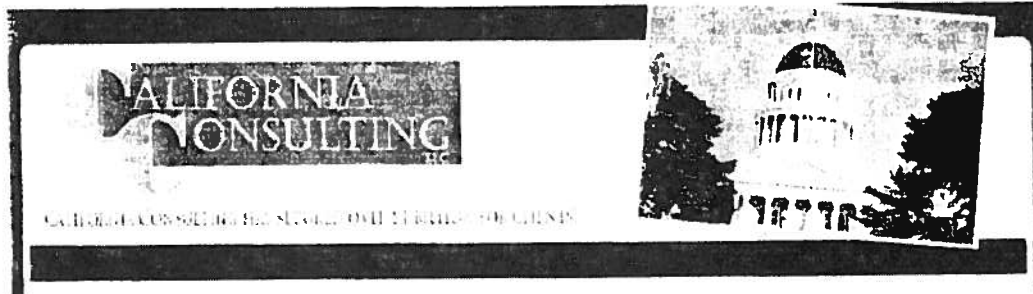


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SB 974 Opposition Update

June 22, 2010

Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy
1120 N Street, Room 360
Sacramento, CA 95834

At: SB 974 (Steinberg) OP-306

To: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee

OP-306 SB 974 (Steinberg), which would effectively gut the California Enterprise Zone (EZ) program, is being opposed.

SB 974 proposes to create a "career tax credit" in an effort to bolster career technical education efforts in this state. However, this new tax credit is "paid for" by eliminating key provisions of California's successful Enterprise Zone Program. Two specific provisions of the EZ Program would be eliminated if SB 974 were enacted. The EZ Program provides important benefits to businesses that invest in a state's most economically distressed areas and provide jobs to disadvantaged individuals.

First, SB 974 would eliminate the Targeted Employment Area (TEA) from the list of eligible areas for the EZ hiring tax credit. As such, the definition of the individuals from whom a business can hire would be substantially high levels of unemployment and poverty would be eliminated. Because a large number of hiring credit vouchers are issued under the TEA criterion, the practical effect of this provision will be to eliminate the majority of the benefit of the EZ Program. The TEA criterion is appropriate because it focuses on hiring individuals who live in the most economically distressed areas and are seeking an employment wage in this state.

Second, SB 974 would require a business to use a certification (also known as a voucher) to be eligible for the EZ hiring tax credit. There are detailed statutes and regulations promulgated by the EDC which provide specific documentation standards and other requirements for obtaining vouchers under the current eligibility criteria. This provision is an arbitrary and capricious deadline that will preclude most employers, particularly small businesses, from claiming the EZ hiring tax credits to which they are otherwise lawfully entitled. The practical effect of this provision is to eliminate "retroactive certification" and instead impose an unreasonable burden on businesses to obtain vouchers to be eligible for the credit.

California's EZ program is vital to California's economy and economic recovery. For these and other reasons, I strongly oppose SB 974 and urge your "NO" vote.

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Human Resources

SB 1285 (Steinberg D) Education employment.

Introduced: 2/19/2010 **Last Amended:** 6/22/2010

Status: 6/30/2010-Senate Education: Passed (Ayes 6, Nays 2.)

Summary: Existing law requires the county superintendent of schools to visit and examine each school in his or her county at reasonable intervals to observe its operation and learn of its problems. Existing law requires that these visits be conducted for specified purposes relating to school safety, pupil instruction, and the accuracy of specified data. This bill would additionally require that these visits determine the extent to which the percentage of teachers in each school who are in their first or second year of teaching exceeds or falls below the percentage of teachers in the district who are in their first or second year of teaching, as specified.

SB 1422 (Romero D) Teachers: pupil survey.

Introduced: 2/19/2010 **Last Amended:** 4/19/2010

Status: 6/30/2010-Senate Education: Passed (Ayes 8, Nays 0.)

Summary: Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to evaluate and assess certificated employee performance as it reasonably relates to the progress of pupils toward the standards of expected pupil achievement and the state adopted academic content standards, the instructional techniques and strategies used by the employee, the employee's adherence to curricular objectives, and the establishment and maintenance of a suitable learning environment. This bill would authorize the student government of a school maintaining any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to establish a committee of pupils and teachers to develop a survey by which pupils may provide feedback to teachers. The survey would be required to solicit pupil opinion on different aspects of a class and the effectiveness of the teacher of the class. The survey would be provided annually to teachers who would survey the pupils in the classes they teach. Survey responses would be confidential and made known only to the teacher whose class is surveyed. Administrators and school or district officials would be prohibited from viewing or having access to any completed pupil survey without the express written consent of the teacher to whom the survey relates. The surveys would be prohibited from becoming part of a teacher's personnel record, from being included in or used to influence the existing teacher evaluation process, and from being used for collective bargaining purposes.

Facilities

AB 220 (Brownley D) Public education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public

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Education Facilities Bond Act.

Introduced: 2/4/2009 **Last Amended:** 6/23/2010

Status: 6/30/2010-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 6, Noes 1.) (June 30).

Summary: Existing law, the California Constitution, prohibits the Legislature from creating a debt or liability that singly or in the aggregate with any previous debts or liabilities exceeds the sum of \$300,000, except by an act that (A) authorizes the debt for a single object or work specified in the act, (B) has been passed by a 2/3rds vote of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature, (C) has been submitted to the people at a statewide general or primary election, and (D) has received a majority of all the votes cast for and against it at that election. This bill would enact the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2010, to become operative only if approved by the voters at the November 2, 2010, statewide general election, and would provide for the submission of that act to the voters at that election. The bond act, if approved by the voters, would provide for the issuance of \$6,100,000,000 of the general obligation bonds to provide aid to school districts, county superintendents of schools, and county boards of education, the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University to construct and modernize education facilities.

SB 1381 (Simitian D) Kindergarten: age of admission.

Introduced: 2/19/2010 **Last Amended:** 6/1/2010

Status: 6/30/2010-Senate Education: Passed (Ayes 6, Noes 2.)

Summary: Existing law requires that a child be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of a school year, or at any time later in the same year if the child will have his or her fifth birthday on or before December 2 of that school year. An elementary school is required to admit a child to the first grade during the first month of a school year if the child will have his or her sixth birthday on or before December 2 of that school year. This bill would change the required birthday for admission to kindergarten and first grade to November 1 for the 2012-13 school year, October 1 for the 2013-14 school year, and September 1 for the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter. To the extent those changes establish new administrative duties on the governing boards of school districts in implementing the changes, they would impose a state-mandated local program.

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California Consulting welcomes newest staff members:

James A. Ritchie

James A. Ritchie, Ph D has joined the firm as the Senior Associate responsible for grant writing. Mr. Ritchie will assume a leadership role in the California Consulting grants department. Jim joins California Consulting as the firm's sixth full time grant writer. Jim will work with a grant writing staff that includes five other full time grant writers, a newly appointed Senior Grants Consultant and a grants intern that composes the company's grants department.

Company Chief Operating Officer Juan Garza, II said, "We were very fortunate to bring Jim on board our team. His grant writing experience with Fresno County as well as his academic success earning a Ph D from one of the nation's top Universities really speaks volumes about his skills. Our grant writing department is clearly stronger than ever now that Jim has agreed to join us."

Mr. Ritchie joins California Consulting, LLC having served as a Researcher, Grant Writer and Analyst with the County of Fresno Behavioral Health Department. During his tenure with the County of Fresno Mr. Ritchie wrote a \$25 million State application that was funded for the County. Jim's work on this major state grant won accolades from the County Board of Supervisors, constituents and others.

Mr. Ritchie holds a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley and has authored numerous research papers, and peer review documents throughout a distinguished career. He has learned 14 languages and has led a stellar academic career prior to his position with the County of Fresno.

Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea commented on the news about Jim's new position saying, "California Consulting was very fortunate to find Jim Ritchie. He is a rare find, hard working, reliable and very talented. I worked with him closely at the County and was pleased to strongly recommend him for his new position at

California Consulting. California Consulting continues its reputation as the state's top grant writing firm and Jim only enhances that already existing reputation."

Antionette Alzon-Hubbell

Antionette Alzon-Hubbell is joining the firm as a Senior Grants Advisor. Antionette holds two Bachelors Degrees (Psychology and Criminal Justice) and two Masters Degrees. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate. She joins the company to assist the firm's existing 6 full time grant writing staff members.

Antionette's Masters Degrees focus on "The Use of Technology in Law Enforcement" and "At-Risk Youth: From CPS Cases to Probation Cases." She is an Adjunct Faculty member for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Phoenix where she currently teaches courses in Criminal Justice among other topics.

Antionette has previously served as a grant writer for the City of Fresno police department from 2006 - 2009 where she wrote the successful City of Fresno CalGRIP application that was funded. Additionally, she was the administrator for the City's CalGRIP grant where she coordinated the evaluation, reporting and administration for this complex grant. Among her other accomplishments at the Fresno P.D. she wrote several OJJDP grant applications, Edward M. Byrne Memorial Justice grants and numerous other law enforcement related federal and state grant applications.

California Consulting owner Steve Samuelian made the announcement and commented, "We are thrilled to have Antionette as part of our team. As a grant writer for one of the largest police departments in the State (Fresno P.D.) she has written dozens of complex federal and state grant applications. She also is a resident expert on CalGRIP having written successful applications for a large police department and administered the grant post award. She will be an outstanding addition to the grant writing team at California Consulting."

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Brandy Gillespie

Brandy was born in Fresno, California, and is a graduate of San Joaquin Memorial High School. Brandy then pursued her education at California State University, Fresno where she earned her Bachelors degree in Liberal Studies with a minor in Child and Family Studies. After receiving her degree at CSUF, Brandy moved to Alaska where she became a Juvenile Justice Officer with the State of Alaska Department of Juvenile Justice. Brandy is still pursuing her education in criminal justice.

Brandy enjoys spending time with her family, reading, traveling and attending many multicultural events.

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Subject: Comparison of House and Senate FFY 2010-2011 Transportation Appropriations Acts
From: Steve Samuelian <steve@californiaconsulting.org>
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 12:56:31 -0400 (EDT)
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Last week, the House passed HR 5850, the FY 2010/2011 Transportation

Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill. At the same time, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported out on S 3644, their draft bill. Attached is a side by side comparison of the major transportation sections of both bills.

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Mathematics and Science Grant

Due September 15, 2010

Please see this informative grant update. If you are interested in pursuing this grant opportunity for your Agency please contact California Consulting, LLC at (559) 244-0801 or carrol@californiaconsulting.org Thank You. Steve

California Mathematics and Science Partnership (Federal Grant)

Seeks to establish partnerships to improve the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science. The focus is to create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics teachers (grade 3 through Algebra I) and science teachers (grades 3 through 8).

Eligible Applicants: LEAs

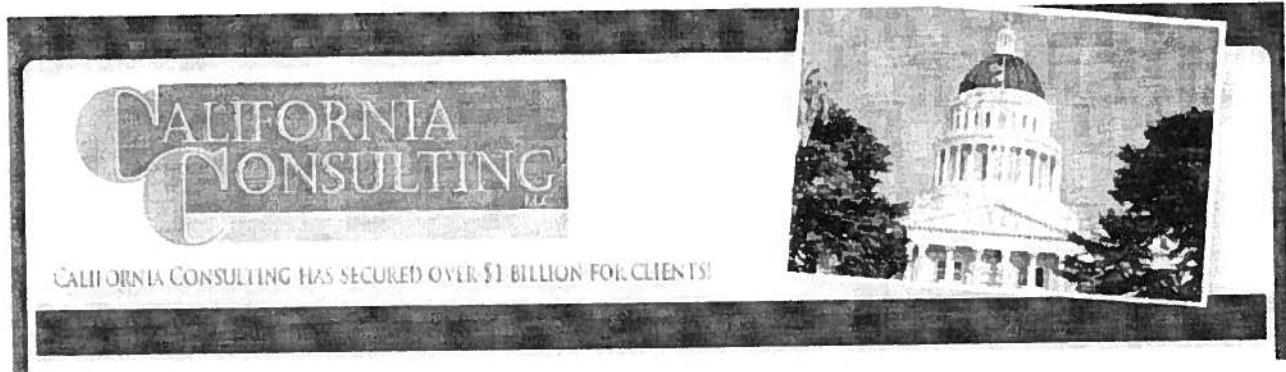
Required Eligibility Criteria: Essential partnership is between LEAs and eligible departments of institutions of higher education ("IHEs"). County offices of education, individual schools, additional LEAs, IHEs, or other organizations concerned about mathematics and science education may also participate in the partnership. Only LEAs who meet the meet the 40% free and reduced lunch criteria may apply as a lead partner. Grades 3-8.

Total Available: \$1,000,000 maximum per recipient

No Match Requirement

Deadline: September 15, 2010

Subject: Grant Update
From: Steve Samuelian <steve@californiaconsulting.org>
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Habitat Conservation Fund ("HCF")

Deadline: October 1, 2010

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Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF)

Application Filing Deadline

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Send HCF project applications to:
California State Parks
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P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

The HCF program consists of seven program categories, which include:

- (1) Deer/Mountain Lion Habitat,
- (2) Rare, Endangered, Threatened or Fully Protected Species,
- (3) Wetlands,
- (4) Anadromous Salmonids and Trout Habitat,
- (5) Riparian Habitat,
- (6) Trails,
- (7) Wildlife Area Activities (an event or series of events intended to bring urban residents into areas with indigenous plants and animals).

Eligible Applicants:

Cities, Counties, or Districts

HCF Application Guides – Revised Draft March 31, 2010

OGALS has created a separate application guide for each of the above-listed seven program categories. To obtain electronic copies of these guides, visit OGALS website at www.parks.ca.gov/grants and follow the links to the Habitat Conservation Fund Program. To obtain hard copies, contact OGALS at (916) 653-7423. Use these HCF Application Guides for the upcoming October 1, 2010 application cycle.

HCF Program Contacts

If you have questions about the HCF, please contact your OGALS Project Officer, HCF Lead Project Officer John Mason at jmason@parks.ca.gov or (916) 651-3143 or Supervisor Deborah Viney at dvine@parks.ca.gov or (916) 651-8572.

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Recreational Trails Program

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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Eligible Applicants:

Cities, Counties, Districts, state agencies, federal agencies and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands

RTP Procedural Guide – Final June 4, 2007

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RTP Program Contacts

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Deadline: November 1, 2010

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Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant



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Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF)

The LWCF program provides matching grants for acquisition or development of lands and facilities that provide or support public outdoor recreation. Local units of government, including cities, counties, and districts that are authorized to acquire, develop, operate and maintain park and recreation areas are eligible to apply. The amount of the State's apportionment for this year is \$1,740,430.

Application Filing Deadline

Applications for LWCF must be postmarked or delivered no later than November 1, 2010.

Send LWCF project applications to:
California State Parks
Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS)
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, California 94296-0001

Eligible Applicants:

Counties, Cities, recreation and park districts, and special districts with authority to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain public park and recreation areas

LWCF Application Guide – Revised Draft May 27, 2010

The LWCF application guide has been updated. For this round of applications, please use the guide dated "May 27, 2010 Draft Grant Application Guide." The criterion has changed significantly to correspond with the new Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) that was completed last year.

The new application guide and administration guide are available on our web page at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants> and follow the links to the annual programs and the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. You may also request a hard copy of the guide by contacting OGALS at (916) 653-7423.

LWCF Program Contacts

If you have questions about the LWCF program, please contact your OGALS Project Officer, LWCF Lead Project Officer Jeanne Marie Ekstrom at jmeksi@parks.ca.gov or (916) 651-7737, or Manager Barbara Baker at bbaker@parks.ca.gov or (916) 651-7743.

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Month Year

Please see attached and also memo below from CALCOG.
Steve

INFORMATION: Aug 31 INVITE Smart Schools for Sustainable Communities

TO: CALCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
FROM: JERRY JEFFE

Dear Colleague:

On August 31, 2010, in Sacramento, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) will host our first policy roundtable: ***Smart Schools for Sustainable Communities: Aligning Sustainable Communities Planning and Public Education in California***, in Sacramento. One of the statutory objectives of the SGC is to recommend policies and investment strategies and priorities to the Governor, the Legislature and other state agencies. We as Californians highly value education and invest billions of dollars in constructing and operating our schools. Community quality and schools are intricately connected and greatly impact our children's future. Yet, we have not thought strategically how we can connect our investment in building schools to leverage state goals in other areas including improving the quality of our communities, the environment, and the health of our children. I hope that you can join me for an interactive dialogue with state wide decision makers that I know will be engaging and informative.

Date: August 31, 2010

Time: 1-5pm

Location: Health Professions High School, 451 McClatchy Way, Sacramento, CA 95818 ([Map/Directions here](#))

GOALS

The overall goal of this half-day meeting is to bring together statewide leaders in education, planning, and policy to discuss promising strategies for connecting schools to the creation of healthy, sustainable communities in California. Our three key objectives include:

1. Learn about the federal Housing and Sustainable Communities programs and their connections to education

2. Identify key opportunities to better link schools to the creation of sustainable communities in California, including

- integrating schools into regional Sustainable Communities Strategies and local planning activities
- school siting, design, and green construction policies
- linking school curriculum and sustainable communities

3. Suggest policy strategies to leverage opportunities for improving educational experiences and realizing sustainable communities

BACKGROUND

California has been making tremendous financial and policy investments in improving educational quality and in making our cities and regions more livable and economically sound. Although schools and community quality are intricately connected, rarely do we think about linking policies across these sectors. This forum begins a conversation of doing so, building on recent statewide activities including the Senate Bill 375, Federal Sustainable Housing and Communities Program, Senate Select Committee on School Facilities, and the California Department of Education's new vision and guiding principles for school facilities that enhance achievement for all students.

This invitational state policy roundtable brings together the work of state, regional, and local agencies in the planning of sustainable communities and presents a unique opportunity to leverage California's ongoing investments in educational innovations and school facilities. As state policy leaders and local communities work towards creating more economically resilient, vibrant, and sustainable communities, young people, and schools can, and should, play important roles.

The event is a collaboration between the Strategic Growth Council, California Department of Education (CDE), UC Berkeley's Center for Cities & Schools, and other partnering state agencies.

This meeting will be limited in size to ensure that we have time and space to dialog and learn from one another. If you are able to join us, please RSVP to Anna Marie Young (annamarie.young@opr.ca.gov) by August 25, 2010.

An event description and tentative agenda are attached.

I hope to see you on August 31st,

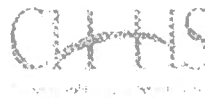
Heather Fargo

*Executive Policy Officer
Strategic Growth Council*

Attachment

2010 Smart Schools Aug 31 Agenda REVISED

Hosted by the
California Strategic Growth Council



and



present

An Invitational State Policy Roundtable:

Smart Schools for Sustainable Communities:

Aligning Sustainable Communities Planning and
Public Education in California

AGENDA (Tentative)

1:00 Welcome & Introductions Bob Fisher, Member, Strategic Growth Council and Deborah McKay, Executive Director, UC Berkeley Center for Cities & Schools

1:30 New Federal Partnerships for Sustainable Communities Matthew Daibey, Smart Growth Program, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1:50 California Policy Panel: High Quality Schools in Healthy, Sustainable Communities Jeff Vincent, Deputy Director Center for Cities & Schools, moderator

- Regional Sustainable Communities Strategies: The Role of Schools Kenneth Kirkey, Planning Director, Association of Bay Area Governments
- Ensuring High Quality School Environments: A Policy Overview Kathleen Moore, Director, School Facilities Planning Division, California Department of Education
- Aligning Infrastructure Investment for Sustainable Communities: Goals, Policies, and Strategies Julia Love Johnston, Deputy Director, Planning Policy, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

3:15 Identifying Policy Opportunities: Facilitated Small Group Dialogue

3:45 Small Groups Report Out

4:45 Closing Remarks Heather Fargo, Executive Policy Officer, Strategic Growth Council

5:00 Adjourn

August 31, 2010
1pm - 5pm

Heath Professions High School
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Sacramento, CA 95818

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August 2010 Newsletter

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New Clients

California Consulting, LLC is pleased to welcome the City of Lindsay, the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District and the Latino Mayors and Local Elected Officials Coalition of Fresno County as our newest clients. This brings our total to 18 new clients that have retained California Consulting in 2010 making California Consulting, LLC one of the State's largest grant writing and advocacy companies.

Testimonial

"California Consulting has delivered exceptional service for the City of Sanger. Whether it has been their excellent lobbying relationships in Sacramento or their excellent grant writing skills, I could not be more pleased with California Consulting."

Mayor Victor Ruiz, City of Sanger

Grants Awards--5 in August!

More grants awarded in August for our clients:

1. City of Reedley/\$10,000/General Mills Foundation/Champions grant/Learning Healthy Habits
2. City of Reedley/PD/\$35,000/DOJ GREAT
3. Salinas Union High School District/ASES Grant/\$300,000
4. City of Kerman Transportation Planning/\$157,500
5. City of Gonzales Transportation Planning/\$40,000

Grants our grant writers are currently working on or have recently submitted for clients

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CVS
Reading Writing & Rythym
PG&E Bright Ideas
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Recreation Trails
Habitat Conservation
Soccer Foundation
Met-Life
USDA High Energy
Lowe's

Assemblyman Torlakson Visits Fresno Area

Fresno--California Consulting, LLC organized a round table meeting with California State Assemblyman Tom Torlakson (D-Antioch) on Thursday July 29, 2010. The private invitation only event was attended by approximately 30 leaders from across the region including several Mayors, City Council Members, School Superintendents, School Board Members, and others. The luncheon was held at Jon's Bear Club in Reedley.

Torlakson is a longtime leader having served as a City Councilman, County Supervisor, State Senator, and now State Assemblyman. Torlakson has served as Chairman of various key Legislative Committees including the Education Committee and the Housing Committee among others. Recognized as a leading expert on local government and education issues Torlakson commented on the state budget, the status of education funding and other important issues at the luncheon. An informative discussion took place involving Torlakson, several Superintendents, Mayors, and others about a variety of issues facing California.

Torlakson was introduced by his longtime friend Orange Cove Mayor Victor Lopez. The welcoming at the luncheon was given by California Consulting owner Steve Samuelian.

After the event Mayor Lopez commented, "This was a fantastic opportunity for local elected officials and education leaders to meet with one of California's top lawmakers. We are very grateful to Assemblyman Torlakson for his commitment to our schools, our children and to the hard working people of the San Joaquin Valley. Tom Torlakson has been an outstanding leader for us and he should be recognized for his good work on behalf of the people of California" said Lopez.

California Consulting, LLC is a San Joaquin Valley based grant writing and governmental affairs company. The firm has recently expanded and has approximately 50 clients across California including 23 cities, 18 school districts, and several other entities.

Testimonial

"California Consulting has performed very well for the City of Delano. We recommend them highly and have been impressed with their hard work and

ability to get things done in Sacramento."
Councilwoman Grace Vallejo, City of Delano

California Consulting presents EZ update at Five Cities Meeting

Steve Samuelian and Juan Garza II provided an update on California Consulting's work to preserve the Enterprise Zone funding at the Five Cities Economic Development Authority meeting, which was held at Fowler City Hall on August 9th.

EZ Conference Call Summary

Recently California Consulting held a conference call with Salinas Valley area Enterprise Zone stakeholders. We have been actively engaged in the EZ issue for several months meeting with Legislators, Staff, Committee Staff, testifying at a hearing, etc. There have been numerous new developments over the last few days relative to the EZ program.

California Consulting attends Modesto Sustainable Communities Workshop

California Consulting grant writers attended the Sustainable Communities Grant Workshop in Modesto.

The Workshop was attended by various city staff and consultants representing cities from across the Central Valley. It included a powerpoint presentation that explained the grant and was followed by a general Q&A session.

Various SGC staff were present at the workshop, including Heather Fargo, Exec. Policy Officer and Brian Leahy, Asst. Director DLRP

The Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program is designed to help local governments meet the challenges of adopting land use plans and integrating strategies in order to transform communities and create long term prosperity. The primary goal of this grant program is to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve the following objectives: improve air and water quality, promote public health, promote equity, increase housing affordability, increase infill and compact development, revitalize urban and community centers, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, reduce automobile usage and fuel consumption, improve infrastructure systems, promote water conservation, promote energy efficiency and conservation, and strengthen the economy.

Cities, counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), Councils of Governments (COGs), or combination thereof, are eligible to apply.

Parks Grants Available



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RTP Program Contacts

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California Consulting Staff Attends EDA Workshop

California Consulting, LLC Senior Associate Dr. Jin Ritchie recently attended the Federal EDA grants workshop in Sacramento. EDA has recently changed several of their grant requirements, timing, and structure. Dr. Ritchie is working on a number of EDA applications for California Consulting clients and he also recently met with the Central Valley EDA representative during a visit to Fresno.

School Grant Available

California School Garden Program

Important Dates

- * All Fall applications must be postmarked by November 15.
- * Grantees will be notified by January 15.

Grant Specifics

Awards **may** include:

- * Up to \$1500
- * Irrigation Kit courtesy of John Deere Water
- * Seeds
- * Teacher Resources
- * Local contacts to assist you in the planning, planting and sustaining of your garden
- * Local retail contacts that will work with you stretch your funds

Grantee Requirements

Schools awarded funding through Western Growers Foundation must:

- * Submit at least three (3) photos in digital format to WGF by the end of the school year
- * Photo releases (supplied by WGF) must be signed by guardian for any students in the photos
- * Complete a brief online survey by the end of the school year

<http://websurveyor.net/wsb.dll/23815/gardenupdate.htm>

- * Agree to possible site visits by WGF staff or representatives

Instructions

- * Download Application here
<http://www.wga.com/DocumentLibrary/SchoolGardenApplication2010_1.doc>
- * Completely fill out application and include all supplemental materials.
- * We cannot consider incomplete applications
- * Application must be postmarked by the above due dates.

Mail applications to:

Foundation Administrator
Western Growers Foundation
P.O. Box 2130
Newport Beach, CA 92658

If you do not receive a School Garden Program grant, please apply again next year!

Grant Application Criteria

The following are a few criteria from the evaluation form that can mean the difference between an application that gets a school a School Garden Program grant, and an application that is not considered:

Detailed sketch of garden area including cement, walkways, shade and water sources

- * Students heavily involved in planning, planting, harvesting, etc.*
- * Garden will be primarily fruits and vegetables*
- * List the uses of the garden*
- * Letter(s) of recommendation*

Contact

Please contact the Foundation Administrator with any questions regarding our School Garden Program or the grant application process.

*Briana Lewis
Foundation Administrator
(949) 885-2259
BLewis@wga.com <mailto:BLewis@wga.com>*

Testimonial

"California Consulting has provided the City of Lemoore with connections to the right people at the right time. They have been very responsive to our needs. I recommend them without hesitation."

Jeff Briltz, City Manager, City of Lemoore

California Consulting Presents at Latino Local Elected Officials Meeting

Juan Garza II, C.O.O. of California Consulting presented an update at the August meeting of the Valley Latino Mayors and Local Elected Officials meeting held at the Fresno COG office. Garza presented an update on the EZ funding as well as detailing California Consulting's lobbying efforts to advocate for Senate confirmation for valley leaders such as Darius Assemi to the CTC and Sheriff Mims to the Lottery Commission.

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Upcoming Grant Opportunities for Schools

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1). Target Field Trip Grants

August 1, 2010 applications begin for Field Trip Grants

This year, the Target Field Trip Grants program is providing more than 470,000 students with the opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences at thousands of unique destinations. This spring, \$4 million will be awarded to educators nationwide to fund grants, providing 1.2 million students in all fifty states the opportunity to experience learning outside the classroom.

2). Charles Lafitte Foundation Grants Education

The mission of the Education Program is to encourage the attainment of knowledge and skills, and the practice of responsible citizenship through access to effective learning opportunities. The foundation provides support for innovative programs aimed at resolving social service issues, assisting students with learning disabilities, providing technology and computer based education, creating access to education of the arts, supporting at-risk children from pre-school to college, and providing learning enhancement, including the development of leadership skills. The Education Program includes support for research and conference as well as support for programs that promote academic excellence in institutions of higher learning.

3). The Michael Davis Music Is Revolution Mini-Grant Application Guidelines

The Music Is Revolution Foundation administers a mini-grant program for music Is Revolution activities designed by teachers to implement, support, and/or improve their ability to provide quality music education for their students. Mini-grants up to \$500 are available to teachers for music education activities of all types. Only projects that clearly contain a music education focus - that is, projects based on the concept of music education, through musical experiences, initiating students into a sense of their social, academic, and cultural identity, and humanizing them through the emotional, cognitive, and/or physical impact of music will be considered. Applicants are encouraged to include activities that

4). Reading, Writing & Rhythm®

Reading, Writing & Rhythm® was founded by Chely Wright, the country music singer, to help provide musical instruments to small or rural school music programs in need.

Reading, Writing & Rhythm® is happy to accept all requests. Due to our limited resources, we are unable to fulfill every request, but we will contact your school if we can provide assistance to your school.

5). Dairy MAX: School Wellness Through Expanding Breakfast Grant Program (limited eligibility) - FY 2010 Due Date: 12-01-10

The purpose of this program is to support the implementation of new alternative breakfast programs for schools participating in the National School Breakfast Program. Funding must be used to start up one of the following types of programs:

1. Breakfast in the Classroom
2. Grab 'N Go Breakfast Program (served outside the cafeteria)
3. Breakfast After 1st Period

Funding is intended to support start-up costs, initial marketing efforts, and the purchase of equipment. Funds can also be used to implement district wellness policies. Projects must have the potential to increase breakfast participation by fifty percent.

Eligibility is limited to schools that are participating in the National School Breakfast Program.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities for Schools

expose students to genres and styles of music not likely to be experienced as a part of their normal daily lives, and to plan the project with input from students, parents, and school administrators, so that the project supports the imaginations of the students while maintaining relevance to the curriculum already in place. Funds may be used for supplies, materials, equipment, transportation for a field trip, and/or to bring a performer or musical group to the school. Funds may not be used for personnel, to replace state or local school funds, or for celebration food and drinks.

Applications for mini-grants are reviewed three times each year. Deadlines are January 15, April 15 and October 15. Applications received after a deadline will be reviewed in the subsequent grant cycle. Applicants will be notified about the status of their mini-grants within sixty days of each deadline. The Music Is Revolution Foundation requests that a final report on the results of the project, along with photographs and/or audio recordings, be submitted to the foundation within thirty days of completion of the project.

Public school teachers of children in grades K-12 may apply for funding. Students and/or parents may participate in the writing of the application.

Sincerely,

Steve Samuelian
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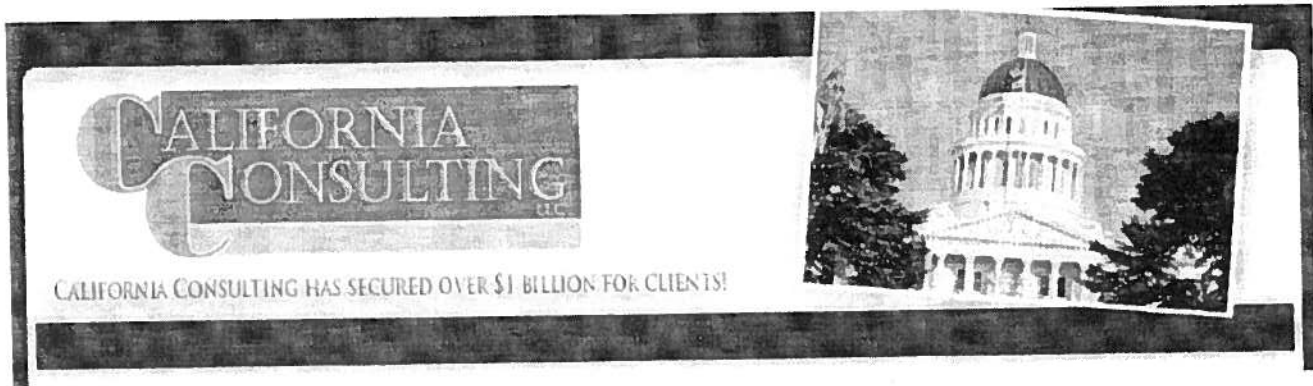
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California Consulting Announces Expansion

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The Fresno based company has become one of the largest grant writing firms in the state

by Business Street Online Staff

Fresno, CA (July 22, 2010) -

California Consulting, LLC, a Fresno based grant writing and advocacy firm, has launched an expansion of their grant writing division by adding three senior staff members after attracting several new clients. With the expansion, the firm now ranks as one of the largest and fastest growing grant writing companies in the state. California Consulting was founded in 2004 and currently has contracts with more than 50 clients across California. Its clients include 23 cities, 16 school districts, two county governments, two Council of Governments (COGs), and some of the state's most respected private for-profit and non-profit entities. "California Consulting has delivered for their clients," said Fresno City Council Member Blong Xiong. "Whether it is their high quality grant writing or their outstanding lobbying, this is a company that gets the job done. California Consulting has earned a reputation as a high quality and highly regarded grant writing and governmental affairs firm."

The new staff members are Chief Operating Officer Juan Garza II, Senior Associate James Ritchie, Ph.D., and Senior Grants Advisor Antoinette Aizon-Hubbell. With the addition of these three professionals, California Consulting now has six full-time grant writers, a senior grants advisor, two administrative support staff, the COO and the owner. "California Consulting has played a major role in several key projects across the San Joaquin Valley," said Fresno area community leader Peter Weber. "They should be commended for their collaboration, hard work, coalition building and ability to work across party lines to be effective." California Consulting clients include the Fresno Council of Governments, which includes all 15 cities in Fresno County. Additional clients include the County of Fresno, the Kern Council of Governments (all cities in Kern County and the County of Kern) and others.

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Monterey County Herald Article about Salinas
Valley I-HUB

Salinas Valley I-HUB Grant Application

California Consulting Senior Associate Dr. Jim Ritchie was the grant writer responsible for this application, working in conjunction and collaboration with an outstanding and highly competent team of individuals and organizations, as mentioned in the article.



Salinas Valley innovation hub designation sought

By LANE WALLACE

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An application to make the Salinas Valley an innovation hub has been submitted to the governor's Office of Economic Development.

The idea is to create "a network that represents a common goal" of bringing innovation and jobs to the area, said Abby Taylor-Silva, vice president of policy and communications for the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, lead agency for the application.

Encouraging agricultural research has long been a theme of Salinas Mayor Dennis Donohue.

Monterey County is one of eight applicants for the second round of designations, Taylor-Silva said. She doesn't know how many will be selected.

Six areas were designated what the state calls iHubs earlier this year: Sacramento, Rohnert Park, Livermore Valley, San Francisco, Palm Springs, Orange County and San Diego.

There is no money involved in the designation, but it could gain recognition for the area and might help if grants become available later, Taylor-Silva said.

Among the backers of the application are the University of California, CSU Monterey Bay, Hartnell College, the city of Salinas, the county, the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Center, CHISPA affordable housing agency, and the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association.

It hasn't been decided what type of innovation companies to seek for the iHub, but food safety and water conservation are key issues now, Taylor-Silva said.

"The Salinas Valley has a history of innovation," she said, including machines for packing broccoli in the field, lettuce loading machines, and advances in drip irrigation.

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Assemblyman Torlakson Visits Fresno Area

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July 29, 2010

Fresno--California Consulting, LLC organized a roundtable meeting with California State Assemblyman Tom Torlakson (D-Antioch) on Thursday July 29, 2010. The private invitation only event was attended by approximately 30 leaders from across the region including several Mayors, City Councilmembers, School Superintendents, School Board Members, and others. The luncheon was held at Jon's Bear Club in Reedley.

Torlakson is a longtime leader having served as a City Councilman, County Supervisor, State Senator, and now State Assemblyman. Torlakson has served as Chairman of various key Legislative Committees including the Education Committee and the Housing Committee among others. Recognized as a leading expert on local government and education issues Torlakson commented on the state budget, the status of education funding and other important issues at the luncheon. An informative discussion took place involving Torlakson, several Superintendents, Mayors, and others about a variety of issues facing California.

Torlakson was introduced by his longtime friend Orange Cove Mayor Victor Lopez. The welcoming at the luncheon was given by California Consulting owner Steve Samuelian.

After the event Mayor Lopez commented, "This was a fantastic opportunity for local elected officials and education leaders to meet with one of California's top lawmakers. We are very grateful to Assemblyman Torlakson for his commitment to our schools, our children and to the hard working people of the San Joaquin Valley. Tom Torlakson has been an outstanding leader for us and he should be recognized for his good work on behalf of the

people of California" said Lopez.

California Consulting, LLC is a San Joaquin Valley based grant writing and governmental affairs company. The firm has recently expanded and has approximately 50 clients across California including 23 cities, 18 school districts, and several other entities.

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Important Education Update August 6, 2010

Stephen Rhoads has provided the following information as well as the very helpful attachments. Please review and let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. Steve

/Childcare./ The Conference Committee rejected the Governor's cost reduction proposals in child care and instead adopted a 5 percent Reserve Cap on Child Care Providers (language below). They also adopted Budget Bill language requiring the Department of Education to submit a report by April 15, 2011 to the chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Director of Finance on improper payments in childcare programs and conclusions drawn from the investigation of those improper payments.

Budget Bill Language

1. Notwithstanding Section 8450 of the California Education Code, for contracts issued pursuant to Education Code Sections 8230, 8235, 8240 and 8250, the Superintendent shall offset the 2010-11 apportionments with funds maintained in a contractor's Center-based reserve account within the child development fund as of June 30, 2010. The offset of apportionments shall continue until such time that the reserve account balance is five percent of the sum of the contract maximum reimbursable amount(s) contributing to the Center-based reserve account.

2. The State Department of Education (SDE) shall conduct quarterly analyses of fiscal and attendance reports for fiscal year 2010-11 and may adjust contract maximum reimbursable amounts due to the under utilization of funds in the contracts issued pursuant to Education Code Sections 8230, 8235, 8240, and 8250. California Education Code, Sections 8400-8409 and California Code of Regulations, title 5, Section 18301, are not applicable to the contract adjustments specified in this paragraph.

T railer Bill Language

Addition to Education Code Section 8450

Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), effective July 1, 2011 a contractor may retain a reserve fund balance equal to 5 percent of the sum of the maximum reimbursable amounts of all contracts to which the contractor is a party, or two thousand dollars (\$2,000), whichever is greater. This subdivision does not apply to resource and referral programs or to alternative payment model and certificate child care contracts.

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- 2. Budget Summary - Attachment 2
- 3. New SIG Allocations - Attachment 3
- 4. Federal Update - Good news

Education Update - Attachment 1

Grant Update: California School Garden Program

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California School Garden Program
Deadline: November 15, 2010

Please see this informative grant update. If you are interested in pursuing this grant opportunity for your Agency please contact California Consulting, LLC at (559) 244-0801 or carrol@californiaconsulting.org. Thank you. Steve.

School Grant

California School Garden Program

Important Dates

- * All Fall applications must be postmarked by November 15.
- * Grantees will be notified by January 15.

Grant Specifics

Awards *may* include:

- * Up to \$1500
- * Irrigation Kit courtesy of John Deere Water
- * Seeds
- * Teacher Resources
- * Local contacts to assist you in the planning, planting and sustaining of your garden
- * Local retail contacts that will work with you stretch your funds

Grantee Requirements

Schools awarded funding through Western Growers Foundation must:

- * Submit at least three (3) photos in digital format to WGF by the end of the school year
- * Photo releases (supplied by WGF) must be signed by guardian for any students in the photos
- * Complete a brief online survey by the end of the school year

<http://websurveyor.net/wsb.dll/23815/gardenupdate.htm>

- * Agree to possible site visits by WGF staff or representatives

Instructions

- * Download Application here
http://www.wga.com/DocumentLibrary/SchoolGardenApplication2010_1.doc
- * Completely fill out application and include all supplemental materials.
- * We cannot consider incomplete applications
- * Application must be postmarked by the above due dates.

* Mail applications to:

Foundation Administrator
Western Growers Foundation
P.O. Box 2130
Newport Beach, CA 92658

If you do not receive a School Garden Program grant, please apply again next year!

Grant Application Criteria

The following are a few criteria from the evaluation form that can mean the difference between an application that gets a school a School Garden Program grant, and an application that is not considered:

Detailed sketch of garden area including cement, walkways, shade and water sources

- * Students heavily involved in planning, planting, harvesting, etc.
- * Garden will be primarily fruits and vegetables
- * List the uses of the garden
- * Letter(s) of recommendation

Contact

Please contact the Foundation Administrator with any questions regarding our School Garden Program or the grant application process.

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Eligible Applicants

- Cities and Counties that meet ALL threshold eligibility criteria.
- Jurisdictions may subcontract through a recreation and park district or non profit organization that has among its purposes the conservation of natural or cultural resources.

Annual Progress Report (GC 65400)

- Charter cities must submit an Annual Progress Report to be eligible for the WFH Program
- Annual Progress Report should cover calendar year 2009

Threshold Requirements

- Approval of eligible units affordable and Very Low or Low-Income households AND documentation of a completed foundation inspection during the designated 12 month period covered by the Notice of Funding Availability (Jan 1, 2010-Dec 31, 2010)

Foundation Inspection Report

- Must have occurred on or after January 1, 2010
- Must provide documentation of inspection record approval with application for each eligible unit.

Income Eligibility and Verification

- Meet the published income limits for very-low and low-income households as listed on the HCD's websites
- Demonstrate number of units eligible by income level.

- Used the published income limits available when the permit was issued.

Bedroom Count Documentation

- Tax credit reservation letter with attachment or other subsidy document.
- Floor plan
- Plan check
- Signed letter from program sponsor
- Approval project description (Memo/Staff report to Legislative Body.)

Bonus Funds

- 6 potential bonuses
- Unit based bonuses (2) bonus is tied to the units used to qualify for the base award.
- Park project location bonuses (3) bonus is tied to the location of the park project for which the jurisdiction is proposing to use the funds received.
- RHNA Bonus (1)

Dates to Remember

- Foundation Inspections On or after 01/01/10
- Annual Progress Report to HCD (for calendar Year 2009) 12/31/10
- Adopted Housing Element to HCD 12/31/10
- Release of Application 12/10
- Tentative Application Deadline 03/11
- Tentative Award Announcement 06/11

Next Steps

- Meet with Planning Department
 - a. Check Housing Element in Compliance
 - b. Annual Progress Report...Who is responsible?
- Meet with building Official
 - a. Check for affordable development in 2010
 - b. Documentation-foundation inspection reports
- Meet with housing program staff and housing sponsors
 - a. Check for any affordable projects in the pipeline?
 - b. How is the affordability (very-low and low) documented?
 - c. Has project funding been approved?
 - d. Only ONE application per city will be accepted.

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