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To: Jeff Brittz

Cc: Sonia Hall; Carrol Terrazas

Subject: Summary of Sacramento Trip

Jeff,

Thank you for participating in a productive and fruitful trip to Sacramento. Each meeting was very helpful for Lemoore and valuable information was gained that will assist the City. Following is a summary and follow up for both our staff and yours. Please forward this memo to your staff as you deem appropriate:

1. California Integrated Waste Management Board, Grants Director Roger Ikemoto: Roger discussed the 18 different grants his agency offers. You and the City delegation indicated interest in the following opportunities:

Tire Derived: this grant is out now. We sent you the notice earlier this week. It will fund up to \$100K for a project such as a soccer field, running track, rubber mulch, playground cover, etc. You indicated rubber mulch sounded like the best project for Lemoore and using it for a "connector" area in Lions Park. Our grants team has written many of these applications including 14 for our clients that were approved and funded last year. Please let us know what project(s) and we will begin putting the application together asap. It is due in November.

Amnesty Day: We have successfully written this grant for other clients. You and the city delegation expressed an interest in an Amnesty Day for tires, and a curbside service. Sonia will work with your staff and pursue the application when it becomes available.

Waste Tire Enforcement: You were interested in the enforcement part of this and wanted to know if your Joint Powers Authority qualifies. Sonia will find out and let you know.

Waste Tire Clean Up: You were interested in cleaning up small tire piles. You wanted to know if this qualified as a project or not. Sonia will find out and let you know.

Rubberized Asphalt Concrete: You are interested but not until the issue of getting contractors to the Valley is solved.

Farm and Ranch Clean Up: County is the likely enforcement agency for this and so they probably have the funds but Sonia will check with Kings County and on the CWIMB web page and let you know.

2. Department of Housing and Community Development, CDBG Staff. 5 staff members including Mimi Bettencourt the E.D. CDBG Manager and Allen Jones the General CDBG Manager.

PTA: We have written two PTA applications for Lemoore. General application for \$35K and Economic Development application for \$70K. The E.D. one has a better chance but we are hopeful we get both approved.

CDBG: We have Lemoore on our list to apply for a CDBG application. The application will come out in November with workshops in January and the applications due in March. The maximum is currently \$500K but it may be raised to as much as \$1 million. You indicated your project might be Montgomery Crossing for an apartment complex (road/infrastructure).

BEGIN: this downpayment assistance grant is directly for homebuyers. You indicated an interest and if you have a developer to partner with we will apply. The City must give some sort of "regulatory relief" to the developer in order to qualify for the grant. This is for low and moderate income housing as an incentive to developers to build that type of housing.

WORKFORCE HOUSING: You were very interested in this program. Sonia, please send Jeff the guidelines.

This grant provides for \$1,000 per bedroom for low income housing and \$1,500 per bedroom for very low income housing projects. Money goes to the city as an incentive to permit this type of housing. The question you raised is what restrictions are placed upon the city regarding how they can use the money once they receive the grant. Sonia---please let Jeff know the answer to that question. If the guidelines are acceptable to you, we will apply for Lemoore.

HOME: Lemoore has an application pending. Competition is still, they are funding about 1 out of 3 applications. New NOFA comes out in June, 2008.

E.D. CDBG OTC: It is competitive but the maximum is \$2.5 million. You indicated you had an interest in a "spur" near an industrial park as your project. Sonia, please arrange conference call with Jeff, along with Dave and Mimi from HCD to discuss prospects. If prospects for funding are good, we will apply.

3. Infrastructure Bank: We met with Director Stan Hazelroth, Manager Roma Plant, and Staff Member Diane Cummings. Rates are good and terms are good but Lemoore doesn't appear to have a project at this time that is eligible. You said you would keep this in mind for future projects.

4. California Housing Finance Agency: We met with Statewide Manager Leah Pears. After much discussion, we agreed that Lemoore would organize a "Lending Fair" with Leah as the special guest in Lemoore. Invitees would include realtors, lenders, escrow companies, first time home buyers, etc. Carrol from my office will make contact with Leah and work on scheduling a date through your office.

5. Department of Public Health (previously Department Health Services): We met with Chief Gary Yamamoto.

SRF: You have a pending application for arsenic removal that is ranked "G" on the list. It is for \$5 million low interest loan. Your median household income does not meet the 65% threshold for a grant. That threshold may be changed to 80% of MHI in which case you would then qualify for approximately \$1 million in grant and the other \$4 million would be a loan. Sonia and I will stay in touch with Gary and DPH as those regulations become more final in the ensuing several months. The application is due January 11.

6. Brenda Quintana, Statewide Director of Local Government for the Governor: We had a very productive meeting with Brenda regarding a variety of issues affecting Lemoore and local governments in general. I meet with her weekly in Sacramento and will follow up on all issues discussed.

7. Derek Chernow, Chief of Staff, Assemblywoman Nicole Parra. We had an excellent meeting with Derek and his staff and discussed several issues including the Department of Public Health SRF grant/loan. I meet with Ms. Parra and/or her staff in Sacramento weekly and will follow up on all issues discussed.

I have already put together a list of the several agencies we were not able to fit into this schedule. You still need to meet with Parks and Rec. Department, BTH, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Water Resources, Senator Florez, and others.

Please let me know if you have any additions, suggestions, or comments regarding this report or the trip to Sacramento.

Please thank all participants from Lemoore for their attendance and thoughtful comments throughout each meeting. You have an excellent staff.

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