

News Release

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COMPASS
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COMPASS Education Series Presents: *When Rural Meets Urban – Planning for the Best of Both Worlds*

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) welcomes Mr. David Shabazian, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, to the Treasure Valley as the third speaker in its 2013 education series on May 20 and 21, 2013.

As our nation becomes more urban, the important role of rural agricultural areas is often overshadowed by urban areas. As Ada and Canyon Counties include both rural and urban areas, it's important that we consider both when planning for the future.

Other parts of the country are dealing with similar issues. Mr. Shabazian will discuss how the Sacramento, CA, area has made strides in planning for both the rural and urban aspects of its region, with important "lessons learned" that can be applied locally. He will focus on quantifying the value of agriculture in a region and will discuss issues such as resolving conflicts between farming and other land uses and transportation issues related to farming.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

- Monday, May 20, 2013
- COMPASS; 700 NE 2nd Street, Meridian (first floor Board room)
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. reception
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. presentation and discussion
- **FREE!** Please RSVP to jwilson@compassidaho.org or 208/475-2230

Mr. Shabazian will also present "Urban Meets Rural: Strategies for Comprehensive Regional Planning" on Tuesday, May 21. This presentation is in the same location and is also free and open to the public, but will have a more technical focus. Please RSVP as above.

These two presentations are offered by COMPASS as part of its annual education series. Presentations are offered throughout the year to address issues such as growth, land use, transportation planning, and funding. For more information on these and future presentations, visit www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2013_ed_series.htm.

If you need assistance to attend either presentation, please call 208/475-2229 with 48 hours advance notice. Personas que necesitan asistencia especial, favor de llamar al número 208/475-2229 con 48 horas de aviso.

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