



AGENDA ITEM: 3

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2024

JAKARA MOVEMENT

TO: BCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Simranjit Singh

SUBJECT: Jakara Movement 1st Phase July 18, 2024

The Jakara Movement is a local non-profit organization that seeks to uplift the community in more ways than one. The Jakara Movement is currently working on a project that aims to bring non-capitalistic opportunities to the Biola Community. Members of the Jakara Movement live in and around Biola, and have a deep connection with the small town. The organization recognizes the need for community areas such as parks, health centers, gardens, etc.

Jakara Movement has teamed up with Valley Seed to bring some opportunity to the town. This meeting members of the Jakara Movement will present their ideas and get feedback from the public in hopes to get a better understanding of the wants and needs of the local community of Biola. The Jakara movement is thankful to the Biola Committee for allowing us to present during their meeting.

2nd Phase

Jakara Movement's ongoing efforts to support community health and safety.

As part of the Jakara Movement's ongoing efforts to support community health and safety, we are collaborating with Valley Seed on a new project in the Biola area. Both Organizations have had great conversations around and looking at transforming some brown fields in the town of Biola. A needs assessment has been conducted with the community and some of the goals of this project have been identified. Since the community has expressed the lack of a green space, such as a park. The Jakara Movement has identified a few lots to test and transform, two of these lots are owned by the Biola Community Services District. We are requesting access to two lots within this area to conduct toxicity testing. Please be assured that the Biola District will not incur any costs associated with this testing. Additionally, the testing process will be carried out in a manner that ensures no disruption or alteration to the properties in question. Both lots will remain unchanged throughout and after the testing process. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Simranjit Singh, Fresno Regional Director