

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER
FROM: ED GALLAGHER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: GRANT PARTICIPATION REQUEST

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Needs: For the City Council to reconfirm participation in a grant program to fund a regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) "toolkit" funded through PG&E and the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (SLOAPCD).

Facts:

1. The City collaborated on a grant application to the State Resources Agency - Strategic Growth Council with the County and the other small cities last year to prepare a regional CAP toolkit. However, the grant application was not approved.
2. Recently SLOAPCD partnered with PG&E and has been approved for a grant of \$400,000 to prepare the same project. The SLOAPCD Board will be accepting this grant at their meeting on November 16, 2011.
3. To participate in this project the City needs to resubmit a letter to SLOAPCD confirming the City's interest to be a partner on this project.
4. The project scope has not changed since last year. No monetary match is required, however as in the previous grant, in-kind staff time would be needed.

**Analysis
and**

Conclusions: This request is to reconfirm the City's interest in partnering on a grant to fund preparation of a regional Climate Action Plan. A copy of the City's previous "Letter of Intent" to participate in this project is provided in Exhibit 1.

As noted, the project scope has not changed since the City Council previously authorized participation in this project last year. The project includes: preparing a model "toolbox" of measures to evaluate air pollution reduction and adaptation measures; public outreach; a plan tailored to Paso Robles; and preparation of model General Plan policies for implementation.

Options: The City Council is requested to take one of the actions listed below:

- a. By voice - vote direct the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent to partner on this project.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above-listed action.

Staff Report Prepared By: Susan DeCarli, Planning Manager

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Prior Letter of Intent



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"The Pass of the Oaks"

Exhibit 1
Prior Letter of Intent

May 1, 2010

California Natural Resources Agency
Strategic Growth Council
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Sustainable Communities - Planning Grant and Incentives Program
Focus Area #3: Letter of Intent

Dear Madam or Sir:

The City of Paso Robles is pleased to participate as a partner in the application for a grant for Focus Area #3: Regional Planning Activities with Multiple Partners, made available through the State of California Strategic Growth Council. It is the intent of the City of Paso Robles to partner on a joint application with the other "small cities" in San Luis Obispo County on a Sustainable Communities - Planning Grant and Incentives Program grant to develop a region wide "Small Cities of San Luis Obispo County Climate Action Plan".

If successful, this grant will ensure that all of the cities, including Paso Robles will be able to develop a strategic plan for compliance with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and goals of AB 32.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mayor Duane Picanco

cc: Jim App, City Manager
Ron Whisenand, Community Development Director
Susan DeCarli, Planning Manager