



March 24, 2010

**RE: URBAN GREENING-PLANNING GRANT  
[Corcoran-Hanford-Lemoore]**

Friends-

I will soon need to make some effort at putting the actual grant application together. I have the optimistic understanding that the cities of Corcoran, Lemoore & Hanford can be submitted as a grouping. I have selected this grouping based on your geographic proximity, similar plant responses, similar soil permeability, rainfall & 'climate change' impacts.

I anticipate a 'generic plan' product which identifies:

- Best plant/tree types for this entire group.
- Best practices for water retention via bio-swales or pervious paving.
- The potential for gray-water' /minimal drip irrigation systems.
- Others - as we move forward.

The development of this 'generic plan' will be followed by a 'customizing' for each specific city.

The commitment required from each City during the application process is:

1. A resolution from the City Council agreeing to submit the application with GVC.
2. A budget for staff time for inclusion in the grant. If the total of all three budgets and our own GVC costs exceed \$250,000 we will need to reach a compromise based on some legitimate portioning basis.
3. Commitment of the city planner (or other appointee) to act as the liaison during the application process. This will involve a review of the application draft language and addition of any city specific information about net DU, planning boundary, 'climate change impacts', compliance with current plans, expected efforts at execution of the plan, etc.

Based on your level of interest & involvement I will proceed as though we have a commitment from your city until I hear differently. It looks like you will all be going to your respective Councils in early April. It would be helpful to have the above elements sometime shortly after those meetings. Susan Atkins [Corcoran] has already prepared her resolution & staff report. She can be contacted at:

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If awarded the grant, staff can be reimbursed for their efforts to:

1. Facilitate opportunities for participation of those with a vested interest and concern about urban landscaping.
2. Provide access to local maps & aerial photographs.
3. Verify of General Plan compliance.
4. Provide coordination for invoicing (local hours & expenses, etc.)
5. Liaison with Great Valley Center.
6. Liaison with urban landscaper for 'tuning' scope of work

The Great Valley Center would:

1. Draft grant narrative, collate city data & develop Work Plan with 'benchmarks'.
2. Solicit 'letters of support' for the application.
3. Submit the grant proposal by **April 22, 2010**.
4. Coordinate with city appointees to best accomplish the goals.
5. Administer the grant.
  - a. Coordinate invoicing.
  - b. Monitor 'benchmarks'
  - c. Provide & coordinate reports
6. Enter into contract with an urban landscape design expert to design the generic plan & fine tune the local plans.
7. Close-out project and develop strategies to seek 'development & acquisition' funding

I have attached the grant solicitation so you may all put your good eyes on it and I would further suggest that if you have questions I'm not answering you can contact Dana Brazelton at the California Resources Agency who is administering these funds for the Strategic Growth Council.

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Thank you for your participation and input.

Sincerely,



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