



Video Conferencing

A web-based conferencing technology being evaluated for the Central Valley Region.

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What is Video Conferencing?

A **videoconference** (also known as a **videoteleconference**) is a set of interactive telecommunication technologies which allow two or more locations to interact via two-way video and audio transmissions simultaneously. It has also been called **visual collaboration** and is a type of groupware. It differs from videophone in that it expects to serve a conference rather than individuals. (source: Wikipedia.com)



Polycom VSX 7000

- Great video quality, allowing participants to clearly see each other
- Ideal for large groups (up to 10 at ANR sites)
- Sharp camera quality that can accommodate sophisticated PTZ (Pan Tilt Zoom) and remote cameras
- Is easily able to synchronize audio and video functions

ANR Video Conferencing Project

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The goal of this project is to evaluate the ability of current technology to provide close (less than one hour travel) proximity web based video-conferencing sites for Central Valley Region staff and others to reduce commuting time, increase communication quality over conference calls, reduce travel budgets, increase administrative and programmatic efficiency, decrease travel risk exposure, and provide an evaluation model for other regions.



Impact Study

There are now six locations with Video Conferencing capabilities: Tehama, Glenn, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties, KAC, and the DANR building at UCD. Several meetings have been conducted, some requiring support from the UCOP (with more than 3 sites) and several with only two and three sites that Tulare County has hosted internally. An impacts survey is underway with each participant asked to provide feedback on the meeting experience. At this point the majority response is very favorable, especially with smaller groups that know each other well and are supported internally. These results will be published once a significant number of responses are collected.

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For general information about video conferencing:
<http://www.officevideoconferencing.com/>



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