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LAND USE, AGRICULTURE & HOUSING WORK GROUP (LUAH)

Lead Agency: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS	2010 1st QUARTER REPORT (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Foster regional consensus to support development and implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Objective A: Assist development of regional consensus on values, goals, strategies and guidelines for the Regional Blueprint Plan.	C	Scenario B+ adopted; implementation phase occurring
Coordinate with 8 Councils of Government (COGs) in the region to support Blueprint as the vehicle for achieving land use, transportation and air quality.	IP	Blueprint implementation ongoing
Objective B: Develop a high-value parks and open space strategy.	C	State Parks System and Valley Park Plan completed
Coordinate with 8 COGs through the Blueprint, engage community groups and conservation interests.		
Goal 2: Promote adoption of community design guidelines that will ensure strong neighborhoods, improve mobility, improve air quality, increase energy efficiency in buildings and increase infrastructure cost-effectiveness through land use.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted Smart Growth Principles
Objective A: Increase the overall average density of new development.		
Blueprint to adopt framework for development including density average goals.	C	Blueprint adopted
Objective B: Reduce urban run-off by decreasing the land covered by commercial and industrial parking.		Discontinued
Review commercial industrial parking standards.		Discontinued
Objective C: Promote the adoption and implementation of zoning ordinances that are form based and more flexible.		Discontinued
Blueprint - local planners review zoning issues.		
Objective D: Study and adopt a strategic concept for accommodating new growth by encouraging communities with the necessary elements and constraints to be cost-effective and self-sufficient in achieving the overall goals and objectives.		
Research optimal (minimum) size of communities for fiscal and economic self-sufficiency.	IP	
Goal 3: Determine requisite regional infrastructure and funding strategies to support implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objective A: Develop and implement a plan for the provision of regional infrastructure.	IP	
Based on adapted Blueprint, assess regional infrastructure needs.	IP	
Objective B: Develop and implement a process for monitoring the performance and adequacy of regional infrastructure and determining future needs.	IP	
Develop an integrated process/forum through COGs to discuss regional infrastructure.		

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Goal 4: Improve the planning and development process to be consistent with the Regional Blueprint Plan and provide incentives for smart growth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objective A: Improve the sharing, access and use of planning and environmental resource data among state, COGs, local governments, business organizations, environmental groups, other stakeholders and the public for more informed decision-making.		IP Sharing of information and collaboration continues to occur with discussions between the Partnership, the Policy Council and Blueprint implementors.
Distribute open space and valuable land maps to interested parties, COG planners and GIS modelers.		
Goal 5: Develop a long-range strategy for agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley that ensures its viability and sustainability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objective A: Develop a long range plan to maintain the viability of agriculture in the region.		IP Consideration of an Ag plan for the San Joaquin Valley
CDFA to research and propose an AG Plan for the region.		IP
Objective B: Minimize the proliferation of ranchette development on farmland.		
COGs Model projects of alternative land use scenarios.		IP Blueprint awards provided to model projects
Objective C: Reduce the loss of farmland attributable to General Plan amendments.		IP Scenario B+
Work with COGs and Blueprint and legislature to consider "no net loss" policies.		
Goal 6: Ensure safe and healthy communities that provide a variety of housing types affordable to all residents and more opportunities for home ownership.	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP
Objective A: Increase the number and availability of housing units for people of all income levels, especially working families.		IP Subcommittee: San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative working on this issue, local government agencies (cities and counties) providing programs for first-time home buyers targeting low- and medium-income earners.
Work with COGs and housing providers to organize and fund Regional Housing Trust.		Discontinued
Establish priorities and criteria that will provide incentives for local jurisdictions to establish trust fund accounts.		Discontinued
Work with COGs through Blueprint Process to 1) synchronize housing element and RHNA planning, 2) establish resources to COGs and local jurisdictions to complete housing elements, set aside land, and develop resources to meet housing goals within the General Plans.		Discontinued
Organize training and resource team for local jurisdictions.		Discontinued

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Objective B: Provide incentives for affordable housing that meets the needs of all income levels in the region.			Discontinued
Establish Regulatory Reform targets and vehicles for local jurisdictions.			Discontinued
Education: Tours by officials to master planned and sustainable developments			Discontinued
Develop and expand tool box of resources for local jurisdictions to use in housing development including green building for energy efficiency and renewables.			Discontinued
Goal 7: Identify legislative and regulatory changes necessary to facilitate the implementation of the adopted goals and strategies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	
Objective A: Use the San Joaquin Valley as a pilot for testing new permitting and environmental incentives that will facilitate infill and refill developments.			Discontinued
GVC work with State Resources Agency and OPR to implement test for limited time.			Discontinued
Objective B: Develop and innovative approach to establishing a voluntary high value open space conservation system.			Discontinued
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Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter			
New funds leveraged during the quarter.			