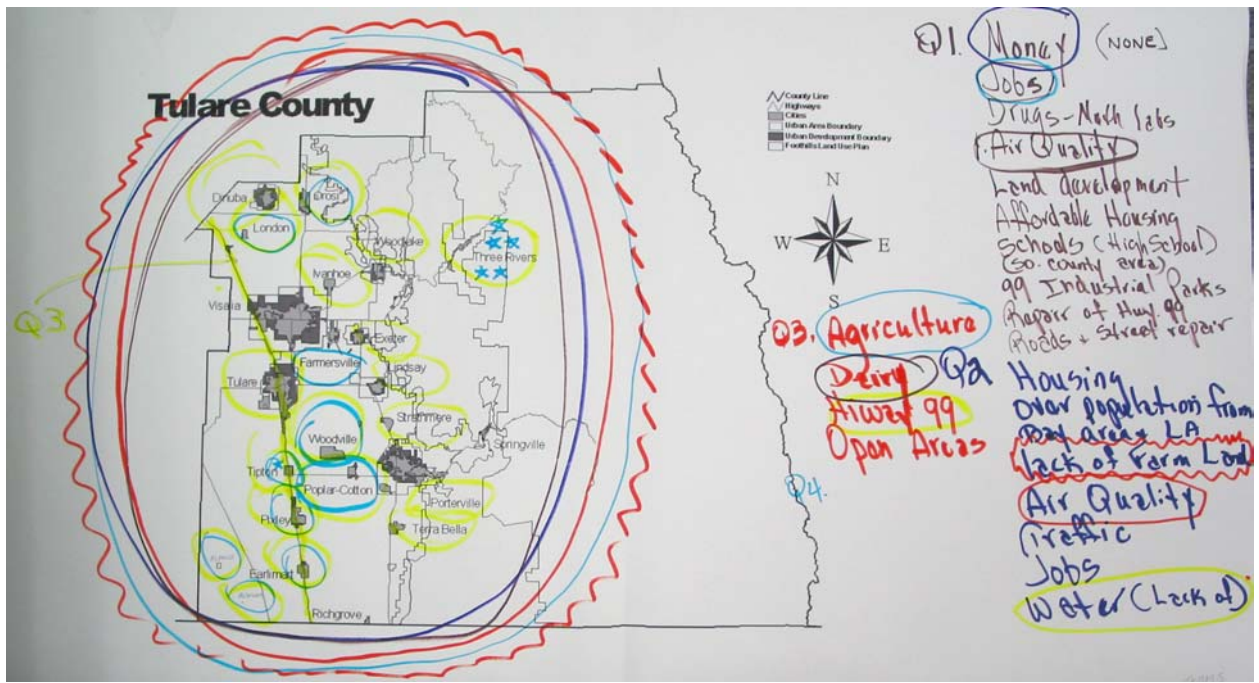
- **Lack of farmland – it is used for housing**
- **Air quality**
- **Lack of water**
- Housing
- Overpopulation from the Bay area and LA
- Traffic
- Jobs

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Agriculture**
- **Dairies**
- **Hwy. 99**
- Open areas

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Three Rivers**
- **Tipton**



Team 6



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Services in the County, especially the towns**
- **Water contamination**
- **Diversification to bring businesses into the area**
- Roads
- Health access
- Intergovernmental collaboration and cooperation
- Supermarkets and restaurants
- Big cities helping small towns
- Full service truck stop
- Tax base

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

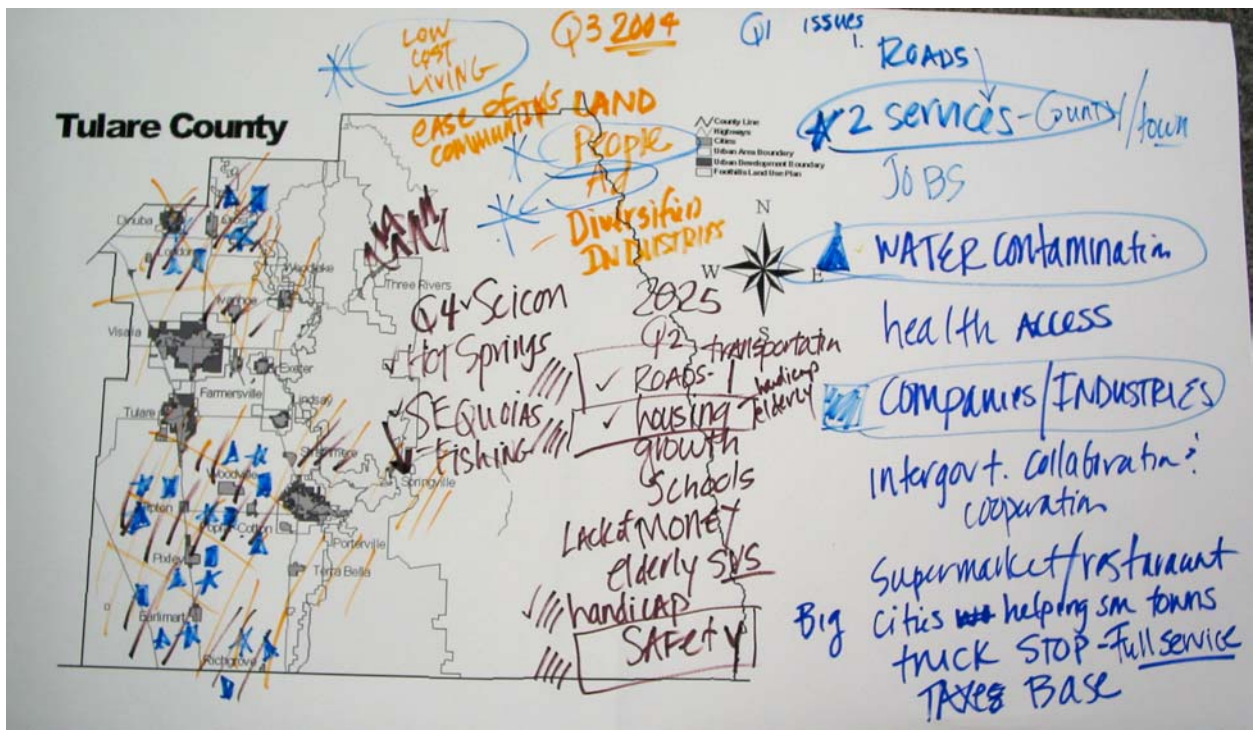
- **Roads and transportation**
- **Lack of housing for the handicapped and elderly who want to stay in rural communities**
- **Safety**
- Growth
- Schools
- Lack of money
- Elderly and handicapped services

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **People are the key asset**
- **Agriculture**
- **Low cost of living makes Tulare County affordable**
- Ease of commuting
- Land
- Diversification in industries

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Scicon Hot Springs**
- **Sequoias**



Team 7 – ‘Team Poplar’



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **High unemployment in record amounts**
- **Lack of zoning in rural communities for industry to create jobs**
- **Lack of stimulated growth**

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Roads and transportation**
- **Population increases due to LA losing their water. We must protect the water with development and industry to compete with LA for the purchase of water**
- Population increases
- Lack of recreation, especially for youth

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Lakes**
- **Parks**
- **Cheap property**
- Water

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Lake Success**
- **Poplar/Cotton**
- **Tipton**

TEAM: POPLAR
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- County Line
- Highways
- Cities
- Urban Area Boundary
- Urban Development Boundary
- Foodfalls Land Use Plan

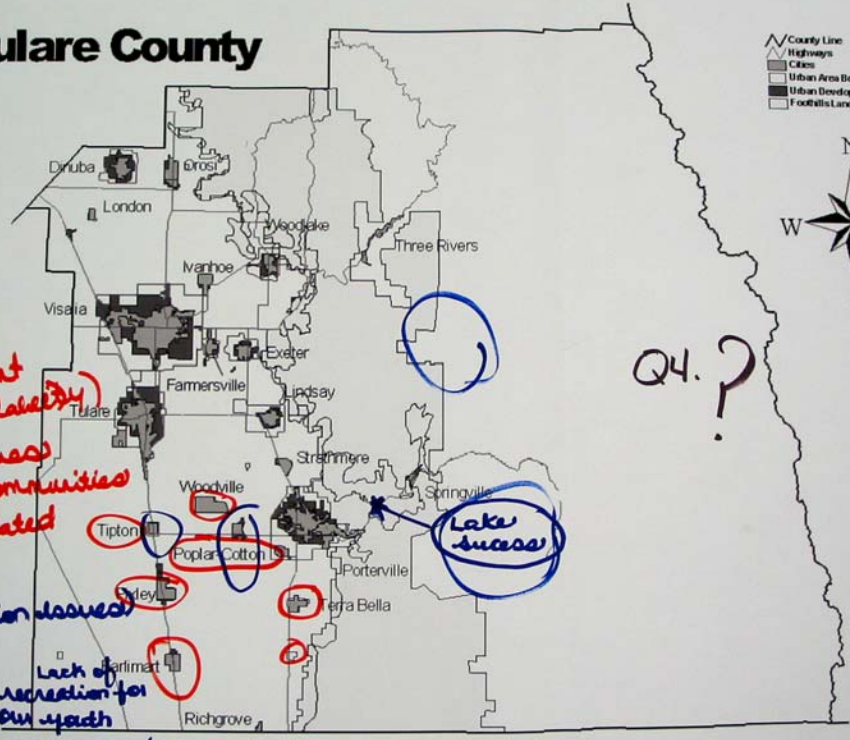


Q1. High unemployment
(Low job availability)
Zoning issues
in rural communities
Lack of stimulated
growth

Q2. Roads
(Transportation issues)
Population
increases
Lack of Recreation
for youth

Q3. Lakes cheap property
Parks ~~Water~~ Water

Q4. ?



Team 8



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Lack of zoning for commercial and industrial uses**
- **Need for industry that provides finished products**
- **Road maintenance**
- Money
- Water
- Employment
- Child care
- Schools
- Air quality
- New Post Office

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

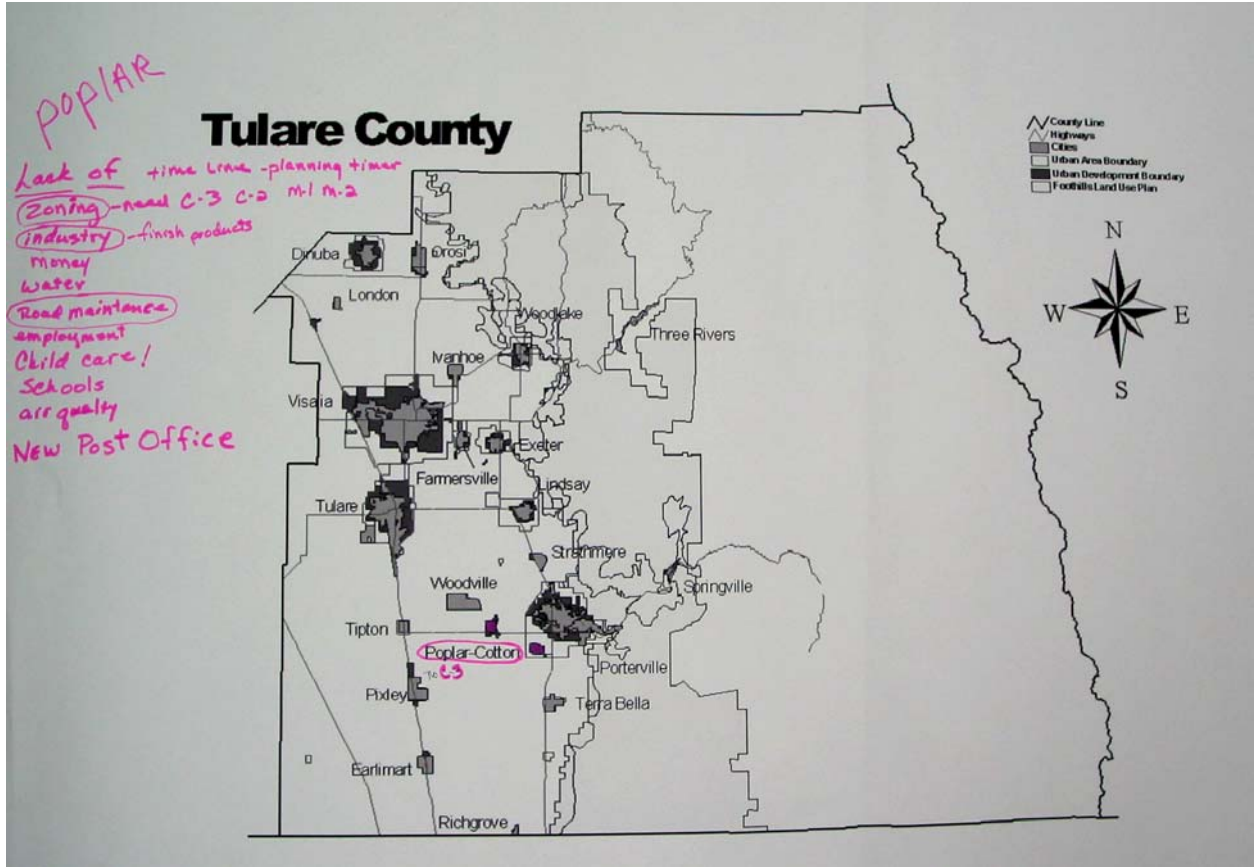
This group discussed the issues substantially with Supervisor Conaway but did not record their thoughts.

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

As above.

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Poplar - Cotton**
- **Love the whole County**



Team 9



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Roads and repair**
- **More jobs and industry**
- **More schools**
- Sidewalks
- Medical services
- Transportation
- Child care

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Highways**
- **Jobs**
- **Water**
- Social security
- Schools
- Recreational parks

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Prime agricultural land and dairies**
- **Water**
- **Tourism**

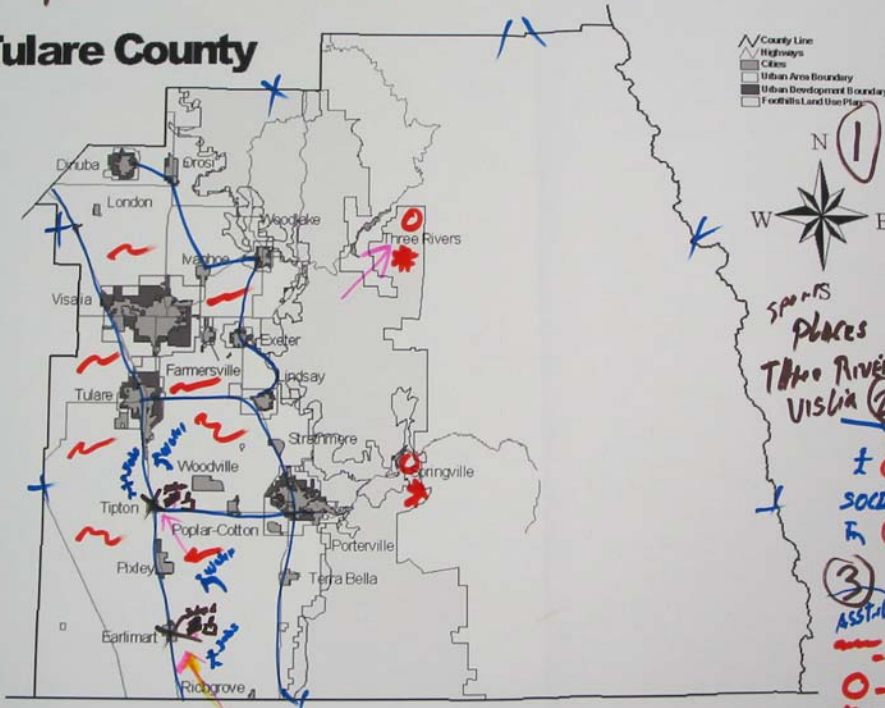
Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Three Rivers**
- **Visalia**
- **Earlimart**
- Springville

TEAM:

SO. Rural Area

Tulare County



- NOW
- 1 Road + Repairs
 - 2 Need more jobs
 - 3 Need more schools
 - 4 More schools (MS)
 - 5 Side walks
 - 6 MEDICAL SERV.
 - 7 TRANSPORT
 - 8 CHILD CARE
- sports places
Tulare Rivers
Visalia
- 2 HIGHWAYS
 - 3 JOBS
 - 4 SOCIAL SECURITY
 - 5 WATER
 - 6 SCHOOLS
 - 7 RECREATIONAL P.
- ASST. 6
- FARMING
 - o - WATER
 - * - TOURISTS

Francis

Team 10



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Development of first dollar industries**
- **Loss of industries such as timber and mining**
- **Urban conversion of agricultural land**
- Potential exportation of valuable water
- Lack of development of tourism
- Need a local university
- Traffic and speed limit on Hwy. 65
- Tourism and development in the mountain communities

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Access to higher education sources**
- **Air pollution**
- **Development and retention of a qualified and skilled labor force**
- Funding of government services
- Health care and delivery of services
- An aging population

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Climate**
- **Natural resource diversity**
- **Central location**
- Lack of adverse earthquake patterns
- Healthy population

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **California Hot Springs**
- **Sierra Nevada mountains**

Team 11



Q1. What are the top three issues facing Tulare County today?

- **Unemployment**
- **Housing issues**
- **Road conditions**
- Smog
- Transportation
- Crime
- Trash collection
- Graffiti
- Lighting
- Youth activity

Q2. What are the top three issues that will be facing Tulare County in 2025?

- **Traffic**
- **Land development where agriculture is lost**
- **Unemployment**
- Smog

Q3. What are Tulare County's three top assets?

- **Agriculture**
- **Slower pace of living**
- **Lower cost of living**
- Location is central between LA and San Francisco
- Mountains and forests

Bonus Question: What is Your Favorite Spot in the County?

- **Springville is the favorite place of the adults**
- **Visalia is the favorite place of the children**

