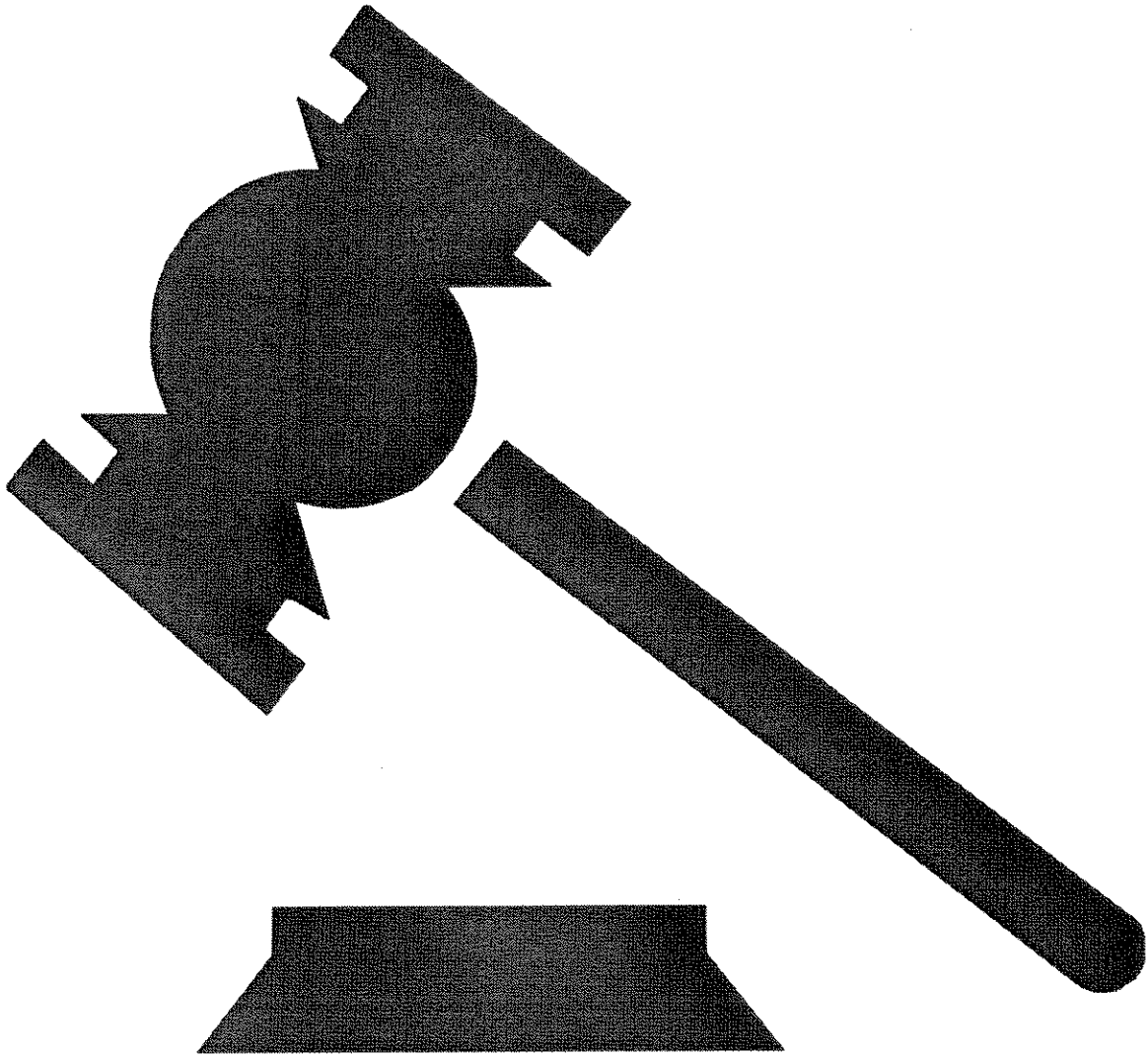




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California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

April 3, 2009

Council of Fresno County Governments
Tony Boren, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Boren:

Confirming communications with the staff of your Council of Governments, this letter is to formally request \$33,500 funding from Council of Fresno County Governments for the continued operations of the California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley. As a basis for this request, please find the following: Attachment "A" - Partnership "Sustainability" Budget; Attachment "B" - Partnership Gap Funding allocation; and Attachment "C" - Partnership Successes.

The Partnership was established by executive order of the Governor in 2006 and extended indefinitely in December 2008. However, the extension does not include any funding in addition to the initial \$5 million provided in 2006, which expires June 30, 2009. We will continue efforts to try to secure funding from the State, but must anticipate the possibility of receiving no funding given the State's current fiscal situation. It is the intent of the Partnership board to continue the work of the Partnership in FY 2009-10, even if activities must be somewhat curtailed to adjust to the current fiscal environment. To that end, the staff has developed a minimum budget level that includes a total of 4 FTE's to support the Partnership's administrative, communications and government affairs functions, eliminating the staff of the Partnership work groups (nine of the ten Partnership Work Groups have indicated that they will find a way to continue to advance their programs to meet goals and objectives, although without State funding, the level and pace of activity will be diminished). Under this minimum "sustainability" budget scenario, the majority of the funding will come from the Office of Community and Economic Development at California State University, Fresno. However, there is a \$142,000 gap that we are requesting be filled by the 8 County Council of Governments on a pro-rata basis based on county population.

As is noted in the attached partial list of successes (Attachment "C"), your organization and the individual members have greatly benefited from the establishment of the Partnership and will continue to do so in the future. Benefits provided to Valley cities and counties include the creation of the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, the San Joaquin Housing Trust, and funding generated for the following: Highway 99 Business Plan (\$1 billion earmark in the infrastructure bonds – the only such earmark

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included in the \$37 billion bond package); Prop 1B infrastructure improvements (\$824 million); Prop 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program (\$250 million); planning funds for a U.C. medical school in the Valley (\$5 million); and a number of grants for workforce development totaling more than \$1 million.

Reports from the executive staffs of the Valley COGs indicate that they see the Partnership's biggest benefits to be advocacy for Valley programs and projects. Because the Partnership board includes eight members of the Governor's Cabinet, the administration has become much more aware and knowledgeable of the issues in the Valley, and they have been very helpful in giving us unprecedented access to funding streams. A recent example of our coordinated advocacy efforts is the coordination and formation of the Regional Economic Recovery Work Plan for the State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. The Secretariat held regional meeting to educate individual cities, counties and agencies on how to submit projects for consideration, collected and reviewed the projects and prepared the "draft" Plan all within 4 weeks. In all there were over 4000 projects submitted. After removing redundancies, there were 2,412 projects totaling over \$9.3 billion in funding requests and generating a potential estimated 11 million jobs. In other areas of the State, there was a lack of a coordinated effort and as a result a less than comprehensive Plan was submitted.

The Partnership has a ten year Strategic Plan. We are now in year 3 of that Strategic Plan. There is still much work to do and continuation of the Partnership through the Secretariat is essential to maintain progress in furthering the Valley. We ask that you give consideration in assisting in this effort by helping us fill the funding gap. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (559) 696-2524 or by email at mdozier@csufresno.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Dozier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Dozier
Lead Executive

Encl: Attachments as stated

Attachment "A" – Partnership "Sustainability" Budget

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Budget FY 2009-10

<u>Expense Item</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Partnership Time Allocation</u>	<u>Partnership Cost</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1 Personnel Salaries & Benefits				
> Director		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Admin. Assistant		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Associate Director		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Student Assistant		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Communications Manager		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Communications Assistant		50%	0	Contributed by Fresno State
> Government Affairs Director		100%	50%	50% Contributed by Fresno State
Total Personnel Salaries and Benefits	\$498,000		\$144,000	
2 Rent and Utilities	\$18,000		0	Contributed by Fresno State
3 Phones/Internet	\$2,000		\$2,000	
3 Meeting Expenses, Communications	\$8,000		\$8,000	
4 Supplies, Meeting Expenses	\$10,000		\$10,000	
5 Travel	\$2,000		\$2,000	
6 Miscellaneous	\$1,000		\$1,000	
Total (net after contributions from Fresno State)			\$167,001	
Less City of Fresno Contribution (requested)			(\$25,000)	
Funding Gap			\$142,001	

*Expense Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 pertain only to expenses associated with Partnership Activities

Attachment "B" – Partnership Gap Funding Allocation

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

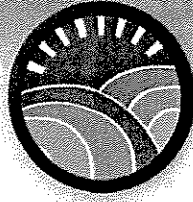
FY 2009-2010 Budget

Proposed Allocation of Funding Gap: \$142,000

Factor: 3.6 cents per capita (rounded down to nearest hundred)

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Proposed Funding</u>
Fresno	931,098	\$33,500
Kern	817,517	\$29,400
Kings	154,434	\$5,500
Madera	150,887	\$5,400
Merced	255,250	\$9,200
San Joaquin	685,650	\$24,600
Stanislaus	525,903	\$18,900
Tulare	<u>435,254</u>	<u>\$15,600</u>
Total	3,955,993	\$142,100

Source: Department of Finance Population Estimates, Jan1, 2008



California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

California's 21st Century Opportunity

Successes

- Partnership board awarded \$2.5 million in seed grants to fund 14 regional projects, jump-start major initiatives outlined in Strategic Action Proposal. Projects have leveraged **more than \$15 million** in additional funding.
- Partnership requested that Caltrans accelerate completion of the Highway 99 Business Plan, which calls for \$6 billion to be invested over the next 10 years. This resulted in a **\$1 billion** earmark by the Governor and State Legislature to jumpstart Highway 99 improvements (the only earmark in the \$37 billion approved by the voters).
- With support from the partnership, the Valley formed partnerships with northern California to compete for the **\$2 billion** provided through Prop 1B for infrastructure improvements along trade corridors with a high volume of freight movement. Together, the coalition secured over **\$824 million** for regional projects adopted by the CTC. This included the adoption of five Valley infrastructure improvement projects totaling more **\$205 million**.
- Partnership worked with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, legislative delegation to advocate for and secure \$250 million in Prop 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program funding for San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program funding for the Valley. The Partnership helped secure additional air quality mitigation funding totaling \$56.5 M, including \$44 M EQIP funding, \$12.5 M DERA funding.
- Five new enterprise zones were designated in the San Joaquin Valley.
- The Partnership successfully advocated for the Hospital Council to receive a **\$500,000** grant from the State to establish the San Joaquin Valley Nursing Education Consortium.
- All eight Valley counties and the respective councils of government are collaborating on the Regional Blueprint Process and were awarded **\$2 million** in grant funding.
- The U.S. Department of Labor awarded **\$1.85 million** to expand nurse training at community colleges in Merced and Modesto, as well as SCCC's Madera Center.
- California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel awarded Kern Community College District **\$500,000** for training in high-wage occupations, such as manufacturing, logistics and construction.
- Prepared water system funding applications through seed grant with Self Help Enterprises for \$21 million for 20 communities with poor water systems. **\$10 million** have been awarded.
- Coordinated and led the Tulare Lake Basin Working Group. Secured **\$324,000** in federal funding. Completed the Tulare Basin Wildlife-Riparian Corridor Plan.
- **\$2 million** Community-Based Job Training Grant was awarded to State Center Community College District and West Hills College to provide training through the "Ensuring Agriculture for Tomorrow" (EAT) program.

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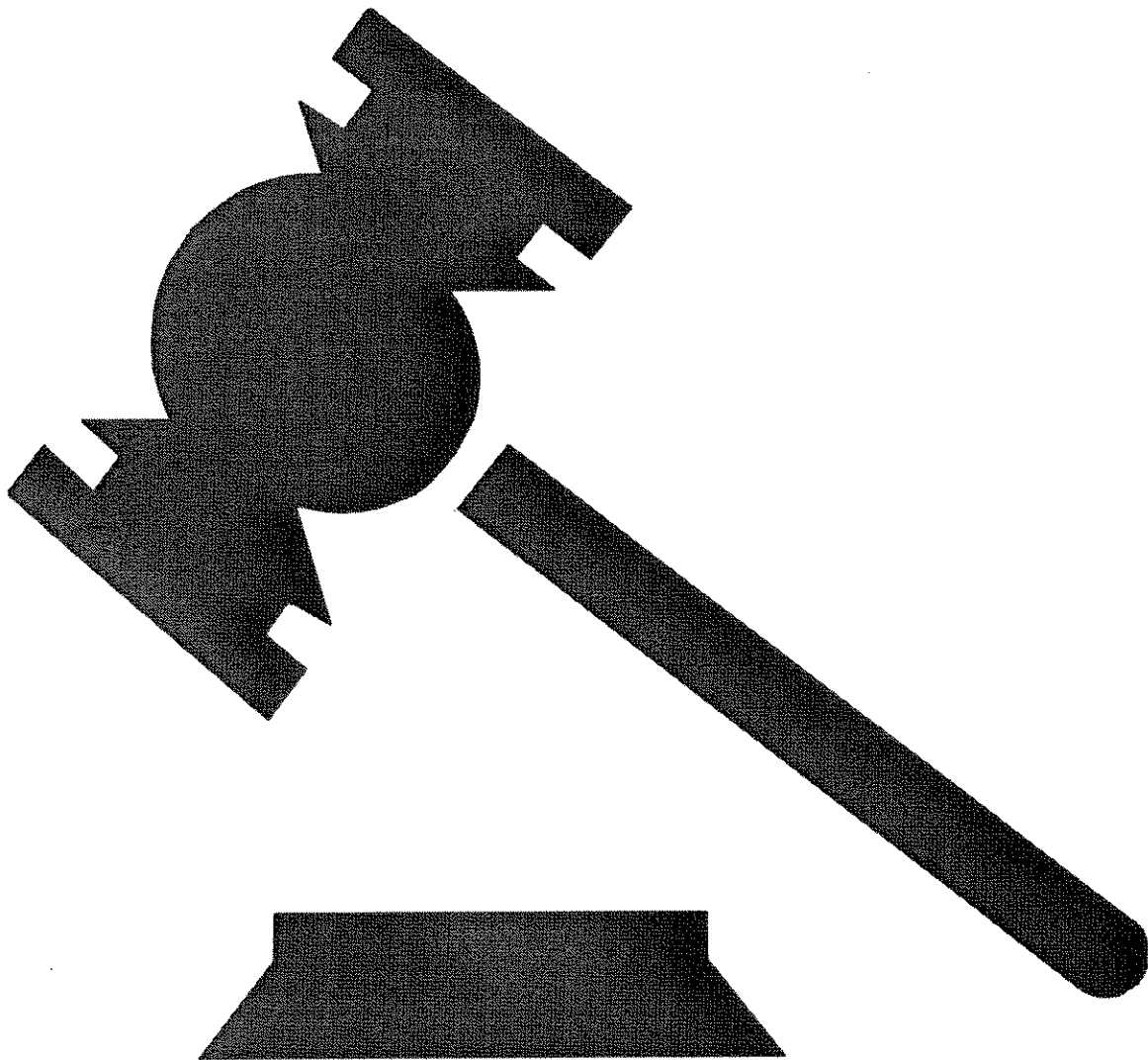
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- Partnership Water Work Group is working with Valley stakeholders in an unprecedented effort to develop an integrated regional water plan.
- Partnership Air Quality and Transportation Work Groups worked together to ensure that the high-speed rail system serves the needs of the entire San Joaquin Valley. Worked toward successful passage of AB 3034, legislation that specifically identified the Altamont Corridor connecting the San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area as a high-speed segment eligible for funding under the proposed \$9 billion bond. The language was included in the high-speed rail bond passed by voters on November 4, 2008.
- The 8 County EDC's are all working on strengthening five regional industry clusters with significant growth potential.
- The 8 County WIBs have joined together to do Valley-wide surveys to determine high-demand occupations in these industry clusters. Additionally, with seed funding from the partnership, they have launched a single web site to connect job seekers and employers (www.careersinthevalley.com) and converged on a single assessment tool.
- Superintendents from the eight Valley counties have convened regularly to improve K-12 education.
- Partnership Secretariat prepared the draft Regional Economic Recovery Work Plan. The Plan was prepared with assistance from the seven work groups who assembled, reviewed, separated, and forwarded over 5,000 projects related to transportation, public infrastructure, economic development, Workforce development, housing, air quality, water and Energy.
 - The Work Plan will assist cities, counties and agencies in the San Joaquin Valley receive funds through the federal Stimulus legislation.
- Completed the Metro Rural Loop Corridor Preservation Feasibility Study. Received an additional \$276,000 from Caltrans to develop formal regional collaboration process and structure encompassing Fresno, Madera, Tulare and King Counties (30 incorporated cities).
- Stakeholders from a range of public and private sector interests – urban, rural, agriculture, business, environmental –joined forces on two Partnership-related entities: Creation of the **San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization** and the **San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust**.
- The **San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization** is working on energy conservation with 14 Valley cities. Additionally, it has signed an MOU making the Valley the first national demonstration site for the 25x'25 Initiative (25% of energy from renewable sources by the year 2025).

***Council of Fresno County Governments
2009/10 Member Dues Schedule****

MEMBER	CENSUS POPULATION 01/01/08	PERCENT	1 Voice DUES SCHEDULE	California Partnership SCHEDULE	Total Dues
Clovis	94,278	10.13%	8,202	3,392	11,594
Coalinga	19,063	2.05%	1,658	686	2,344
Firebaugh	6,811	0.73%	593	245	838
Fowler	5,572	0.60%	485	200	685
Fresno City	486,116	52.21%	42,289	17,490	59,779
Huron	7,553	0.81%	657	272	929
Kerman	13,878	1.49%	1,207	499	1,706
Kingsburg	11,257	1.21%	979	405	1,384
Mendota	9,787	1.05%	851	352	1,203
Orange Cove	10,774	1.16%	937	388	1,325
Parlier	13,325	1.43%	1,159	479	1,638
Reedley	25,584	2.75%	2,226	920	3,146
Sanger	25,046	2.69%	2,179	901	3,080
San Joaquin	4,521	0.49%	393	163	556
Selma	23,284	2.50%	2,026	838	2,864
Fresno Co.	174,249	18.71%	15,159	6,269	21,428
TOTALS	931,098	100%	81,000	33,500	114,500
			81,000	33,500	

** Estimate Only - Actual Dues level subject to Board approval of May/June contract negotiation.
01/01/08 Population Estimates revised in May.*



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California Consulting, LLC
April 2009 Report to Fresno COG

- **Federal Stimulus Package:** We continue to work closely with Cal-TRANS, CalCOG and others on Stimulus state implementation issues. As well, several funding opportunities from the Stimulus have come and gone and several more are becoming available on a continuing basis. For example, the COPS grant was due April 14 and JAG/Bryne competitive grant is due April 27 and formula grant due May 18. These are only a few examples of the many funding opportunities available from the Stimulus.
- **Stimulus Workshop:** On March 16, 2009 California Consulting, LLC and the Fresno COG Co-Hosted a Stimulus workshop at the COG Office. The conference included presentations from several speakers about each element of the Stimulus. Welcoming remarks were given by Board of Supervisor Chair Susan Anderson, Council President Sterling, San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Chair Supervisor Michael Rubio, and Fresno COG Chairman Trinidad Rodriguez. Speakers included FCTA Chairman Harry Armstrong, Cal-TRANS District 6 Director Malcolm Dougherty, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Director Mike Dozier, Fresno COG Director Tony Boren, and several others. The conference Agenda and post-conference report were sent earlier via e-mail. Over 130 attendees from throughout the Valley attended the conference. Attendees were present from the northern most part of the Valley all the way down to Kern County. Dozens of Mayors, elected officials, city managers, police chiefs, and others participated in the Conference. At the request of several attendees, we are now discussing the possibility of a follow up Stimulus Conference some time in May. We have spoken to BTH in Sacramento, local BTH rep. Nicole Parra, and the Governor's Office about a series of joint workshops across the Valley.
- **Prop. 84:** Parks and Rec. sent out a memo updating progress on the Prop. 84 grant. Grant guidelines are adopted and the application should be out soon. We anticipate this to be a very competitive application process and are encouraging our clients to plan ahead, identify a project now, and begin to hold meetings with stakeholders and form a Advisory Committee.
- **CalGrip:** We are pleased to announce that OES has informed us that the CalGrip anti-gang grant application for Sanger, Selma, Fowler, Reedley, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, and Del Rey has been awarded. Congratulations on this much needed funding.
- **Water:** With the introduction of several water bond proposals in the Legislature our Office has been monitoring the legislation closely. The Legislative Leadership has expressed a desire to resolve the issues surrounding the Delta in the immediate future and then deal with the several water bond proposals. Hearings for the water bond proposals are expected in May. Steve continues to

work closely with Senate Majority Leader Florez and Senator Cogdill and their staffs as each of them has introduced a water bond bill.

- **AB 118:** We have met with and had conference calls this month with Air Resources Board and the California Energy Commission regarding AB 118 funding which is due out in April or May. This grant provides for up to \$120 million per year for the next 7 years for hybrid vehicles, renewable energies, renewable fuels, electric vehicles, CNG, etc. We will continue to work closely with ARB and CEC on this important issue.
- **Wastewater:** We have been in consistent communication with the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Stimulus money available for wastewater needs. The State will receive \$280 million for wastewater needs and a minimum of \$140 million must be spent for grants. This is an excellent opportunity for cities and counties to remedy many of their wastewater needs. Our office has already filed several applications on behalf of our clients. Now the full and final applications for State Revolving Fund grants and loans is due. Cities should submit their full applications to the State Water Resources Control Board asap. See previous e-mail memo's sent out that detail the level of funding available.
- **Economic Development Element of the Stimulus:** Our office has worked closely with BTH Representative Nicole Parra and met with her numerous times over the last month regarding this issue. Additionally, we have been in consistent communication with Mike Dozier at the Partnership related to this issue. We will continue to work with Nicole and Mike as this issue continues to develop. We recently arranged for Nicole to visit the City of Coalinga and meet with local leaders. We have also confirmed a similar meeting for Nicole in Kerman for May.
- **Sacramento Visits:** Throughout the month, Steve continued his regular trips to Sacramento and his regular meetings with Members and Staff at the Offices of Senate Majority Leader Florez, Senator Cogdill, Assembly Republican Leader Villines, Assemblyman Arambula, and Assemblyman Gilmore among others. Steve has a meeting scheduled with Assemblywoman Galgiani of Merced to discuss several issues related to the North Valley and her leadership on issues such as High Speed Rail and Grade Separation. He also has meetings set with the District staff of Congressman Costa and Assemblyman Arambula's Chief of Staff regarding various Valley issues.

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SB 113 (4-2-09).pdf (307KB), Background 2009.doc (118KB)

Attached is the information regarding the annual Local Government Omnibus bill SB 113 that will be heard in Senate Local Government Committee this Wednesday. Steve

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Grant Awards

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California Consulting, LLC is pleased to announce that two grant applications we submitted for the Office of Emergency Services CalGRIP anti-gang grant were both funded.

SALINAS: The application submitted for our clients the City of Salinas was funded for the maximum amount \$400,000 and will be used to Conduct "Operation Ceasefire."

EASTERN FRESNO COUNTY: The application we submitted for Eastern Fresno County communities was funded. The Cities of Sanger, Reedley, Kingsburg, Parlier, Fowler, Selma, Orange Cove along with the Del Rey Community Service District were awarded \$395,786 total. Each community will receive approximately \$42,500 in the following formula: \$6,250 for tattoo removal, \$20,000 for MAGEC Program implementation and \$16,250 for special projects.

Our grant writer Danielle Sotelo did a superb job preparing these applications in conjunction with the Salinas P.D. for the Salinas application and in conjunction with the communities of Sanger, Reedley, Kingsburg, Parlier, Fowler, Selma, Orange Cove, and Del Rey for the East Fresno County application.

Thought we would share the good news!

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Funding Alert - AT&T Yahoo! Mail

**Funding Alert**

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 8:15 PM

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We have received an alert of funding through the economic stimulus bill formally known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). See Summary below:

Summary:

The purpose of this program is to provide direct funding to local fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical services organizations to help acquire needed equipment and services. This special solicitation, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, has been established to assist fire departments in the modification, upgrading, and construction of nonfederal fire stations.

Program information detailed above and throughout this module is prepared from a preliminary program announcement and should be used for reference purposes only. We will update you with additional information upon the availability of the full program announcement.

The program staff has stated that this program is still under development by the funding agency. It is not currently known when the funding agency will release the full program solicitation.

The program staff verified the preliminary financial information.

Based on information received from the funding agency, it has been determined that the full solicitation for this program will be released by the end of May 2009, with a due date soon to follow after solicitation.

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