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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We submitted a \$46,000 proposal to Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN) to fully fund a clean energy program with Arvin. We were notified by Valley CAN that the proposal was fully funded.</li> <li>We received several financial sponsorship commitments from individuals and organizations during the quarter. We expect this campaign to continue and expand during the next quarter.</li> <li>We developed a \$20,000 grant proposal to fund a clean energy program in Avenal. The proposal was submitted in October.</li> </ul>		
<p>3. <b>Administration and Program Support.</b> Continued development of administrative systems and support functions for SJVCEO. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We were notified in August that the IRS has formally approved SJVCEO as a nonprofit organization.</li> <li>We assumed the role as lead organization for this seed grant from the Kings River Conservation District.</li> </ul>	#1, #2	#1A
<p>4. <b>Support to Communities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued to provide technical support and assistance to <b>Visalia</b> through our MOU with the city. Staff began work under a contract with Visalia to develop a greenhouse gas emissions baseline for the City.</li> <li>Continued support for a clean energy program in Arvin. Participated in assessments of eight businesses in the City in September to identify practical steps that they could take to reduce energy and water use and waste production to save money.</li> <li>SJVCEO/SEI staff met with <b>Stockton</b> Deputy City Manager Christine Tien to firm up plans for an internship position to help the City move forward with potential “green” and clean energy initiatives.</li> <li>In September, SJVCEO developed the scope of a clean energy project with <b>Avenal</b> patterned after the work we are doing with Arvin. We will be submitting a proposal in October to the Fresno Regional Foundation to fund this work.</li> <li>As previously mentioned, we are continuing work with all three investor-owned utilities, Tulare County, and all of its jurisdictions to establish a first-of-its-kind local government partnership to increase energy efficiency investments in <b>Tulare County</b>.</li> </ul>	#1 #3	# 2ABCDE #3ABC
<p>5. <b>Develop Baseline for Regional Energy Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We refined our baseline and potential for renewable energy potential in the Valley and provided it to Congressman Jim Costa at our September board meeting. Our conclusion remains that Valley-based renewables could provide future power needs for the region and provide a significant portion of the future power needs of the entire state of California.</li> </ul>	#1 #3	#1AB # 3A
<p>6. <b>Support for Renewable Energy Development in the Ag Sector</b></p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SJVCEO/SEI staff solidified plans to hold <b>Farming Clean Energy Conference</b> at Southern California Edison's Agricultural Technology Application Center in Tulare Nov. 5-6. Conference tracts, moderators, and speakers were identified, sponsorships secured, and conference marketing initiated.</li> </ul>	#2 and #3	#1AB #2ABCDE #3ABCDE #4ABC #5ABCD
<p><b>7. Green Workforce Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SJVCEO Education and Workforce Development Committee met and identified the value-added role that SJVCEO could play to increase the green collar workforce in the San Joaquin Valley.</li> <li>SJVCEO hosted the Green Economy Forum in Fresno on Sept. 18. Forum explored the positive role the Valley could play in growing the green economy in the state of California.</li> </ul>	#2	#5AB

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

SJVCEO will continue to undertake a number of the following activities during the next and final quarter of this seed grant, including:

- Meet with SJVCEO board every two months in person and electronically on an ongoing basis.
- Aggressively seek 1) financial sponsorships to cover unrestricted funding needs of the organization; and 2) project grants consistent with business plan and fundraising strategy;
- Continue baseline development for a regional clean energy plan;
- Continue the community partnerships;
- Continue to add content to the Web site, develop data base on resources and best practices;
- Hold a successful Farming Clean Energy Conference in Tulare Nov. 5-6, 2008.

**Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback**

The biggest challenge over the next few months remains to secure additional funding (particularly unrestricted funding) for SJVCEO to supplement and transition from seed grant funding from the state and ensure the financial sustainability of the organization.

**If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.**

We are working with another seed grant recipient to coordinate our work with Arvin and Avenal. We have coordinated outreach with the other work groups for the Green Economy Forum held in Fresno in September and the Farming Clean Energy Conference to be held in Tulare in November.

The following attachments may be downloaded from the [Energy Work Group Document Library](#) located on the Partnership Web site:

1. Agenda - July 2008 SJVCEO Board Meeting
2. Minutes - July 2008 SJVCEO Board Meeting
3. Agenda - September 2008 SJVCEO Board Meeting