

Dates of Activity: October 2008 through December 2008
Seed Grant: Growing Clean Energy Capacity in the San Joaquin Valley
Grantee Organization: San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

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 board of directors of SJVCEO held its first meeting, and the organization formally began operation. SJVCEO will be the principal vehicle and focal point through which the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley will implement the energy provisions of its SAP. Specific accomplishments during the quarter included:

Accomplishment	Seed Grant Task	Energy Work Group Goal/Objective
<p>1. Board Support. Meetings of SJVCEO Board of Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ November meeting – The SJVCEO Board met on November 6 after the Farming Clean Energy Conference in Tulare. (See below for additional Information on the conference) The primary topics of discussion were a financial review of the organization, messages coming out of the conference, and the views of the Board on the energy provisions of the Farm Bill. Based on this conversation the SJVCEO Executive Director sent a letter to the California Director of the USDA offering comments on the best way to implement these provisions. See Board Minutes at Attachment 1. ▪ During this period, we also began planning for the next board meeting which will be held on Nov. 6. 	<p>#1 #2</p>	<p>#IAB</p>
<p>2. Development. Continued implementation of the Development Strategy for SJVCEO. Interviewed and selected a part-time development officer to secure sustainable funding for SJVCEO. Specific activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SJVCEO received \$10,000 sponsorships from Chevron and PG&E and several individuals. Submitted a proposal to PG&E for an additional \$50,000 in November. ▪ Participated in discussions with PG&E, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas, Tulare County, and jurisdictions within the county, to serve as administrator for the local government partnership to be funded by utilities in the county. Received approval from Southern California Edison in November to serve as the Administrator of this project. ▪ 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. ▪ The SJVCEO Executive held a strategic planning meeting on Dec. 19 to identify priorities for project funding in 2009. 	<p>#2</p>	<p>#1A</p>

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<p>3. Administration and Program Support. Continued development of administrative systems and support functions for SJVCEO. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Began process to renew and update Board membership in 2009. ▪ Worked with KPTV to develop TV spots to promote the SJVCEO and its sponsors. 	#1, #2	#1A
<p>4. Support to Communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continued to provide technical support and assistance to Visalia through our MOU with the city. Staff began work under a contract with Visalia to develop a greenhouse gas emissions baseline for the City. ▪ Continued support for a clean energy program in Arvin under the grant from Valley CAN. Participated in meetings and conference calls with the City during the quarter to identify practical steps that they could take to reduce energy and water use and waste production to save money ▪ SJVCEO/SEI staff met with Stockton 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. ▪ 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 Tulare County. This is expected to begin in early 2009. 	#1 #3	# 2ABCDE #3ABC
<p>5. Develop Baseline for Regional Energy Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We continued to refine our baseline and potential for renewable energy potential in the Valley. 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. Drafted an approach to apply these results to the development of a Regional Energy Plan. 	#1 #3	#1AB # 3A
<p>6. Support for Renewable Energy Development in the Ag Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SJVCEO/SEI held a Farming Clean Energy Conference at Southern California Edison’s Agricultural Technology Application Center in Tulare Nov. 5-6. The conference was attended by over 200 participants and produced a series of recommendations on actions needed to significantly increase the level of clean energy investments in the agricultural sector. See Attachment 2 for a conference summary. 	#2 and #3	#1AB #2ABCDE #3ABCDE #4ABC #5ABCD

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

- SJVCEO will continue to undertake a number of the following activities after the conclusion of the seed grant, including:
- Meet with SJVCEO board every two months in person and electronically on an ongoing basis.

- Seek opportunities for the SJVCEO and the Valley to fully participate in the clean energy initiatives of the Obama Administration.
- 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;

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 continued working with another seed grant recipient to coordinate our work with Arvin and Avenal.

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

1. Minutes – November 2008 SJVCEO Board Meeting
2. Summary – Results of the November Farming Clean Energy Conference