

Dates of Activity: January 2008 through March 2008  
**Seed Grant:** Growing Clean Energy Capacity in the San Joaquin Valley  
**Grantee Organization:** Kings River Conservation District/San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization  
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**Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership**

The purpose of this grant is to formally establish and begin operation of the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO). On Sept. 13, 2007, the SJVCEO Board of Directors held its first meeting; the organization formally began operation. The SJVCEO will be the principal vehicle and focal point through which the Partnership will implement the energy provisions of its Strategic Action Proposal. Specific accomplishment during the quarter includes:

| <b>Accomplishment</b>   | <b>Applicable Seed Grant Task</b> | <b>Applicable Partnership Energy Work Group Goal/ Objective</b> |
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| <p><b>1. Board Support.</b> Held Meetings of the SJVCEO Board of Directors on Feb. 7. The board: <b>a)</b> continued a strategic planning process to confirm the priority areas of focus for the SJVCEO; and <b>b)</b> continued the process to create a business plan and development strategy for the organization. The highlight of the meeting was in-depth presentations on the three priority activities areas of focus for the organization: <b>1)</b> development of a regional plan and report on progress under the plan; <b>2)</b> greening of all cities in the Valley; and <b>3)</b> support renewable energy for fuel and electric power production.</p> <p>During this period, planning began for the next board meeting held on April 3. Paul Clanon, Executive Director, California Public Utilities Commission, agreed to participate in the meeting. (See Attachments 1 and 2)</p> | #1<br>#2                          | # IAB   |
| <p><b>2. Development.</b> Continued implementation of development strategy for the SJVCEO. Received notice that Valley CAN had approved funding for a clean energy project through the SJVCEO in Arvin and that Pacific Gas and Electric was expected to approve funding for a project through the SJVCEO focusing on West Side communities. In addition, the SJVCEO was included as a partner in a proposal submitted by Visalia to Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas to establish a local government partnership.</p> <p>To cover unrestricted costs for the SJVCEO, we drafted a strategy for the organization to be discussed with the SJVCEO Board at its April 3 meeting. (See Attachment 3).</p>  | #2                                | #1A   |
| <p><b>3. Administration and Program Support.</b> Continued development of administrative systems and support functions for the SJVCEO. This includes: <b>1)</b> continued preparation of the paperwork for the IRS nonprofit filing for the organization; <b>2)</b> development of a conflict of interest policy for the organization, <b>3)</b> development of a prototype Web site; and <b>4)</b> development best practice information from other sustainable communities (see Attachment 4).</p>  | #1, #2                            | #1A   |
| <p><b>4. Support to Communities.</b> Continued to provide technical support and assistance to Visalia through our MOU with the city. This partnership will serve as a model for SJVCEO to other communities in the region. This support took the form of investigating options, tools and costs for conducting municipal and</p>  | #1<br>#3                          | # 2ADE  |

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| <p>community level greenhouse gas emissions inventories, establishing related baselines and setting follow-on emissions reductions targets.</p> <p>Drafted a work plan and began interviews to initiate a clean energy project in Arvin (see Attachment 5). The bulk of the funding for this project will come from a grant that the SJVCEO received from Valley CAN (see #2 above).</p> <p>Conducted phone interviews with the Deputy City Manager in Stockton and set up an April meeting to explore ways that the SJVCEO could help the city meet its clean energy objectives.</p> <p>Wrote questionnaires for cities and counties to assess their current level of sustainability activity and interest in partnering with the SJVCEO (see Attachment 6 and 7).</p> <p>March 27 meeting with city representatives at COG meeting in Bakersfield to explore city interests in partnering with SJVCEO to support their clean energy interests. We plan to hold similar meetings, in the near future, with COGs in the remaining seven counties in the Valley.</p> <p>On behalf of the SJVCEO, SEI staff compiled and submitted a Flex Your Power Community Outreach Grant proposal, which was rejected by the Flex your Power organization in March.</p> |                                   |   |
| <p><b>5. Regional Plan/Renewable Power Development.</b> Developed and presented a presentation for the annual conference of the 25x'25 Initiative. As part of that presentation, regional energy projects under way and regional potential for additional renewable energy development were identified. These preliminary results will assist in the development of the regional clean energy plan. (See Attachment 8).</p>  | #1<br>#3                          | #1AB<br># 3A  |
| <p><b>6. Conference Development.</b> SJVCEO began planning for a regional conference for fall 2008 to identify specific value-added activities that the SJVCEO could support to increase use of clean energy in the Ag sector and its communities.</p>   | #3                                | #1AB, #2ABCDE<br>#3ABCDE<br>#4ABC, #5ABCD                       |

**Planned Activities for next 3-6 months**

The SJVCEO will undertake a number of startup activities. These include:

- Meet with the SJVCEO Board in person every two months and electronically on an ongoing basis to continue development and implementation of the Business Plan and fundraising strategy for the organization;
- Continue to pursue funding consistent with Business Plan and fundraising strategy;
- Develop marketing material using new logo and begin full operation of the Web site;
- Submit final necessary paperwork to IRS for the nonprofit;
- Create work statement for developing a regional clean energy plan;
- Continue the partnership with Visalia and Arvin; develop partnerships with Stockton and additional cities;
- Continue to develop database on resources and best practices;
- Gather information on opportunities for Valley communities to participate in the design of the Federal Energy Block Grant program; and
- Participate in meetings sponsored by COGs to reach out to Valley cities to explore sustainability interests.

