

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Planning and Community Development

BOARD AGENDA # *D-2

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AGENDA DATE July 12, 2011

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development, or Designee, to Apply for an Urban Greening Planning Grant, from the Strategic Growth Council of California, for Fiscal Years 2011-2012 to 2014-2015, and to Develop the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan, Provided Grant Funds are Awarded

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt a Resolution to authorize the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, or his designee, to apply for an Urban Greening Planning Grant, from the California Strategic Growth Council, for Fiscal Years 2011-2012 to 2014-2015, to allow for the development of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.
2. Authorize the submittal of a joint funding request to the California Strategic Growth Council for the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan on behalf of Stanislaus County, the City of Modesto, and the Tuolumne River Trust and to authorize the development of the proposed master plan, if funds are awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant would provide approximately \$350,000 to the participating jurisdictions of the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County and the Tuolumne River Trust to allow the development of an Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan. The exact amount of this grant is not yet known. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-424

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

The Strategic Growth Council of California has requested proposals for their Urban Greening Planning Grant Program. A formal resolution from the elected body is required as part of the application process.

The Strategic Growth Council and Senate Bill (SB) 732 objectives are to improve air and water quality, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve infrastructure systems, promote public health, and assist state and local entities in the planning of sustainable communities and meet Assembly Bill (AB) 32 goals. AB 32, signed into law 2006, outlines initiatives for reducing climate change or greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions throughout California. These efforts aim at reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 - a reduction of approximately 30 percent, and then an 80 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2050. Through collaborative efforts at various levels of government and with community stakeholders, the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) considers "urban greening", which is defined by the SGC as community-based efforts to plan, plant, care, and manage flora, structures and spaces, which lead to increased forest canopy, reduced storm water runoff, improved air and water quality, energy conservation, open space and ultimately, more sustainable communities, to play an important role in creating sustainable communities. Because of the built-out nature of California's urban areas, the Urban Greening Planning Program (Program) provides funds to assist entities in developing a master urban greening plan that will ultimately result in projects to help the State meet its environmental goals and the creation of healthy communities. The plan must outline or layout projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits including, but not limited to, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increasing the reliability of local water supplies, or increasing adaptability to climate change.

In partnership with the City of Modesto (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods, Planning and Public Works Departments), the Stanislaus County Public Works Department and the Tuolumne River Trust, Stanislaus County's Department of Planning and Community Development will be applying for funds to create an Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan. The Airport Neighborhood is located on the south end of the City of Modesto, by the Modesto Airport, between the Tuolumne River and Dry Creek, and is divided into two jurisdictions, with the southeast portions under the jurisdiction of the City of Modesto and the northwest portions under the unincorporated jurisdiction of Stanislaus County. The Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will be made up of the following elements:

- Goal and objectives of plan
- Existing conditions and needs assessment
- "Complete Streets" design, inclusive of safe routes to school

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- Assessment of storm water run-off system options
- Green space plant palette and connectivity, including public access to (regional and local) recreational spaces and regional habitat pathways
- Identification of potential projects (bike path park connector and greening, street greening and beautification, identify potential for community garden space, improving safety through greening, community participatory design opportunities)
- Integration of urban greening into the existing City of Modesto Empire Ave. and Community Center projects
- Integration of the plan with existing County efforts as outlined within Stanislaus County Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and within the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency's Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2015
- Integration of data acquired through the Stanislaus County Regional Sustainability Toolbox to develop strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Airport Neighborhood
- Strategies for the promotion of youth education about the Tuolumne River and climate change issues in Orville Wright and Wilson Elementary Schools
- Identification of barriers and opportunities for improving physical health in the community
- Evaluation and assessment of financing options for planning, construction and on-going operation and maintenance costs of identified projects
- Development of implementation strategies for identified projects
- Development of on-going community outreach strategies for implementation
- Development of on-going multi-jurisdictional cooperation strategies for implementation

The ultimate intent is for the document to serve as a template for future neighborhood revitalization efforts in similar County areas and to be prepared for future grant and other funding opportunities.

The grant application was mailed June 30, 2011. The Council will review applications and post recommended awards by November or December of 2011, with the grant agreements developed and finalized by July 2012.

POLICY ISSUES:

Applying for an Urban Greening Planning Grant is consistent with the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, Effective Partnerships, and the Efficient Delivery of Public Services. Such funding would assist the County and the cities within this region in their collaborative efforts for regional compliance with State greenhouse gas legislation, SB 375 and AB 32 and with existing community improvement efforts in the Airport Neighborhood, as identified within the Stanislaus County Community

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Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and within the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency's Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2015

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts at this time. If awarded, the grant would provide funding for staff in the participating jurisdictions of City of Modesto, Stanislaus County Departments of Planning and Community Development and Public Works and the Tuolumne River Trust to conduct community outreach and develop the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan Grant Application.
2. Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County to Authorize the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, or his designee, to apply for an Urban Greening Planning Grant, from the California Strategic Growth Council, for Fiscal Years 2011-2012 to 2014-2015.

I. AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

A. Need For Plan

1. Establishing the Need for an Urban Greening Plan – Dating back to the 1930s, the Airport Neighborhood used to be known as “Little Oklahoma,” after its Dust Bowl-era migrants. Currently, the Airport Neighborhood is divided into two jurisdictions, with the southeast portions under the jurisdiction of the City of Modesto and the northwest portions under the unincorporated jurisdiction of Stanislaus County. Like so many “unincorporated islands,” the County portion of the area lacks adequate infrastructure, such as storm drain, sidewalks and sewer. Residents are predominantly extremely low-income and Latino; many are undocumented and monolingual Spanish-speaking. Sidewalks and curbs are intermittent, street trees are scarce, and a lack of a stormwater system in the unincorporated portion of the Neighborhood causes muddy walkways and puddles throughout the streets and alleys. These conditions discourage pedestrian use and increase opportunities for crime. The Airport Neighborhood is a Severely Economically Disadvantaged Community, with median household incomes that do not exceed 50% of broader Area Median Income (AMI). The entire Stanislaus County region is suffering from an alarming unemployment rate of 17.4%, increasing numbers of individuals diagnosed with asthma, diabetes and heart disease and a foreclosure rate that is significantly above-average. Effectively balancing issues revolving around economic, environmental, physical and social health is a complex planning challenge that requires the coordinated efforts of all jurisdictions within the region to solve. The Airport Neighborhood in particular has a need for a comprehensive plan that coordinates the incorporated and unincorporated development of the area, existing physical and social resources and ultimately empowers the community through involvement to allow residents to take ownership of the Neighborhood. Stanislaus County, City of Modesto, and the Tuolumne River Trust have committed to developing shared planning principles that incorporate issues of climate change, resource management, health, community engagement, safety and community welfare into the development of the **Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan** (The Plan).

2. Assessments and Baseline Conditions – Numerous planning documents and community assessments dealing with long-range community development have evaluated baseline conditions, community needs and data gaps, both specific to the Airport and on a regional scale. The Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will consolidate and analyze this data for use in creating a comprehensive needs inventory and to identify project priorities and implementation strategies. Below is a summary of these efforts:

City of Modesto’s Airport Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan - The Airport Neighborhood has been designated by the City of Modesto and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Modesto’s sole Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). The Airport NRSA Plan was the end result of an extensive community needs assessment in the Airport Neighborhood conducted by the City of Modesto, community members and other stakeholders. Community Development Block Grant funds will be utilized annually to implement the Plan’s various economic development, sustainable and affordable housing development, public service, and other community development activities.

Community Development Plan for the Airport Industrial Neighborhood of the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Project No. 1 - The Community Development Plan, developed by the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency, will be revisited this year to solicit community input on changing needs and priorities. A Revitalization Strategy for the Airport Neighborhood will be the end result of this upcoming community outreach.

Stanislaus Urban County Airport Revitalization Strategy - This strategy will be created with community input throughout Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as part of the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan

Community Assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2017. This strategy will ask the community to prioritize their infrastructure, public services, workforce development and economic development needs and will be created in concert with the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency's Airport Revitalization Plan.

Airport Land Use Commission Plan - This land use plan, which regulates activities, such as tree height and non-reflective building materials, on and surrounding the Modesto City-County Airport, is currently conducting an assessment of the Airport Neighborhood as part of an effort to update the Plan.

Stanislaus County Regional Sustainability Toolbox (RST) - Stanislaus County and its nine cities were awarded Prop 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program grant funds to develop a Regional Sustainability Toolbox (RST) which will include the development of multiple planning tools to achieve greenhouse gas reductions in the region. Each tool within the RST will be utilized as a guide for the future creation and amendment of innovative local planning documents (including General Plans, Zoning Ordinances, and jurisdictional Climate Action Plans) that address sustainable planning principals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to incorporating best practices established through implementation of this project into the proposed Urban Greening Master Plan, data collected through the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Coordinated GIS data tools will provide the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan with substantial community data to draw from.

Tuolumne River Regional Parks Master Plan - A Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) Master Plan, covering over 500 acres park consisting of five individual parks extending along a seven mile reach of the Tuolumne River ,was completed in 2001 which assesses the current and historical conditions of the TRRP and provides a vision for the its future. The TRRP is jointly administered by the City of Modesto, City of Ceres, and Stanislaus County through a Joint Power Authority operating agreement. Two of the oldest parks within the TRRP, Legion Park and Airport Park, are located within the Airport Neighborhood. *The Lower Tuolumne River Parkway: A Framework for the Future*, completed in 2005 by the Tuolumne River Coalition, and *Habitat Restoration Plan for the Lower Tuolumne River Corridor (Restoration Plan)*, completed in 2000, are assessments of resource management strategies for the Tuolumne River that identify gaps and recommends specific actions and activities to advance riverside parks, improve fish and wildlife habitat, convey floodwaters more safely and effectively, and improve water quality.

HSA Community Health Document - Stanislaus County's Health Services Agency conducted a Community Health Assessment in 2008. Results from the assessment were presented to stakeholders and the community to establish coordinated prevention efforts through the creation of a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Plan was based on four broad determinants of health: access to health information and care, basic needs, education and the built environment.

3. Identifying Community Needs through Stakeholder and Resident Input - Active community involvement is at the heart of why so many stakeholders and jurisdictions are actively working in the Airport Neighborhood. Community Development work in the Airport Neighborhood is grounded in the approach of community capacity-building, which aims to build community relationships and to cultivate effective and sustainable leadership. The goal of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan is to contribute toward the revitalization of the Airport Neighborhood from the inside out by investing in place-based, community capacity-building activities that empower residents to build a sense of community, identify issues that matter most to them, and develop and implement strategies for addressing these issues. This in turn will mobilize the community against climate change issues they face, as well as energize the transformation of their neighborhood from conditions of blight into a healthy and sustainable community. The following lists community organizations currently working in the Airport Neighborhood:

Charlas Comunitarias - The Charlas Comunitarias, is a resident-driven community group whose mission it is to make the Airport Neighborhood safe, clean, and beautiful through community involvement. Community organizers hold monthly Spanish-language neighborhood meetings or *charlas comunitarias* (“community conversations”) at the homes of residents, attracting between twenty to forty residents every month. With goals to reduce crime, increase safety and to have safe, healthy parks and places for children to play, the community group managed to get a soccer field built this past spring on a Tuolumne River Regional Park-owned vacant field. We anticipate that similar ideas specific to the Urban Greening grant will pass through the same process.

Airport Neighborhood Collaborative – Created by community organizers and residents, the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative is a monthly forum for local agencies, elected officials, non-governmental organizations, and non-profits to share resources and work towards the common goal of making the Airport Neighborhood a healthier place. The Collaborative allows organizational stakeholders, both public and private, to coordinate and potentially leverage resources to more effectively deliver their respective services to residents.

Healthy Start and Orville Wright Elementary School - Orville Wright Elementary (Modesto City Schools) and its Healthy Start Family Resource Center, which connects residents to needed services, serve as the nexus of neighborhood organizing. Its principal and Healthy Start Family Resource Center administrator have developed strong and trusting relationships with residents throughout the Neighborhood, as well as with government stakeholders and other groups committed to revitalizing the Neighborhood.

Tuolumne River Trust - A local non-profit that promotes stewardship of the Tuolumne River through education, community outreach and adventures, collaboration with diverse stakeholders, and carrying out on-the-ground restoration projects, advocacy and grassroots organizing. The Trust provides community outreach and education in the Airport Neighborhood due to its proximity to the Tuolumne River.

The Tuolumne River Coalition - A collaborative effort to improve habitat and recreational opportunities along the lower Tuolumne River made up of representatives from the Tuolumne River Trust, Stanislaus County, cities along the river, and other local organizations.

E. & J. Gallo Winery and Gallo Glass Company – Located in the Airport Neighborhood, Gallo participates in the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative and has been a supporter of past Airport Neighborhood revitalization efforts.

B. Community Involvement and Participation

1. Community Involvement in the Development of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan – The Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan is focused on community capacity-building through community outreach and participation in development of the Plan. As part of this, after neighborhood inventories and assessments have been completed, community outreach and engagement strategies will be included as integral elements of the Plan. The methods laid out within these strategies will be followed throughout the remaining development of the Plan, as well as throughout implementation of any ensuing projects.

2. Identifying Partners – All of the projects and community partners described within this grant proposal offer substantial opportunities for the leveraging of public, private and community resources. Although poor in economic capital, the Airport Neighborhood is made up of vast amounts of social capital, resident leadership and a broader community commitment to the Neighborhood. Reaching out to potential partners for participation and leveraging will be a core part of the process of developing, and ultimately implementing, the Plan. Another

element of the Plan will be to create an implementation strategy for the Plan. Vital to the implementation of projects, the Plan will identify and engage new partners, while continuing to work with existing partners.

3. Long-term Community Participation Strategies – As part of the Plan, best practices for on-going community participation will be identified. We are confident that the Charlas Comunitarias, the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative, Healthy Start and the Tuolumne River Trust will continue to engage the community in any activities or projects coming into the area. With assistance from these organizations, the community outreach and community engagement strategies of the Plan are anticipated to transform community participation into community empowerment. Educating residents on how to work from the planning process to project implementation can ultimately transform residents into citizens. Some existing examples of this type of work that will be incorporated into the Plan include:

La Loma Neighborhood - Several years ago, residents of the neighboring La Loma Neighborhood organized around the issue of rampant crime that many residents attributed to persons experiencing long-term homelessness. Residents of the La Loma Neighborhood formed an association and began developing productive relationships with local government (including law enforcement), community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to collaboratively address issues that impacted their community, as well as the larger community. Today, members of the LLNA fund sixteen-hour daily private patrols to serve the Neighborhood. Increasing neighborhood security through community organizing, is one example of a Community Outreach Strategy that may be included within the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.

Airport Clean-ups - In an effort to improve current blight conditions, the City of Modesto partners with residents of the Airport Neighborhood and local service organizations to carry out neighborhood cleanup and beautification projects three times a year. This campaign empowers residents to take their neighborhood back from those who illegally dump in the streets, parks, and alleyways by providing residents with what they need to cleanup and beautify their neighborhood. This campaign is driven by residents and provides City staff an opportunity to work side-by-side with residents.

Community Center - The Airport Neighborhood Community Center, being developed as part of the City of Modesto's Airport NRSA will provide a space for residents to access and carry out community, cultural, educational, and recreational activities and services. Having a space for the community to gather on their own terms will promote and expand community participation efforts on a grassroots level.

4. Fostering Stakeholder Partnerships – Expanding on existing partnerships, the Plan will develop on-going stakeholder and community outreach strategies. Gaps in stakeholder participation will be identified based on the projects that come out of the master planning process. Involvement from public agencies, community-based organizations and community members not currently involved in the Airport Neighborhood will be continually sought through introductory meetings and presentations on the Plan at municipal and stakeholder meetings, such as Municipal Advisory Committee meetings and Stanislaus Housing and Support Services Collaborative Meetings (made up of non-profit service providers throughout the County).

C. Integration of Entities with Project Jurisdiction and Existing Resources

1. Working with Local and Regional Jurisdictions for Plan Implementation - The City of Modesto and Stanislaus County anticipate utilizing the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan as a tool to align multiple jurisdictional efforts and to provide a common framework from which future projects may develop. The Plan will establish common practice tools that will assist in the implementation of projects in an area that covers multiple jurisdictions. The Plan will coordinate the efforts previously mentioned (Section I. A. 1. – Assessments and Baseline Conditions) and act as a unified strategy for implementation of planning documents, such as

zoning ordinance amendments, community development strategies and plans, general plan updates, and future projects that occur as a part of the implementation of these planning documents. Furthermore, the Plan will allow all of the agencies and jurisdictions working in the Airport Neighborhood to secure match funding for future projects. Additional plans and programs that will be integrated into the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan include:

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) - In addition to the high rate of foreclosure, the degree of blight and abandonment in the Airport Neighborhood is extremely high. With the use of NSP funds, both the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County are working to reverse the negative impacts of foreclosure and abandonment by purchasing foreclosed properties, renovating them and selling them to low income first-time homebuyers. Land banking, acquisition and rehabilitation, redevelopment, and demolition activities are also elements of the City of Modesto's NSP program, designed to reverse persistently and extremely high unemployment, vacancy and abandonment and blight.

Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Program (CDBG-R) - The City, in collaboration with Healthy Start Family Resource Center at Orville Wright Elementary School, designed the two-year Airport Neighborhood Economic Development / Community Capacity-Building Project, which is funded with Public Services funds from the Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Program (CDBG-R), to provide residents with job search assistance, job placement assistance, occupational skills training, financial literacy and management, résumé development, interview preparation, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, General Educational Development (GED) program, and other services that will assist residents in overcoming barriers to economic development. The program is designed to promote self-sufficiency and build community capacity through skill-building, microenterprise development, and leadership development.

City of Modesto Master Bike Plan – The City of Modesto's Master Bike Plan, from the Circulation and Transportation Element of their General Plan, includes a master bike path that concludes on the northern side of Yosemite Avenue (State Highway 132), which is the dividing line between the southern portion of the La Loma Neighborhood and the northern boundary of the Airport Neighborhood. The southern boundary of the Airport Neighborhood touches the Tuolumne River Regional Park bike system. Providing a bicycle and pedestrian pathway through the Airport Neighborhood would provide a connection between these two regional bike systems. This is one such project that will be evaluated within the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.

City of Modesto Grant Application - The City of Modesto is currently applying for an Urban Greening Project Grant to expand the Tuolumne River Regional Park by purchasing 1.25 acres of industrial land. Anticipated improvements would include the planting of native trees, shrubs and grasses. Adding the land to the regional park would increase the Urban Forest by 1.25 acres. Additionally, the City is applying for Parks Improvements funds for improvements surrounding Mancini Park in the Tuolumne River Regional Park that would add 3 acres of riparian habitat, permanent play equipment, improved river access for residents on the south side of the Tuolumne River, pedestrian trails, water play areas, and restroom facilities.

General Plan and State Law Consistency - Finally the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will be evaluated for consistency with the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County's General Plans, the Airport Land Use Commission Plan, and State code regulating CEQA and public notification as well as State Assembly and State Senate Bills such as AB32 and SB275, which regulate Greenhouse Gas reduction legislation, and AB881, which lays out standards for water efficient landscape ordinances.

2. Fostering Interagency Partnerships – In addition to the collaborative relationship between City of Modesto and Stanislaus County staff, the entire Modesto City Council and members of the Stanislaus County Board of

Supervisors continue to champion the Airport Neighborhood's revitalization. City of Modesto, Stanislaus County and City of Ceres created a Joint Powers Authority to oversee the Tuolumne River Regional Park and City of Modesto and Stanislaus County representatives participate in a government taskforce (the Taskforce) dedicated to the Airport Neighborhood where several departments meet monthly and develop collaborative strategies to promote community development in the Airport Neighborhood. Other public agency stakeholders include the Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus, Modesto Irrigation District, and the Modesto City-County Airport. Any projects that include State Highway 132 will require partnering with CalTRANS and StanCOG, the Stanislaus County Council of Governments. Ultimately the Master Plan will be utilized as a template for revitalization of other low-income areas of Stanislaus County. With multi-jurisdictional cooperation, stakeholder and community outreach strategies in place, the process for bringing new partners to the table will be streamlined.

3. Identifying and Utilizing Existing Resources – Despite physical blight and economic disparities throughout the Airport Neighborhood, the area also has vast existing resources. A mobilized and connected community, active stakeholders and multi-jurisdictional collaborations, multiple existing efforts both in the planning phases and under way make the Airport Neighborhood the perfect starting point for an Urban Greening Plan that can be used as a template for areas with similar conditions throughout the county. Similarly, the beautiful Tuolumne River and Legion Park, which serves as the Airport Neighborhood's southernmost border, represents an extraordinary community asset to residents of the Neighborhood. By investigating opportunities for improving safety through environmental design and community organizing to address the rampant crime in both the Airport Neighborhood and in the actual park, the area has potential to serve as the gateway to the Tuolumne River Regional Park and to close a major gap in the County's regional trails systems. The Plan will also attempt to take advantage of existing green space by incorporating pedestrian and bicycle paths as connectors between existing parks and will concentrate planned community services around existing gathering centers, such as Orville Wright Elementary School, to increase community access to services. An inventory of existing resources and of resource gaps will be some of the first work to be completed as part of the Plan, through GIS data, greenhouse gas inventory data and local, historical and institutional knowledge. Existing resources will be maximized within the Plan to creatively and cost-effectively solve problems of health, crime, poverty, and blight while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and water pollution in the area through urban greening, wise water use and efficient stormwater systems.

4. Integration of Existing Resource Management Frameworks– Existing Resource Management organizations and guidance documents for the Tuolumne River Regional Park will be integrated into the Plan. The three resource management frameworks specific to the Tuolumne River and riverside parks described previously (TRRP Master Plan, the *Lower Tuolumne River Parkway: A Framework for the Future*, and the *Habitat Restoration Plan for the Lower Tuolumne River Corridor*) will be incorporated into the development plan by extracting resource management recommendations applicable to an Urban Greening Plan on a neighborhood setting. Additionally, a gaps analysis will be performed of all of these plans to identify areas where additional information is needed. Additionally, City and County Public Work's Standards and Specifications and Parks' Best Management Procedures will be integrated into the Plan.

D. Promotion of Public Health and the Development of a Healthy Community

1. Coordination and Collaboration with the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency – The City of Modesto and Stanislaus County Planning's partnership with the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA) is crucial to the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan proposal. As an agency whose purpose is to promote public health, HSA has been actively collaborating with planning staff to incorporate issues of public health into the planning process. With 60% of adults in Stanislaus County suffering from being overweight or obese, a lack of access to healthy foods and a built environment that facilitates physical activity have become the focal points

of HSA's efforts to combat this widespread health epidemic. Obesity, which leads to diabetes and other chronic diseases, is preventable through education, planning, the built environment and multi-disciplinary collaboration. HSA began engaging stakeholders and the community to establish coordinated prevention efforts through their Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Plan was based on four broad determinants of health: access to health information and care, basic needs, education and the built environment. A number of task forces, including the Built Environment Advisory Committee, were formed to develop and implement prevention strategies. Planning representatives from both the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have been participating in the Built Environment Advisory Committee since its inception in the spring of 2010. The committee has been engaging in City and county general plan update processes to ensure issues of health are incorporated into planning policies. Efforts such as the creation and implementation of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan are the next step to realizing a built environment in Stanislaus County that improves the health of Stanislaus County residents, through equal access to fresh and healthy foods, safe recreational spaces, and opportunities for pedestrian mobility. The Plan will be developed with participation from HSA and the Built Environment Advisory Committee, in line with General Plan policies and CHIP prevention strategies.

2. Promoting the Development of a Healthy Community - The Airport Neighborhood Master Plan will assist in the development of a healthy community by evaluating and assessing fifteen elements, which will then be integrated into a comprehensive Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan that can be utilized to leverage funds to aid in implementation of the Plan. The Plan will promote the development of a healthy community through a comprehensive approach of integrating existing data and efforts with new strategies and projects to balance the social, economic, and ecological conditions of the community. The following elements will be included within the Plan: *Element 1: Goals and Objectives of Plan; Element 2: Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment of Existing Resources and Projects, of Community and Infrastructure Needs; Element 3: Assessment of Storm Water Run-off System Options; Element 4: Green Space Analysis (Plant Palette, Connectivity and Public Access); Element 5: Identify Barriers and Opportunities for Improving Physical Health in the Community; Element 6: "Complete Streets" Design (Inclusive of Safe Routes to School Analysis); Element 7: Integration of Urban Greening Principals into Existing Projects; Element 8: Identification and Prioritization of Potential Projects (May include bike path park connectors and greening, street greening and beautification, Community Garden space, improving safety through greening, community participatory design opportunities); Element 9: Evaluation and Assessment of Financing Options for Planning, Construction and on-going Operation and Maintenance Costs of Identified Projects; Element 10: Assessment of Project Compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations, as well as with Existing Resources Management Plans; Element 11: Development of Implementation Strategies for Identified projects; Element 12: Development of Stakeholder and Community Outreach Strategies for Existing and Proposed Project Implementation; Element 13: Development of Community Engagement Strategies for Long-term Community Participation and Empowerment; Element 14: Multi-jurisdictional Cooperation Strategies for Project Implementation; and Element 15: Climate Change and Tuolumne River Community Education.*

3. Improving Public Health through the Built Environment - Areas with high concentrations of low-income residents often accompany a lack of infrastructure such as sewer systems, lighting, sidewalks, and transit lines, as well as lack access to clean air, healthy food, recreational space, and opportunities for high-quality education, living wage employment, and decent housing. All of these issues are impacted directly or indirectly by the built environment. Element 2 of the Plan will take GHG Emissions inventory in combination with GIS data of the Stanislaus County Regional Sustainability Toolkit (RST) to analyze potential relationships between specific livability measures, such as transit access, supermarket access, proximity to parks, air quality, etc. to the existing GHG levels within the Airport Neighborhood. These identifying factors will then be presented to the community and the Built Environment Advisory Committee to assist in the identification and prioritization of projects for inclusion within the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.

Security has consistently been among the most important issues that emerge from the community planning process. Specifically, residents and other stakeholders have identified improved lighting and the creation of a neighborhood-watch-like group as primary means for ensuring safety and security. The Plan will combine safety through environmental design principles with community input to improve pedestrian safety, including routes to school, through improvements to the built environment, such as lighting, redirecting stormwater and landscaping. Current Airport Neighborhood projects underway to improve public health and safety through the built environment include the City of Modesto's Empire Avenue capital improvement project, which will widen and install lighting and greening along Empire Avenue (which is a main arterial commencing at Orville Wright Elementary School) and a recently approved benefit assessment district on the City portion of the Neighborhood to install lighting in the alleyways, which have chronically experienced illegal dumping and high incidents of crime. Increasing safety in the Neighborhood will encourage pedestrian travel, thus improving community health and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

4. Greenhouse Gas Reduction through Implementation – Implementation of the projects laid out within Element 8 of the Plan will identify and prioritize projects that will increase and connect local and regional green spaces, build non-motorized transportation routes, provide local and regional recreational opportunities, improve access to healthy food, improve community safety, provide opportunities for community participatory design, and will improve methods for handling stormwater run-off. Ultimately all of these goals will result in the reduction of greenhouse gas levels both in the Airport Neighborhood and on a regional scale by reducing greenhouse gas sources and by increasing greenhouse gas sinks through greening, permeable surfaces and increased non-motorized transportation. Additionally, utilizing the tools created by the Stanislaus County RST will provide baselines data and multiple strategies for reducing greenhouse gas levels in the Airport Neighborhood through project design.

II. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

A. Communities More Vulnerable to Climate Change

1. Neighborhood Vulnerability to Climate Change - The proximity of the Tuolumne River and Dry Creek tributaries to the Airport Neighborhood create the potential for the area to be severely negatively impacted by extreme weather events, such as flooding. The majority of the Airport Neighborhood lacks infrastructure, as well as green and permeable surfaces to absorb storm water runoff. As a result the area is faced with flooding, erosion and stormwater runoff that can potentially negatively impact the water quality of the Tuolumne River. A lack of a system to deal with storm water creates conditions that make it difficult to move through the community on foot or bicycle, contributing to unsafe neighborhood conditions, which negatively impacts community health. High temperatures during the summer months, causes water insecurity, an increased susceptibility to heat related deaths, and costly energy bills that residents are often unable to pay, ultimately causing household utilities to be shut off. The socio-economic factors that exist within the Neighborhood restrict their capacity to proactively prepare for these risks through the implementation of capital projects. Taken together, these factors contribute to high community vulnerability to be negatively impacted by climate change.

2. Impacts of Climate Change on the Airport Neighborhood - Climate change may lead to either more frequent and larger magnitude floods or more frequent and longer-lasting drought periods, both of which could impact the Airport Neighborhood. Warmer winters could lead to more rain and less snow in the Sierra Nevada high country and the headwaters of the Tuolumne River. This, in turn, could lead to more rain-on-snow precipitation events, which cause larger magnitude floods similar to what the area experienced in January 1997. The January 1997 weather event caused very large runoff over a very short time in the Tuolumne watershed, and resulted in a major flood which inundated dozens of homes in the Airport Neighborhood. Drought conditions during the summer months places a burden on the water

supply. Socio-economic characteristics of low-income neighborhoods cause a general lack of community capacity to deal with climate change issues through advocacy and improvements to the built environment.

3. Mitigating Adverse Climate Change Impacts through the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan –

In addition to reducing greenhouse gas level through implementation of Element 8 of the Plan, community outreach and participation strategies will focus on community empowerment. Assisting in the development of a community that is invested in their neighborhood and who have the right tools to impact change is the most effective method to mitigating adverse climate change impacts in a meaningful and permanent way. Utilizing the tools created by the Stanislaus County RST will provide multiple strategies for mitigating climate change in the Airport Neighborhood through project design.

B. Severely Disadvantaged Community

1. Severely Disadvantaged Community - The Airport Neighborhood qualifies as a Severely Disadvantaged Community with the majority of the community earning less than 50% of the statewide average and with students attending Orville Wright Elementary School receiving Universal Free or Reduced Lunches, based on a base year rate of 98%. The California State Parks Community Fact Finder Report identifies the Neighborhood of having an Annual Median Household Income of \$29,056.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

A. Organizational Capacity for Carrying out the Plan

1. Organizational Capacity - All of the partner jurisdictions have the administrative capability, operational experience and staff capacity to complete the project. Planning staff from both City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have participated in comprehensive General Plan Updates, ordinance amendments, the creation and adoption of Specific and Master and Community Plans, and with meeting the requirements of both CEQA and NEPA. The County and City have administered and implemented Federal, State and locally funded grant programs and in the last several years, have undertaken a number of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects ranging from small housing rehabilitation projects, to large infrastructure construction projects. All partner jurisdictions take pride in managing funds efficiently and completing projects in a timely manner, and have dedicated staff that will manage and maintain all grant awards in accordance with their specific administrative guidelines. Each jurisdiction has available staff capacity to perform the tasks as defined and will continue to share resources on an as needed basis in order to complete the work plan in a timely manner and within budget.

Stanislaus County will take responsibility for overall administration, tracking and reporting related to the grant. As the lead for the Stanislaus County CDBG Consortium comprised of the County and six of the partner Cities, as well as for the Stanislaus County RST grant which covers the entire county, inclusive of its nine cities, the County has the capacity and experience in administering collaborative grant funded activities.

In addition to providing some assessment and baseline data for the Master Plan, the Tuolumne River Trust's role will be to provide community outreach support through the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative by continuing to engage new stakeholders, particularly Airport Neighborhood resident leaders and public officials.

2. Staff Qualifications - The Tuolumne River Trust will assist with technical data regarding resource management of the Tuolumne River, with development of the plant palette and with stakeholder and community outreach and engagement. Dedicated project staff includes Patrick Koepele, Deputy Executive Director of the Tuolumne River Trust, and Karlha Arias, Community Engagement Manager. Patrick is experienced in

managing the planning, implementation, and monitoring of large scale river restoration projects, coordinating collaborative stakeholder processes, negotiating and managing land acquisitions, and managing staff and annual budgets in excess of \$2M. Karlha Davies will continue her role as liaison between the planning team and the Airport Neighborhood community. Karlha is a co-founder and has acted as the lead coordinator and facilitator of the Charlas Communitarias and Airport Neighborhood Collaborative over the past two years and has built an extensive network of organizations with an interest in the Airport Neighborhood and residents of the Neighborhood.

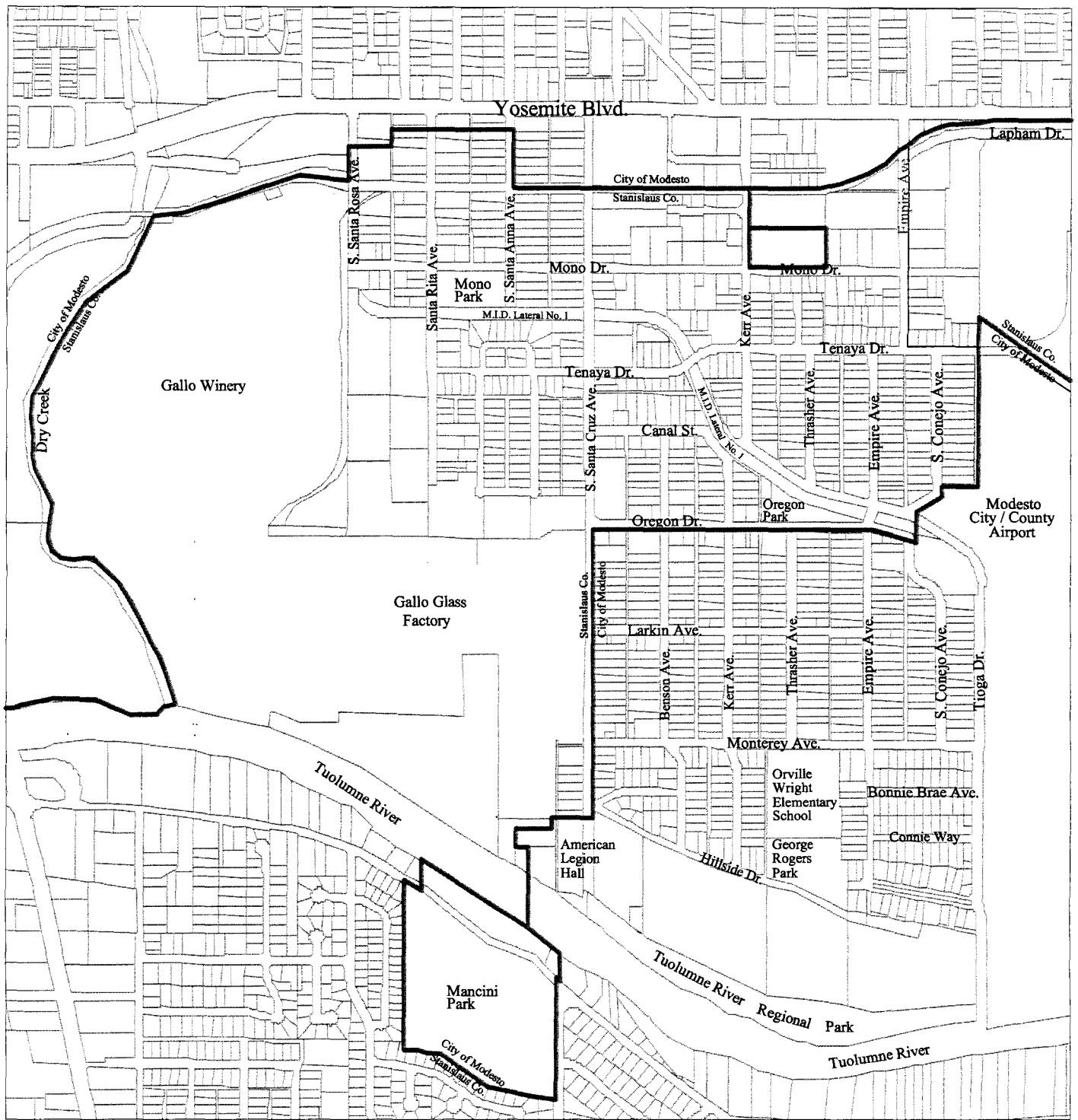
City of Modesto and Stanislaus County Planning staff will assist in preparing background research and data for the Plan, conducting outreach to decision makers, stakeholders and the community, assisting with the preparation of the Plan and project identification as well as with CEQA. Staff dedicated to this project has experience with both the planning and with the implementation of long range planning projects, including conducting community outreach, preparation planning documents, taking documents through the CEQA and decision maker approval processes and with project management.

Hugo Ramirez, with the City of Modesto's Parks Recreation and Neighborhoods Department, has extensive experience working closely with Neighborhood stakeholders as the lead for the Airport NRSA. Hugo has experience with the administration, implementation and monitoring of multiple State and Federal Community Development Grant programs with multi-million dollar budgets. Loren Holt also with the City of Modesto's Parks Recreation and Neighborhoods Department has extensive experience in planning, designing, constructing and maintaining park facilities for the City of Modesto. Loren's knowledge will be utilized to aid in project design, development of the plant palette and material selection.

Kristin Doud, Assistant Planner for the Stanislaus County Planning and Community Development Department, has worked both in Planning and Community Development over the last four years. She brings experience in both planning documents and CEQA, as well as with the administration, implementation and monitoring of Federal grant programs. Kristin is also the lead for the Stanislaus County RST project, which will ensure connectivity between the two grant projects.

Technical assistance for the stormwater and financial analyses will be provided by staff from Stanislaus County and City of Modesto Public Works Departments. Plan graphics, landscape plans, street views and some project design will be provided by a Landscape Architecture firm.

3. Utilizing Active and Strong Partnerships to Assist in Plan Implementation - The Airport Neighborhood is a disadvantaged community in many respects, with issues ranging from poverty, violence, and homelessness, to a lack of infrastructure. Stanislaus County, City of Modesto and the Tuolumne River Trust believe it is a unique and worthwhile community that deserves a comprehensive plan that can stand up to the diverse and complex issues that face it. Developing the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan would allow the Neighborhood to maximize the abundance of community development programs, stakeholder partnerships, and community organizations that exists in the area, as well as to tap into its potential to function as a gateway to the Tuolumne River Regional Parks system for both motorized and non-motorized visitors. With a mobilized community and a wide-range of dedicated stakeholders (citizen, governmental and nongovernmental) funding this project proposal would allow a low-income Central Valley Neighborhood to transform itself into the Strategic Growth Council's vision of a healthy community; one that meets the basic needs of all its residents, ensures quality and sustainability of the environment, provides for adequate levels of economic and social development, and assures social relationships that are supportive and respectful.



Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: July 12, 2011

No. 2011-424

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # *D-2

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR AN URBAN GREENING PLANNING GRANT,
FROM THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-2014**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Urban Greening Planning Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) ; and,

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and,

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the Department of Planning and Community Development, by their governing boards before submission of said application(s) to the State; and,


WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Community Development, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal; and,

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public meeting was held by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2011, to consider the grant application authorization request at which all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan grant application;

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ATTEST: **CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California



File No.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, Stanislaus County, State of California authorizes the submittal of a joint funding request to the California Strategic Growth Council for funding to develop the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan on behalf of Stanislaus County, the City of Modesto, and the Tuolumne River Trust;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is effective on July 12, 2011, through July 12, 2014;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the Department of Planning and Community Development, all grant documents, including but not limited to , applications, agreements, amendments and the requests for payments necessary to secure Sustainable Communities Planning Grant funds, from the California Strategic Growth Council, for Fiscal Years 2011-2014, and to implement the approved grant project which will allow for the development of county-wide planning documents that address recent climate legislation.

APPENDIX G - APPLICATION FORM

URBAN GREENING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM
State of California – Strategic Growth Council

APPLICANT (Agency and address - including zip) Stanislaus County 1010 10th St. Suite 3400 Modesto California 95354		CHECK ONE <input type="radio"/> Joint Powers Authority <input type="radio"/> Council of Governments <input type="radio"/> Countywide Authority <input type="radio"/> Metropolitan Planning Organization <input checked="" type="radio"/> Local Government/Special District <input type="radio"/> Non-Profit organization	Grant Amount Requested: \$ 350,000.00 Estimated Date of Completion: 7/1/14 Estimated Total Plan Cost: \$ 350,000.00 (including State Grant, other funds and In-Kind donations)
Describe the Geographic Area of the Plan, i.e., Service Area The Airport Neighborhood is located on the south end of the City of Modesto, by the Modesto Airport, between the Tuolumne River and Dry Creek, and is divided into two jurisdictions, City of Modesto and unincorporated jurisdiction of Stanislaus County.		County Stanislaus	City Modesto
Title of Urban Greening Plan Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan	Senate District Number(s) 14	Assembly District Number(s) 25	
Applicant's Representative Authorized in Resolution Name: Kirk Ford Phone: (209) 525-6330 Title: Director, Department of Planning and Community Development Email Address: fordk@stancounty.com			
Person with Day to Day Responsibility for Plan Development (if different from Authorized Representative) Name: Kristin Doud Phone: (209) 525-7652 Title: Assistant Planner, Department of Planning and CD Email Address: doudk@yahoo.com			
Brief Description of Plan Stanislaus County, City of Modesto, and the Tuolumne River Trust have committed to the cooperative development of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan to transform the Neighborhood into a healthy community		Latitude 37.63190700	Longitude -120.97234700
Priority Consideration - Check if the Plan is proposed by or will serve a Disadvantaged or Severely Disadvantaged Community.		Plan Data: Please enter the quantity on all the following measures that apply to your Plan or Plan Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disadvantaged Community		1 Square miles included in Plan Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severely Disadvantaged Community		4,302 Population of Plan Area.	
Existing Planning Documents for Jurisdiction - Please indicate Yes or No to the following:		98 Percent of Population below the Poverty Threshold.	
Yes	Does this jurisdiction have a General Plan?		
Yes	Does this jurisdiction have a Regional Plan?		
Yes	Does this jurisdiction have a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (refer to http://water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/)		
No	Does this jurisdiction have an adopted Plant Palette?		

I certify that the information contained in this plan application, including required attachments, is complete and accurate.

Signature: 
 Applicant's Authorized Representative as shown in Resolution

6/30/11 Date

Print Name and Title: KIRK FORD, DIRECTOR

Applicant's Representative Authorized in Resolution
 Name: Kirk Ford
 Title: Director, Department of Planning and Community Development

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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I. AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

A. Need For Plan

1. Establishing the Need for an Urban Greening Plan - Dating back to the 1930s, the Airport Neighborhood used to be known as “Little Oklahoma,” after its Dust Bowl-era migrants. Currently, the Airport Neighborhood is divided into two jurisdictions, with the southeast portions under the jurisdiction of the City of Modesto and the northwest portions under the unincorporated jurisdiction of Stanislaus County. Like so many “unincorporated islands,” the County portion of the area lacks adequate infrastructure, such as storm drain, sidewalks and sewer. Residents are predominantly extremely low-income and Latino; many are undocumented and monolingual Spanish-speaking. Sidewalks and curbs are intermittent, street trees are scarce, and a lack of a stormwater system in the unincorporated portion of the Neighborhood causes muddy walkways and puddles throughout the streets and alleys. These conditions discourage pedestrian use and increase opportunities for crime. The Airport Neighborhood is a Severely Economically Disadvantaged Community, with median household incomes that do not exceed 50% of broader Area Median Income (AMI). The entire Stanislaus County region is suffering from an alarming unemployment rate of 17.4%, increasing numbers of individuals diagnosed with asthma, diabetes and heart disease and a foreclosure rate that is significantly above-average. Effectively balancing issues revolving around economic, environmental, physical and social health is a complex planning challenge that requires the coordinated efforts of all jurisdictions within the region to solve. The Airport Neighborhood in particular has a need for a comprehensive plan that coordinates the incorporated and unincorporated development of the area, existing physical and social resources and ultimately empowers the community through involvement to allow residents to take ownership of the Neighborhood. Stanislaus County, City of Modesto, and the Tuolumne River Trust have committed to developing shared planning principles that incorporate issues of climate change, resource management, health, community engagement, safety and community welfare into the development of the **Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan** (The Plan).

2. Assessments and Baseline Conditions – Numerous planning documents and community assessments dealing with long-range community development have evaluated baseline conditions, community needs and data gaps, both specific to the Airport and on a regional scale. The Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will consolidate and analyze this data for use in creating a comprehensive needs inventory and to identify project priorities and implementation strategies. Below is a summary of these efforts:

City of Modesto’s Airport Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan - The Airport Neighborhood has been designated by the City of Modesto and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Modesto’s sole Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). The Airport NRSA Plan was the end result of an extensive community needs assessment in the Airport Neighborhood conducted by the City of Modesto, community members and other stakeholders. Community Development Block Grant funds will be utilized annually to implement the Plan’s various economic development, sustainable and affordable housing development, public service, and other community development activities.

Community Development Plan for the Airport Industrial Neighborhood of the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Project No. 1 - The Community Development Plan, developed by the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency, will be revisited this year to solicit community input on changing needs and priorities. A Revitalization Strategy for the Airport Neighborhood will be the end result of this upcoming community outreach.

Stanislaus Urban County Airport Revitalization Strategy - This strategy will be created with community input throughout Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as part of the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan

Community Assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2017. This strategy will ask the community to prioritize their infrastructure, public services, workforce development and economic development needs and will be created in concert with the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency's Airport Revitalization Plan.

Airport Land Use Commission Plan - This land use plan, which regulates activities, such as tree height and non-reflective building materials, on and surrounding the Modesto City-County Airport, is currently conducting an assessment of the Airport Neighborhood as part of an effort to update the Plan.

Stanislaus County Regional Sustainability Toolbox (RST) - Stanislaus County and its nine cities were awarded Prop 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program grant funds to develop a Regional Sustainability Toolbox (RST) which will include the development of multiple planning tools to achieve greenhouse gas reductions in the region. Each tool within the RST will be utilized as a guide for the future creation and amendment of innovative local planning documents (including General Plans, Zoning Ordinances, and jurisdictional Climate Action Plans) that address sustainable planning principals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to incorporating best practices established through implementation of this project into the proposed Urban Greening Master Plan, data collected through the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Coordinated GIS data tools will provide the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan with substantial community data to draw from.

Tuolumne River Regional Parks Master Plan - A Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) Master Plan, covering over 500 acres park consisting of five individual parks extending along a seven mile reach of the Tuolumne River ,was completed in 2001 which assesses the current and historical conditions of the TRRP and provides a vision for the its future. The TRRP is jointly administered by the City of Modesto, City of Ceres, and Stanislaus County through a Joint Power Authority operating agreement. Two of the oldest parks within the TRRP, Legion Park and Airport Park, are located within the Airport Neighborhood. *The Lower Tuolumne River Parkway: A Framework for the Future*, completed in 2005 by the Tuolumne River Coalition, and *Habitat Restoration Plan for the Lower Tuolumne River Corridor (Restoration Plan)*, completed in 2000, are assessments of resource management strategies for the Tuolumne River that identify gaps and recommends specific actions and activities to advance riverside parks, improve fish and wildlife habitat, convey floodwaters more safely and effectively, and improve water quality.

HSA Community Health Document - Stanislaus County's Health Services Agency conducted a Community Health Assessment in 2008. Results from the assessment were presented to stakeholders and the community to establish coordinated prevention efforts through the creation of a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Plan was based on four broad determinants of health: access to health information and care, basic needs, education and the built environment.

3. Identifying Community Needs through Stakeholder and Resident Input - Active community involvement is at the heart of why so many stakeholders and jurisdictions are actively working in the Airport Neighborhood. Community Development work in the Airport Neighborhood is grounded in the approach of community capacity-building, which aims to build community relationships and to cultivate effective and sustainable leadership. The goal of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan is to contribute toward the revitalization of the Airport Neighborhood from the inside out by investing in place-based, community capacity-building activities that empower residents to build a sense of community, identify issues that matter most to them, and develop and implement strategies for addressing these issues. This in turn will mobilize the community against climate change issues they face, as well as energize the transformation of their neighborhood from conditions of blight into a healthy and sustainable community. The following lists community organizations currently working in the Airport Neighborhood:

Charlas Comunitarias - The Charlas Comunitarias, is a resident-driven community group whose mission it is to make the Airport Neighborhood safe, clean, and beautiful through community involvement. Community organizers hold monthly Spanish-language neighborhood meetings or *charlas comunitarias* (“community conversations”) at the homes of residents, attracting between twenty to forty residents every month. With goals to reduce crime, increase safety and to have safe, healthy parks and places for children to play, the community group managed to get a soccer field built this past spring on a Tuolumne River Regional Park-owned vacant field. We anticipate that similar ideas specific to the Urban Greening grant will pass through the same process.

Airport Neighborhood Collaborative – Created by community organizers and residents, the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative is a monthly forum for local agencies, elected officials, non-governmental organizations, and non-profits to share resources and work towards the common goal of making the Airport Neighborhood a healthier place. The Collaborative allows organizational stakeholders, both public and private, to coordinate and potentially leverage resources to more effectively deliver their respective services to residents.

Healthy Start and Orville Wright Elementary School - Orville Wright Elementary (Modesto City Schools) and its Healthy Start Family Resource Center, which connects residents to needed services, serve as the nexus of neighborhood organizing. Its principal and Healthy Start Family Resource Center administrator have developed strong and trusting relationships with residents throughout the Neighborhood, as well as with government stakeholders and other groups committed to revitalizing the Neighborhood.

Tuolumne River Trust - A local non-profit that promotes stewardship of the Tuolumne River through education, community outreach and adventures, collaboration with diverse stakeholders, and carrying out on-the-ground restoration projects, advocacy and grassroots organizing. The Trust provides community outreach and education in the Airport Neighborhood due to its proximity to the Tuolumne River.

The Tuolumne River Coalition - A collaborative effort to improve habitat and recreational opportunities along the lower Tuolumne River made up of representatives from the Tuolumne River Trust, Stanislaus County, cities along the river, and other local organizations.

E. & J. Gallo Winery and Gallo Glass Company – Located in the Airport Neighborhood, Gallo participates in the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative and has been a supporter of past Airport Neighborhood revitalization efforts.

B. Community Involvement and Participation

1. Community Involvement in the Development of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan – The Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan is focused on community capacity-building through community outreach and participation in development of the Plan. As part of this, after neighborhood inventories and assessments have been completed, community outreach and engagement strategies will be included as integral elements of the Plan. The methods laid out within these strategies will be followed throughout the remaining development of the Plan, as well as throughout implementation of any ensuing projects.

2. Identifying Partners – All of the projects and community partners described within this grant proposal offer substantial opportunities for the leveraging of public, private and community resources. Although poor in economic capital, the Airport Neighborhood is made up of vast amounts of social capital, resident leadership and a broader community commitment to the Neighborhood. Reaching out to potential partners for participation and leveraging will be a core part of the process of developing, and ultimately implementing, the Plan. Another

element of the Plan will be to create an implementation strategy for the Plan. Vital to the implementation of projects, the Plan will identify and engage new partners, while continuing to work with existing partners.

3. Long-term Community Participation Strategies – As part of the Plan, best practices for on-going community participation will be identified. We are confident that the Charlas Comunitarias, the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative, Healthy Start and the Tuolumne River Trust will continue to engage the community in any activities or projects coming into the area. With assistance from these organizations, the community outreach and community engagement strategies of the Plan are anticipated to transform community participation into community empowerment. Educating residents on how to work from the planning process to project implementation can ultimately transform residents into citizens. Some existing examples of this type of work that will be incorporated into the Plan include:

La Loma Neighborhood - Several years ago, residents of the neighboring La Loma Neighborhood organized around the issue of rampant crime that many residents attributed to persons experiencing long-term homelessness. Residents of the La Loma Neighborhood formed an association and began developing productive relationships with local government (including law enforcement), community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to collaboratively address issues that impacted their community, as well as the larger community. Today, members of the LLNA fund sixteen-hour daily private patrols to serve the Neighborhood. Increasing neighborhood security through community organizing, is one example of a Community Outreach Strategy that may be included within the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.

Airport Clean-ups - In an effort to improve current blight conditions, the City of Modesto partners with residents of the Airport Neighborhood and local service organizations to carry out neighborhood cleanup and beautification projects three times a year. This campaign empowers residents to take their neighborhood back from those who illegally dump in the streets, parks, and alleyways by providing residents with what they need to cleanup and beautify their neighborhood. This campaign is driven by residents and provides City staff an opportunity to work side-by-side with residents.

Community Center - The Airport Neighborhood Community Center, being developed as part of the City of Modesto's Airport NRSA will provide a space for residents to access and carry out community, cultural, educational, and recreational activities and services. Having a space for the community to gather on their own terms will promote and expand community participation efforts on a grassroots level.

4. Fostering Stakeholder Partnerships – Expanding on existing partnerships, the Plan will develop on-going stakeholder and community outreach strategies. Gaps in stakeholder participation will be identified based on the projects that come out of the master planning process. Involvement from public agencies, community-based organizations and community members not currently involved in the Airport Neighborhood will be continually sought through introductory meetings and presentations on the Plan at municipal and stakeholder meetings, such as Municipal Advisory Committee meetings and Stanislaus Housing and Support Services Collaborative Meetings (made up of non-profit service providers throughout the County).

C. Integration of Entities with Project Jurisdiction and Existing Resources

1. Working with Local and Regional Jurisdictions for Plan Implementation – The City of Modesto and Stanislaus County anticipate utilizing the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan as a tool to align multiple jurisdictional efforts and to provide a common framework from which future projects may develop. The Plan will establish common practice tools that will assist in the implementation of projects in an area that covers multiple jurisdictions. The Plan will coordinate the efforts previously mentioned (Section I. A. 1. – Assessments and Baseline Conditions) and act as a unified strategy for implementation of planning documents, such as

zoning ordinance amendments, community development strategies and plans, general plan updates, and future projects that occur as a part of the implementation of these planning documents. Furthermore, the Plan will allow all of the agencies and jurisdictions working in the Airport Neighborhood to secure match funding for future projects. Additional plans and programs that will be integrated into the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan include:

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) - In addition to the high rate of foreclosure, the degree of blight and abandonment in the Airport Neighborhood is extremely high. With the use of NSP funds, both the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County are working to reverse the negative impacts of foreclosure and abandonment by purchasing foreclosed properties, renovating them and selling them to low income first-time homebuyers. Land banking, acquisition and rehabilitation, redevelopment, and demolition activities are also elements of the City of Modesto's NSP program, designed to reverse persistently and extremely high unemployment, vacancy and abandonment and blight.

Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Program (CDBG-R) - The City, in collaboration with Healthy Start Family Resource Center at Orville Wright Elementary School, designed the two-year Airport Neighborhood Economic Development / Community Capacity-Building Project, which is funded with Public Services funds from the Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Program (CDBG-R), to provide residents with job search assistance, job placement assistance, occupational skills training, financial literacy and management, résumé development, interview preparation, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, General Educational Development (GED) program, and other services that will assist residents in overcoming barriers to economic development. The program is designed to promote self-sufficiency and build community capacity through skill-building, microenterprise development, and leadership development.

City of Modesto Master Bike Plan – The City of Modesto's Master Bike Plan, from the Circulation and Transportation Element of their General Plan, includes a master bike path that concludes on the northern side of Yosemite Avenue (State Highway 132), which is the dividing line between the southern portion of the La Loma Neighborhood and the northern boundary of the Airport Neighborhood. The southern boundary of the Airport Neighborhood touches the Tuolumne River Regional Park bike system. Providing a bicycle and pedestrian pathway through the Airport Neighborhood would provide a connection between these two regional bike systems. This is one such project that will be evaluated within the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.

City of Modesto Grant Application - The City of Modesto is currently applying for an Urban Greening Project Grant to expand the Tuolumne River Regional Park by purchasing 1.25 acres of industrial land. Anticipated improvements would include the planting of native trees, shrubs and grasses. Adding the land to the regional park would increase the Urban Forest by 1.25 acres. Additionally, the City is applying for Parks Improvements funds for improvements surrounding Mancini Park in the Tuolumne River Regional Park that would add 3 acres of riparian habitat, permanent play equipment, improved river access for residents on the south side of the Tuolumne River, pedestrian trails, water play areas, and restroom facilities.

General Plan and State Law Consistency - Finally the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will be evaluated for consistency with the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County's General Plans, the Airport Land Use Commission Plan, and State code regulating CEQA and public notification as well as State Assembly and State Senate Bills such as AB32 and SB275, which regulate Greenhouse Gas reduction legislation, and AB881, which lays out standards for water efficient landscape ordinances.

2. Fostering Interagency Partnerships – In addition to the collaborative relationship between City of Modesto and Stanislaus County staff, the entire Modesto City Council and members of the Stanislaus County Board of Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan Application Questions

Supervisors continue to champion the Airport Neighborhood’s revitalization. City of Modesto, Stanislaus County and City of Ceres created a Joint Powers Authority to oversee the Tuolumne River Regional Park and City of Modesto and Stanislaus County representatives participate in a government taskforce (the Taskforce) dedicated to the Airport Neighborhood where several departments meet monthly and develop collaborative strategies to promote community development in the Airport Neighborhood. Other public agency stakeholders include the Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus, Modesto Irrigation District, and the Modesto City-County Airport. Any projects that include State Highway 132 will require partnering with CalTRANS and StanCOG, the Stanislaus County Council of Governments. Ultimately the Master Plan will be utilized as a template for revitalization of other low-income areas of Stanislaus County. With multi-jurisdictional cooperation, stakeholder and community outreach strategies in place, the process for bringing new partners to the table will be streamlined.

3. Identifying and Utilizing Existing Resources – Despite physical blight and economic disparities throughout the Airport Neighborhood, the area also has vast existing resources. A mobilized and connected community, active stakeholders and multi-jurisdictional collaborations, multiple existing efforts both in the planning phases and under way make the Airport Neighborhood the perfect starting point for an Urban Greening Plan that can be used as a template for areas with similar conditions throughout the county. Similarly, the beautiful Tuolumne River and Legion Park, which serves as the Airport Neighborhood’s southernmost border, represents an extraordinary community asset to residents of the Neighborhood. By investigating opportunities for improving safety through environmental design and community organizing to address the rampant crime in both the Airport Neighborhood and in the actual park, the area has potential to serve as the gateway to the Tuolumne River Regional Park and to close a major gap in the County’s regional trails systems. The Plan will also attempt to take advantage of existing green space by incorporating pedestrian and bicycle paths as connectors between existing parks and will concentrate planned community services around existing gathering centers, such as Orville Wright Elementary School, to increase community access to services. An inventory of existing resources and of resource gaps will be some of the first work to be completed as part of the Plan, through GIS data, greenhouse gas inventory data and local, historical and institutional knowledge. Existing resources will be maximized within the Plan to creatively and cost-effectively solve problems of health, crime, poverty, and blight while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and water pollution in the area through urban greening, wise water use and efficient stormwater systems.

4. Integration of Existing Resource Management Frameworks– Existing Resource Management organizations and guidance documents for the Tuolumne River Regional Park will be integrated into the Plan. The three resource management frameworks specific to the Tuolumne River and riverside parks described previously (TRRP Master Plan, the *Lower Tuolumne River Parkway: A Framework for the Future*, and the *Habitat Restoration Plan for the Lower Tuolumne River Corridor*) will be incorporated into the development plan by extracting resource management recommendations applicable to an Urban Greening Plan on a neighborhood setting. Additionally, a gaps analysis will be performed of all of these plans to identify areas where additional information is needed. Additionally, City and County Public Work’s Standards and Specifications and Parks’ Best Management Procedures will be integrated into the Plan.

D. Promotion of Public Health and the Development of a Healthy Community

1. Coordination and Collaboration with the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency – The City of Modesto and Stanislaus County Planning’s partnership with the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA) is crucial to the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan proposal. As an agency whose purpose is to promote public health, HSA has been actively collaborating with planning staff to incorporate issues of public health into the planning process. With 60% of adults in Stanislaus County suffering from being overweight or obese, a lack of access to healthy foods and a built environment that facilitates physical activity have become the focal points

of HSA's efforts to combat this widespread health epidemic. Obesity, which leads to diabetes and other chronic diseases, is preventable through education, planning, the built environment and multi-disciplinary collaboration. HSA began engaging stakeholders and the community to establish coordinated prevention efforts through their Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Plan was based on four broad determinants of health: access to health information and care, basic needs, education and the built environment. A number of task forces, including the Built Environment Advisory Committee, were formed to develop and implement prevention strategies. Planning representatives from both the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have been participating in the Built Environment Advisory Committee since its inception in the spring of 2010. The committee has been engaging in City and county general plan update processes to ensure issues of health are incorporated into planning policies. Efforts such as the creation and implementation of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan are the next step to realizing a built environment in Stanislaus County that improves the health of Stanislaus County residents, through equal access to fresh and healthy foods, safe recreational spaces, and opportunities for pedestrian mobility. The Plan will be developed with participation from HSA and the Built Environment Advisory Committee, in line with General Plan policies and CHIP prevention strategies.

2. Promoting the Development of a Healthy Community - The Airport Neighborhood Master Plan will assist in the development of a healthy community by evaluating and assessing twelve elements, which will then be integrated into a comprehensive Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan that can be utilized to leverage funds to aid in implementation of the Plan. The Plan will promote the development of a healthy community through a comprehensive approach of integrating existing data and efforts with new strategies and projects to balance the social, economic, and ecological conditions of the community. The following elements will be included within the Plan: *Element 1: Goals and Objectives of Plan; Element 2: Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment of Existing Resources and Projects, of Community and Infrastructure Needs; Element 3: Assessment of Storm Water Run-off System Options; Element 4: Green Space Analysis (Plant Palette, Connectivity and Public Access); Element 5: Identify Barriers and Opportunities for Improving Physical Health in the Community; Element 6: "Complete Streets" Design (Inclusive of Safe Routes to School Analysis); Element 7: Integration of Urban Greening Principles into Existing Projects; Element 8: Identification and Prioritization of Potential Projects (May include bike path park connectors and greening, street greening and beautification, Community Garden space, improving safety through greening, community participatory design opportunities); Element 9: Evaluation and Assessment of Financing Options for Planning, Construction and on-going Operation and Maintenance Costs of Identified Projects; Element 10: Assessment of Project Compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations, as well as with Existing Resources Management Plans and State Planning Priorities; Element 11: Development of Implementation Strategies for Identified projects; Element 12: Development of Stakeholder and Community Outreach and Engagement Strategies for Long-term Community Participation and Empowerment.*

3. Improving Public Health through the Built Environment - Areas with high concentrations of low-income residents often accompany a lack of infrastructure such as sewer systems, lighting, sidewalks, and transit lines, as well as lack access to clean air, healthy food, recreational space, and opportunities for high-quality education, living wage employment, and decent housing. All of these issues are impacted directly or indirectly by the built environment. Element 2 of the Plan will take GHG Emissions inventory in combination with GIS data of the Stanislaus County Regional Sustainability Toolkit (RST) to analyze potential relationships between specific livability measures, such as transit access, supermarket access, proximity to parks, air quality, etc. to the existing GHG levels within the Airport Neighborhood. These identifying factors will then be presented to the community and the Built Environment Advisory Committee to assist in the identification and prioritization of projects for inclusion within the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan.

Security has consistently been among the most important issues that emerge from the community planning process. Specifically, residents and other stakeholders have identified improved lighting and the creation of a neighborhood-watch-like group as primary means for ensuring safety and security. The Plan will combine safety through environmental design principles with community input to improve pedestrian safety, including routes to school, through improvements to the built environment, such as lighting, redirecting stormwater and landscaping. Current Airport Neighborhood projects underway to improve public health and safety through the built environment include the City of Modesto's Empire Avenue capital improvement project, which will widen and install lighting and greening along Empire Avenue (which is a main arterial commencing at Orville Wright Elementary School) and a recently approved benefit assessment district on the City portion of the Neighborhood to install lighting in the alleyways, which have chronically experienced illegal dumping and high incidents of crime. Increasing safety in the Neighborhood will encourage pedestrian travel, thus improving community health and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

4. Greenhouse Gas Reduction through Implementation – Implementation of the projects laid out within Element 8 of the Plan will identify and prioritize projects that will increase and connect local and regional green spaces, build non-motorized transportation routes, provide local and regional recreational opportunities, improve access to healthy food, improve community safety, provide opportunities for community participatory design, and will improve methods for handling stormwater run-off. Ultimately all of these goals will result in the reduction of greenhouse gas levels both in the Airport Neighborhood and on a regional scale by reducing greenhouse gas sources and by increasing greenhouse gas sinks through greening, permeable surfaces and increased non-motorized transportation. Additionally, utilizing the tools created by the Stanislaus County RST will provide baselines data and multiple strategies for reducing greenhouse gas levels in the Airport Neighborhood through project design.

II. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

A. Communities More Vulnerable to Climate Change

1. Neighborhood Vulnerability to Climate Change - The proximity of the Tuolumne River and Dry Creek tributaries to the Airport Neighborhood create the potential for the area to be severely negatively impacted by extreme weather events, such as flooding. The majority of the Airport Neighborhood lacks infrastructure, as well as green and permeable surfaces to absorb storm water runoff. As a result the area is faced with flooding, erosion and stormwater runoff that can potentially negatively impact the water quality of the Tuolumne River. A lack of a system to deal with storm water creates conditions that make it difficult to move through the community on foot or bicycle, contributing to unsafe neighborhood conditions, which negatively impacts community health. High temperatures during the summer months, causes water insecurity, an increased susceptibility to heat related deaths, and costly energy bills that residents are often unable to pay, ultimately causing household utilities to be shut off. The socio-economic factors that exist within the Neighborhood restrict their capacity to proactively prepare for these risks through the implementation of capital projects. Taken together, these factors contribute to high community vulnerability to be negatively impacted by climate change.

2. Impacts of Climate Change on the Airport Neighborhood - Climate change may lead to either more frequent and larger magnitude floods or more frequent and longer-lasting drought periods, both of which could impact the Airport Neighborhood. Warmer winters could lead to more rain and less snow in the Sierra Nevada high country and the headwaters of the Tuolumne River. This, in turn, could lead to more rain-on-snow precipitation events, which cause larger magnitude floods similar to what the area experienced in January 1997. The January 1997 weather event caused very large runoff over a very short time in the Tuolumne watershed, and resulted in a major flood which inundated dozens of homes in the Airport Neighborhood. Drought conditions during the summer months places a burden on the water supply. Socio-economic characteristics of low-income neighborhoods cause a general lack of community capacity to deal with climate change issues through advocacy and improvements to the built environment.

3. Mitigating Adverse Climate Change Impacts through the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan –

In addition to reducing greenhouse gas level through implementation of Element 8 of the Plan, community outreach and participation strategies will focus on community empowerment. Assisting in the development of a community that is invested in their neighborhood and who have the right tools to impact change is the most effective method to mitigating adverse climate change impacts in a meaningful and permanent way. Utilizing the tools created by the Stanislaus County RST will provide multiple strategies for mitigating climate change in the Airport Neighborhood through project design.

B. Severely Disadvantaged Community

1. Severely Disadvantaged Community - The Airport Neighborhood qualifies as a Severely Disadvantaged Community with the majority of the community earning less than 50% of the statewide average and with students attending Orville Wright Elementary School receiving Universal Free or Reduced Lunches, based on a base year rate of 98%. The California State Parks Community Fact Finder Report identifies the Neighborhood of having an Annual Median Household Income of \$29,056.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

A. Organizational Capacity for Carrying out the Plan

1. Organizational Capacity - All of the partner jurisdictions have the administrative capability, operational experience and staff capacity to complete the project. Planning staff from both City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have participated in comprehensive General Plan Updates, ordinance amendments, the creation and adoption of Specific and Master and Community Plans, and with meeting the requirements of both CEQA and NEPA. The County and City have administered and implemented Federal, State and locally funded grant programs and in the last several years, have undertaken a number of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects ranging from small housing rehabilitation projects, to large infrastructure construction projects. All partner jurisdictions take pride in managing funds efficiently and completing projects in a timely manner, and have dedicated staff that will manage and maintain all grant awards in accordance with their specific administrative guidelines. Each jurisdiction has available staff capacity to perform the tasks as defined and will continue to share resources on an as needed basis in order to complete the work plan in a timely manner and within budget.

Stanislaus County will take responsibility for overall administration, tracking and reporting related to the grant. As the lead for the Stanislaus County CDBG Consortium comprised of the County and six of the partner Cities, as well as for the Stanislaus County RST grant which covers the entire county, inclusive of its nine cities, the County has the capacity and experience in administering collaborative grant funded activities.

In addition to providing some assessment and baseline data for the Master Plan, the Tuolumne River Trust's role will be to provide community outreach support through the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative by continuing to engage new stakeholders, particularly Airport Neighborhood resident leaders and public officials.

2. Staff Qualifications - The Tuolumne River Trust will assist with technical data regarding resource management of the Tuolumne River, with development of the plant palette and with stakeholder and community outreach and engagement. Dedicated project staff includes Patrick Koepele, Deputy Executive Director of the Tuolumne River Trust, and Karlha Arias, Community Engagement Manager. Patrick is experienced in managing the planning, implementation, and monitoring of large scale river restoration projects, coordinating collaborative stakeholder processes, negotiating and managing land acquisitions, and managing staff and annual

budgets in excess of \$2M. Karlha Davies will continue her role as liaison between the planning team and the Airport Neighborhood community. Karlha is a co-founder and has acted as the lead coordinator and facilitator of the Charlas Communitarias and Airport Neighborhood Collaborative over the past two years and has built an extensive network of organizations with an interest in the Airport Neighborhood and residents of the Neighborhood.

City of Modesto and Stanislaus County Planning staff will assist in preparing background research and data for the Plan, conducting outreach to decision makers, stakeholders and the community, assisting with the preparation of the Plan and project identification as well as with CEQA. Staff dedicated to this project has experience with both the planning and with the implementation of long range planning projects, including conducting community outreach, preparation planning documents, taking documents through the CEQA and decision maker approval processes and with project management.

Hugo Ramirez, with the City of Modesto's Parks Recreation and Neighborhoods Department, has extensive experience working closely with Neighborhood stakeholders as the lead for the Airport NRSA. Hugo has experience with the administration, implementation and monitoring of multiple State and Federal Community Development Grant programs with multi-million dollar budgets. Loren Holt also with the City of Modesto's Parks Recreation and Neighborhoods Department has extensive experience in planning, designing, constructing and maintaining park facilities for the City of Modesto. Loren's knowledge will be utilized to aid in project design, development of the plant palette and material selection.

Kristin Doud, Assistant Planner for the Stanislaus County Planning and Community Development Department, has worked both in Planning and Community Development over the last four years. She brings experience in both planning documents and CEQA, as well as with the administration, implementation and monitoring of Federal grant programs. Kristin is also the lead for the Stanislaus County RST project, which will ensure connectivity between the two grant projects.

Technical assistance for the stormwater and financial analyses will be provided by staff from Stanislaus County and City of Modesto Public Works Departments. Plan graphics, landscape plans, street views and some project design will be provided by a Landscape Architecture firm.

3. Utilizing Active and Strong Partnerships to Assist in Plan Implementation - The Airport Neighborhood is a disadvantaged community in many respects, with issues ranging from poverty, violence, and homelessness, to a lack of infrastructure. Stanislaus County, City of Modesto and the Tuolumne River Trust believe it is a unique and worthwhile community that deserves a comprehensive plan that can stand up to the diverse and complex issues that face it. Developing the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan would allow the Neighborhood to maximize the abundance of community development programs, stakeholder partnerships, and community organizations that exists in the area, as well as to tap into its potential to function as a gateway to the Tuolumne River Regional Parks system for both motorized and non-motorized visitors. With a mobilized community and a wide-range of dedicated stakeholders (citizen, governmental and nongovernmental) funding this project proposal would allow a low-income Central Valley Neighborhood to transform itself into the Strategic Growth Council's vision of a healthy community; one that meets the basic needs of all its residents, ensures quality and sustainability of the environment, provides for adequate levels of economic and social development, and assures social relationships that are supportive and respectful.

AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN - WORK PLAN SUMMARY

	PLAN DELIVERABLE & BENCHMARK	ESTIMATED COST	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Element 1	Goals and Objectives of Plan	\$ 8,000	August 2012
Element 2	Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment	\$ 27,000	October 2012
Element 3	Assessment of Storm Water Run-off System Options	\$ 52,000	July 2013
Element 4	Green Space Analysis (Plant Palette, Connectivity and Public Access)	\$ 48,000	January 2013
Element 5	Identify Barriers and Opportunities for Improving Physical Health in the Community	\$ 12,000	February 2013
Element 6	"Complete Streets" Design (Inclusive of Safe Routes to School Analysis)	\$ 32,000	May 2013
Element 7	Integration of Urban Greening Principles into Existing Projects	\$ 12,000	July 2014
Element 8	Identification and Prioritization of Potential Projects	\$ 62,000	January 2014
Element 9	Evaluation and Assessment of Financing Options for Planning, Construction and on-going Operation and Maintenance Costs of Identified Projects	\$ 52,000	March 2014
Element 10	Assessment of Project Compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations, as well as with Existing Resources Management Plans and the State's Planning Priorities	\$ 12,000	April 2014
Element 11	Development of Implementation Strategies for Identified projects	\$ 8,000	April 2014
Element 12	Development of Stakeholder and Community Outreach and Engagement Strategies for long-term Community Participation and Empowerment	\$ 8,000	March 2014
DRAFT	Drafting the Plan	\$ 12,000	April 2014
DRAFT	CEQA and Public Review of the Draft Plan	\$ -	May 2014
DRAFT	State Review of the Draft Plan	\$ -	May 2014
FINAL	Finalizing Plan	\$ 5,000	July 2014
ADMIN	On-going Administration and Monitoring of the Plan Progress	incorporated within each task	July 2014
	Total	\$ 350,000	

AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN WORK PLAN

Element 1: Goals and Objectives of Plan

Overview: The first element of the Plan will allow the grant partners to review the Work Plan and formalize a summary of the goals and objectives of the Plan for inclusion in the documents. The Strategic Growth Council's definition of a healthy community will provide the framework for the goals and objectives of the Plan: To promote a sustainable Airport Neighborhood by creating a plan that meets the basic needs of all residents, ensures quality and sustainability of the environment, provides for adequate levels of economic and social development, and assures social relationships that are supportive and respectful.

Goals: To finalize the goals and objectives for inclusion in the Plan Introduction

- **Task 1:** Modesto, Stanislaus County and Tuolumne River Trust grant staff will meet to come up with a draft of the goals and objectives of the Plan
- **Task 2:** Draft of the goals and objectives will be brought before the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative for input and approval
- **Task 3:** Amend and finalize goals and objectives

Resources: City of Modesto Planning Staff, County Planning Staff, Tuolumne River Trust, City of Modesto Parks Staff, Strategic Growth Council Resource Documents, Airport Neighborhood Collaborative

Timeline: July 1, 2012 – August 1, 2012

Estimated Cost: \$8,000

Measurement: Completed Goals and Objectives section for inclusion in the Plan's Introduction

Element 2: Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment

Overview: Analyze the baseline conditions of the Neighborhood by gathering existing data and combining it with local community knowledge. Display data in both narrative format and with mapping.

Goals: To finalize the goals and objectives for inclusion in the Plan Introduction

- **Task 1:** Gather data from the Stanislaus County RST Greenhouse gas Inventory and GIS Data project, create a Neighborhood Inventory of existing baseline conditions, including greenhouse gas levels, crime rates
- **Task 2:** Inventory existing infrastructure, including stormwater systems, sewer, water, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, parks, alleys and MID canal laterals
- **Task 3:** Gather household demographic data from the 2010 Census, including income and poverty levels, unemployment rate, age, race, ethnicity, sex, household size, etc.

- **Task 4:** Review existing documents that assess community needs, including City of Modesto and Stanislaus County’s Airport Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies and Revitalization Plans
- **Task 5:** Review baseline data included within assessments completed for the Tuolumne River, including the Tuolumne River Regional Parks Master Plan, The Lower Tuolumne River Parkway: A Framework for the Future and Habitat Restoration Plan for the Lower Tuolumne River Corridor (Restoration Plan)
- **Task 6:** Review HSA Community Health Document to draw obesity, diabetes and asthma rates in the County
- **Task 7:** Prepare draft baseline inventory narrative
- **Task 8:** Map draft baseline data
- **Task 9:** Present baseline data to the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative and Built Environment Advisory Committee
- **Task 10:** Amend and Finalize baseline inventory narrative and mapping for inclusion in the Plan

Resources: City of Modesto Planning Staff, County Planning Staff, Tuolumne River Trust, City of Modesto Parks Staff, Local and Regional Assessment Documents, Stanislaus County RST Greenhouse Gas Inventory and GIS Data, Census 2010, Airport Neighborhood Collaborative, Built Environment Advisory Committee

Timeline: August 1, 2012 – October 1, 2012

Estimated Cost: \$27,000

Measurement: Completed Baseline Inventory Narrative and Mapping for inclusion in the Plan

Element 3: Assessment of Storm Water Run-off System Options

Overview: The specific intent of this element is to determine the comprehensive storm water needs for the Airport Neighborhood and to provide a strategy for upgrading storm drainage facilities. The recommended target tasks will be used for storm water run-off analysis and the development of possible solutions and recommendations for dealing with the storm run-off, including a drain system, basins/open space and/or bio-swales/green belts.

Goals: As a whole, the Plan will focus on creating solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing urban greening, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increase the reliability of local water supplies and to improve community health and public access to green spaces. As part of a multi-discipline effort, the storm drainage solution can enhance livability and sustainability through the effective use of best-management practices (BMP). BMP’s can include curbless gutters that drain into native grasses which would help capture and slow down runoff and recharge groundwater, while others utilize pervious pavements to reduce urban runoff. Additionally, street trees can be an effective method of reducing urban runoff, heat island effects and as a store of carbon.

- **Task 1:** Collect Existing Records

- a. Collect and research any existing records (as-builts) that might be used to identify any existing storm water facilities.
 - b. Contact all affected utility companies to collect information that will be used in determining any possible conflicts with the existing utilities.
 - c. Identify any existing storm water inflow locations, and corresponding inflow rates (cfs), from adjoining land areas.
 - d. Identify existing conditions and constrains related to the storm water run-off.
- **Task 2: Hydrological Map**
 - a. Identify and define target area for the storm system feasibility study.
 - b. Conduct a topographical survey to gather relevant information that will be used for defining the water shed area (hydrological contributory area). The water shed area will be used for determining storm water system demands. This task shall produce drainage maps and identify any inflow locations from neighboring land parcels.
 - c. Collect information on the existing and proposed land types/uses for the purposes of sub-dividing overall water shed map into sub areas with unique run-off coefficients.
 - **Task 3: Method Selection**
 - a. Analyze existing conditions and determine most practical direction for the storm water system retrofit study.
 - b. Determine appropriate hydrological model and method to be used for the study.
 - c. Determine appropriate flood period for the hydrology study (50-year or 100-year flood).
 - d. Determine an engineering approach for analyzing existing drainage conditions and developing ideas for future storm drainage solutions.
 - e. Incorporate BMP's into the storm drainage solution to complement and augment the Urban Greening Master Plan for the Airport District.
 - f. Identify with Planners, those solutions that best fit with the "greening" of the Airport District.
 - **Task 4: Hydrology Study**
 - a. Calculate the amount of storm water run-off (cfs) from the adjoining properties.
 - b. Research and collect any reference charts that will be used for calculating run-off from a maximum storm event.
 - c. Perform appropriate hydrology calculations consistent with previously determined study method.
 - d. In addition, this task shall compare the existing storm run-off and post-development storm water run-off.
 - **Task 5: Drainage Study**
 - a. Assess options for disposing water from storm water run-off, with an emphasis on sustainability, urban greening and ground water recharge.
 - b. Perform storm drain sizing calculations for the various options.
 - c. Develop possible alternatives for storm water storage and/or disposal including determining possible discharge location/s and/or recharge locations.
 - d. Determine most practical locations/s for storm basin retention/detention.
 - e. If any storm basins are to be used for handling storm water run-off, perform percolation tests at the site/s of the proposed basin/s. In addition, perform borings

at the proposed basin locations to take soil core samples for the purposes of analyzing the underlying strata.

- f. Identify potential BMP's for reducing urban runoff and implement the greening master plan.
- **Task 6: System Feasibility**
 - a. Determine the engineering support costs for the project.
 - b. Determine possible sources for financing the required tasks.
 - c. Develop and approximate timeline for the proposed services.
 - d. Prepare an engineer's report for development of a Community Service Area benefit district for the maintenance of the proposed improvements.

Resources: City and County Public Works Engineering and Project Management Staff

Timeline: October 1, 2012 – July 1, 2013

Estimated Cost: \$52,000

Measurement: Completed Assessment of Stormwater Option, including financing Options for Incorporation into the Plan

Element 4: Green Space Analysis (Plant Palette, Connectivity and Public Access)

Overview: Utilizing the baseline data a green space analysis will be conducted to establish paths of green space connectivity to maximize existing green space and provide for additional and easily accessed public use. The plant palette for the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will primarily draw upon locally native plants, which are best adapted to local climate and soil conditions. The plant palettes from nearby park and habitat restoration projects provide an easy an obvious source list for plants that could be used in the Airport Neighborhood.

Goals: To create a plant palette for use in future Airport Neighborhood projects and to create an Airport Neighborhood Green Space Plan for inclusion in the Plan Introduction

- **Task 1:** Prepare a draft plant palette, drawing on plant palettes from nearby park and habitat restoration projects
- **Task 2:** Stakeholder review (including the Airport Land Use Commission) of the draft plant palette
- **Task 3:** Prepare final plant palette
- **Task 4:** Utilize baseline inventory to analyze potential for connections between existing green spaces
- **Task 5:** Prepare a cost and benefit analysis for potential connections, including infrastructure required for construction (water, sidewalk, storm drain, etc.), plant palette selection, stakeholder participation needed and impacts on stormwater and pedestrian and bicycle transportation for various connections
- **Task 6:** Prepare a draft Green Space Plan
- **Task 7:** Get community and stakeholder input on the draft plan
- **Task 8:** Amend and Finalize Green Space plan

Overview: City and County Public Works and County Planning Staff will evaluate potential financing options for the identified Plan projects, including planning, construction and on-going operation and maintenance costs.

Goals: To establish a list of financing options and their associated feasibility

- **Task 1:** Research capital projects financing options
- **Task 2:** Prepare cost estimates for identified projects for planning, construction and on-going O&M costs
- **Task 3:** Assess community willingness to support financing of projects
- **Task 4:** Conduct outreach to potential financing partners
- **Task 5:** Identify match funding opportunities
- **Task 6:** Analyze pros and cons of each option in terms of feasibility for the identified projects
- **Task 7:** Prepare report on financing options
- **Task 8:** Re-evaluate project priorities based on their financing feasibility

Resources: Capital Project Financing Research, Community Assessment, County Public Works, County Planning Staff

Timeline: January 1, 2014 – March 1, 2014

Estimated Cost: \$52,000

Measurement: Financial Feasibility Report for Identified Projects

Element 10: Assessment of Project Compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations, as well as with Existing Resources Management Plans and the State's Planning Priorities

Overview: This element is intended to ensure the draft Plan's compliance with local, State and Federal regulations, as well as with resource management guidelines and the State's planning priorities.

Goals: To ensure Plan compliance

- **Task 1:** Review Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan in terms of compliance with State AB32, SB275, AB881, Strategic Growth Council planning priorities, Federal Community Development Program Codes, City and County General Plans, Airport Land Use Commission Plan, Airport Revitalization Strategies and Plans, City and County Ordinances, Fire Code, Building Code and Resource Management Guides
- **Task 2:** Amend the Plan according to findings

Resources: Local, State and Federal codes, regulations and guides, City and County Planning Staff

Timeline: March 1, 2014 – April 1, 2014

Estimated Cost: \$12,000

Measurement: Assurance that the Plan is consistent with local, State and Federal regulations and resource management guidelines.

Element 11: Development of Implementation Strategies for Identified Projects

Overview: This element is intended to establish best practices for implementation of the plan, in terms of inter-agency cooperation, timing and financing of projects and stakeholder and community engagement

Goals: To establish best practices for multi-jurisdictional implementation, project timelines and projected financing for project construction and operations and maintenance costs

- **Task 1:** Develop Best Practices for on-going multi-jurisdictional cooperation, including adoption of the Plan by Modesto City Council and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, and for maintaining partnerships between jurisdictions throughout the implementation of the Plan's projects
- **Task 2:** Assign projected timelines, financing and leveraging sources and amounts, list stakeholders required for construction, establish estimates for on-going maintenance and operations costs, water sources and entity responsible for maintenance for each identified project
- **Task 3:** Develop list of existing partners and stakeholder groups
- **Task 4:** Establish best practices for the continued engagement of existing community members and stakeholder groups and methods for establishing new community and stakeholder partnerships to advocate for and assist with project implementation

Resources: Financial Analysis of Projects, City and County Planning Staff, Tuolumne River Trust, Airport Neighborhood Collaborative, Community-based Organizations

Timeline: March 1, 2014 – April 1, 2014

Estimated Cost: \$8,000

Measurement: Best Implementation Practices for inclusion in the plan

Element 12: Development of Stakeholder and Community Outreach and Engagement Strategies for Long-term Community Participation and Empowerment.

Overview: With assistance from existing community-based organizations that are active in the Airport Neighborhood, the community outreach and community engagement strategies of the Plan are anticipated to transform community participation into community empowerment. Educating residents on how to work from the planning process to project implementation can ultimately transform residents into citizens. Some existing examples of this type of work that will be incorporated into the Plan include:

Goals: To create best practices and strategies for lasting and meaningful community participations, education, and engagement.

- **Task 1:** Research on existing community empowerment strategies
- **Task 2:** Develop Best Practices for community participation and empowerment
- **Task 3:** Identify lead community-based organizations to act as a liaison between the community and those overseeing project implementation of the Plan
- **Task 4:** Identify opportunities for community participation in the implementation of the Plan
- **Task 5:** Identify needs for community and youth education and outreach regarding urban greening, climate change and the Tuolumne River ecosystem (begin with the existing Tuolumne River Trust's Tuolumne River Adventure Club program)
- **Task 5:** Summarize findings in a narrative

Resources: Community Empowerment Strategies, Tuolumne River Trust, County planning Staff, City Parks Staff, Airport Neighborhood Collaborative

Timeline: January 1, 2013 – March 1, 2014

Estimated Cost: \$8,000

Measurement: Completed Community Outreach and Empowerment through Engagement Plan

Other Tasks:

Drafting the Plan - \$12,000 March 2014 – April 2014

CEQA and Public Review of the Draft Plan - \$0 - April 2014 – June 2014

State Review of the Plan – April 2014 – June 2014

Final Adoption of the Plan - \$5,000 – July 2014

Total Budget \$350,000

CITY OF MODESTO
AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN
WORK PLAN
June 22, 2011

INTRODUCTION

The intent of this document is to describe the scope of work that City of Modesto staff will undertake for the subject project.

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan (Plan) will focus on creating solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing urban greening, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increase the reliability of local water supplies and to improve community health and public access to green spaces. As part of a multi-disciplinary effort, City staff will generally assist with tasks associated with background research and Plan development.

WORK PLAN TASKS SPECIFIC TO THE CITY OF MODESTO

1. Background Research

City of Modesto staff will assist with documenting the inventory of existing conditions and existing green space, in addition to development of the plant palette for the Plan. Existing conditions research will include, and will not necessarily be limited to, documentation of existing infrastructure (utilities and streets), green spaces, available resources and written materials that might benefit Plan development.

2. Plan Development

Utilizing the information collected through conducting the background research described above, City of Modesto staff will assist with Plan development. Specific tasks will include, and will not necessarily be limited to, preparing Plan goals and objectives, preparing draft Plan sections / chapters, reviewing draft Plan text prepared by others and providing written comments, and assisting with review of projects meant to implement the Plan.

Engineering analyses regarding storm drainage and other applicable infrastructure systems / components will also be provided. Infrastructure financing calculations will also be prepared.

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN

CITY OF MODESTO

Proposition 84 - Urban Greening Planning Grant Application

Plan Tasks	Unit Price \$	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Fringe	SGC Prop 84 Grant \$
1 Project Administration					
Surveys					
Consultant Contracting					
Subtotal Task 1					
2 Urban Greening Plan Development					
Plan Goals and Objectives					
Planning Manager	\$ 55.00	hrs.	36	17	\$ 2,592.00
Prinicpal Planner	\$ 46.00	hrs.	60	16	\$ 3,720.00
Senior Planner	\$ 38.00	hrs.	60	14	\$ 3,120.00
Community Dev. Spec. II	\$ 31.00	hrs.	60	10	\$ 2,460.00
Parks Manager	\$ 38.00	hrs.	36	27	\$ 2,340.00
Plan Drafting					
Prinicpal Planner	\$ 46.00	hrs.	80	16	\$ 4,960.00
Senior Planner	\$ 38.00	hrs.	120	14	\$ 6,240.00
Associate Planner	\$ 33.00	hrs.	120	14	\$ 5,640.00
Community Dev. Spec. II	\$ 31.00	hrs.	160	10	\$ 6,560.00
Parks Project Coordinator	\$ 32.00	hrs.	156	23	\$ 8,580.00
Senior Civil Engineer	\$ 53.00	hrs.	160	23	\$ 12,160.00
Plan Review					
Planning Manager	\$ 55.00	hrs.	40	17	\$ 2,880.00
Prinicpal Planner	\$ 46.00	hrs.	60	16	\$ 3,720.00
Community Dev. Spec. II	\$ 31.00	hrs.	60	10	\$ 2,460.00
Parks Manager	\$ 38.00	hrs.	60	27	\$ 3,900.00
Senior Civil Engineer	\$ 53.00	hrs.	80	23	\$ 6,080.00
Plan Compliance Checks					
Prinicpal Planner	\$ 46.00	hrs.	60	16	\$ 3,720.00
Community Dev. Spec. II	\$ 31.00	hrs.	80	10	\$ 3,280.00
Parks Project Coordinator	\$ 32.00	hrs.	80	23	\$ 4,400.00
Subtotal Task 2					\$ 88,812.00
3 Public Outreach					
Announcements					
Web Posting Costs					
Public Advertising Costs					
Community Meeting Costs					
Subtotal Task 3					
4 Materials					
Printing Costs					
Graphic Costs					
Subtotal Task 4					
5 Background Research					
Development of Plant Palette					
Parks Project Coordinator	\$ 32.00	hrs.	8	23	\$ 440.00
Existing Green Space Inventory					
Parks Project Coordinator	\$ 32.00	hrs.	24	23	\$ 1,320.00
Inventory of Existing Conditions					
Community Dev. Spec. II	\$ 31.00	hrs.	24	10	\$ 984.00
Principal Planner	\$ 46.00	hrs.	24	16	\$ 1,488.00
Stormwater Options					
Senior Civil Engineer	\$ 53.00	hrs.	40	23	\$ 3,040.00
Infrastructure Finance Admin.	\$ 43.00	hrs.	40	55	\$ 3,920.00
Subtotal Task 5					\$ 11,192.00
Total					\$ 100,004.00

TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST
AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN
WORK PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The intent of this document is to describe the scope of work that the Tuolumne River Trust staff will undertake for the subject project.

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan (Plan) will focus on creating solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing urban greening, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increase the reliability of local water supplies and to improve community health and public access to green spaces. As part of a multi-disciplinary effort, TRT staff will generally assist with tasks associated with community outreach, portions of the Plan relating the Tuolumne River and development of the plant palette.

WORK PLAN TASKS SPECIFIC TO THE CITY OF MODESTO

- Participate in planning team meetings
- Assist in coordinating outreach with community members through the Charlas Comunitarias and Airport Neighborhood Collaborative to get input for the plan
- Assist in disseminating information to the community through existing networks (Charlas, Collaborative)
- Assist in writing the plan, including lead writing on specific sections related to the river and the community collaborative efforts and review and input of the entire document.
- Assist in development of the plant palette

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN

TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST

Proposition 84 - Urban Greening Planning Grant Application

Plan Tasks		Unit Price \$	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Fringe Benefits % per hr.	SGC Prop 84 Grant \$
1 Project Administration						
	Contract Management (AFD)	24	hours	40	26%	1,212
Subtotal Task 1						1,212
2 Urban Greening Plan Development						
	Planning Team Meetings (DED)	33	hours	50	19%	1,962
	Planning Team Meetings (ANPM)	23	hours	15	23%	426
	Plan Writing, Editing, and Review (DED)	33	hours	40	19%	1,570
	Plan Writing, Editing, and Review (ANPM)	23	hours	4	23%	114
Subtotal Task 2						4,072
3 Public Outreach						
	Community Meetings (DED)	33	hours	25	19%	981
	Community Meetings (ANPM)	23	hours	25	23%	710
	Communications & Outreach (DED)	33	hours	10	19%	392
	Communications & Outreach (ANPM)	23	hours	10	23%	284
Subtotal Task 3						2,367
4 Materials						
	Printing Costs	0.30		1,500		450
	Postage	0.44		500		220
	Miscellaneous Office Supplies					250
Subtotal Task 4						920
Total						8,570

STANISLAUS COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN

WORK PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The intent of this document is to describe the scope of work that Stanislaus County Planning staff will undertake for the subject project.

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan (Plan) will focus on creating solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing urban greening, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increase the reliability of local water supplies and to improve community health and public access to green spaces. As part of a multi-disciplinary effort, County Planning staff will oversee the administration and monitoring of the grant as well as will participate in community outreach for the Plan and tasks associated with background research and Plan development.

WORK PLAN TASKS SPECIFIC TO THE COUNTY PLANNING STAFF

1. Administration and Monitoring of the Grant

County staff will oversee all submissions for payment reimbursement, will coordinate meetings and will monitor grant progress of the Plan implementation to ensure it is being conducted according to the approved work plan.

2. Background Research

County staff will conduct a baseline inventory of existing conditions and existing green space, in addition to development of the plant palette for the Plan. Existing conditions research will include, and will not necessarily be limited to, documentation of existing infrastructure (utilities and streets), green spaces, available resources and written materials that might benefit Plan development.

3. Plan Development

Utilizing the information collected through conducting the background research described above, County Planning staff will assist with Plan development. Specific tasks will include, and will not necessarily be limited to, preparing Plan goals and objectives, preparing draft Plan sections / chapters, reviewing draft Plan text prepared by others and

providing written comments, and assisting with review of projects meant to implement the Plan.

4. Community Outreach

County Planning staff will assist with community outreach and engagement throughout the creation of the Plan.

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN
STANISLAUS COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Proposition 84 - Urban Greening Planning Grant Application

Plan Tasks	Unit Price \$	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Fringe	SGC Prop 84 Grant \$	Stanislaus County RST \$	CDBG \$	Other Match (Specify) \$	Total Task Costs \$
1 Project Administration									
Surveys									
Overall Project Management	\$ 27.71	hourly	1740	\$ 45,901.20	\$ 47,058.30	\$ 47,058.30			\$ 94,116.60
Subtotal Task 1									
2 Urban Greening Plan Development									
Assistant Planner	\$ 27.71	hourly	850	\$ 22,423.00	\$ 45,976.50				
Associate Planner	\$ 34.73	hourly	60	\$ 1,797.00	\$ 2,083.80				
Subtotal Task 2									
3 Public Outreach									
Assistant Planner	\$ 27.71	hourly	1200	\$ 31,656.00	\$ 32,454.00	\$ 32,454.00			\$ 64,908.00
Associate Planner	\$ 34.73	hourly	60	\$ 1,797.00	\$ 2,083.80				
Subtotal Task 3									
4 Materials									
Printing Costs & Meeting Supplies					\$ 10,000.00				
Mileage	\$ 0.51	miles	500		\$ 255.00				
Meeting Space	\$244.85	meetings	3		\$ 734.56				
Subtotal Task 4									
5 Background Research									
Assistant Planner	\$ 27.71	hourly	100	\$ 2,638.00	\$ 5,409.00				
Subtotal Task 5									
Total									
					\$ 146,054.96	\$ 79,512.30			\$ 159,024.60



STANISLAUS COUNTY

STORM DRAIN STUDY WORK PLAN

FOR

AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN

June 21, 2011

INTRODUCTION

The specific intent of this document is to determine the comprehensive storm water needs for the Airport Neighborhood and to provide a strategy for upgrading storm drainage facilities. The recommended target tasks will be used for storm water run-off analysis and the development of possible solutions and recommendations for dealing with the storm run-off, including a drain system, basins/open space and/or bio-swales/green belts.

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed storm drain study is one of many components necessary for successful completion of the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan (Plan). As a whole, the Plan will focus on creating solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing urban greening, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increase the reliability of local water supplies and to improve community health and public access to green spaces.

As part of a multi-discipline effort, the storm drainage solution can enhance livability and sustainability through the effective use of best-management practices (BMP). BMP's can include curbless gutters that drain into native grasses which would help capture and slow down runoff and recharge groundwater, while others utilize pervious pavements to reduce urban runoff. Additionally, street trees can be an effective method of reducing urban runoff, heat island effects and as a store of carbon.

WORK PLAN TASKS SPECIFIC TO STORM DRAIN SYSTEM AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

1. Existing Records

- a. Collect and research any existing records (as-builts) that might be used to identify any existing storm water facilities.
- b. Contact all affected utility companies to collect information that will be used in determining any possible conflicts with the existing utilities.
- c. Identify any existing storm water inflow locations, and corresponding inflow rates (cfs), from adjoining land areas.
- d. Identify existing conditions and constraints related to the storm water run-off.

2. Hydrological Map

- a. Identify and define target area for the storm system feasibility study.
- b. Conduct a topographical survey to gather relevant information that will be used for defining the water shed area (hydrological contributory area). The water shed area will be used for determining storm water system demands. This task shall produce drainage maps and identify any inflow locations from neighboring land parcels.
- c. Collect information on the existing and proposed land types/uses for the purposes of subdividing overall water shed map into sub areas with unique run-off coefficients.

3. Method Selection

- a. Analyze existing conditions and determine most practical direction for the storm water system retrofit study.
- b. Determine appropriate hydrological model and method to be used for the study.
- c. Determine appropriate flood period for the hydrology study (50-year or 100-year flood).
- d. Determine an engineering approach for analyzing existing drainage conditions and developing ideas for future storm drainage solutions.
- e. Incorporate BMP's into the storm drainage solution, that complement and augment the Urban Greening Master Plan for the Airport District.
- f. Identify with Planners, those solutions that best fit with the "greening" of the Airport District.

4. Hydrology Study

- a. Calculate the amount of storm water run-off (cfs) from the adjoining properties.
- b. Research and collect any reference charts that will be used for calculating run-off from a maximum storm event.
- c. Perform appropriate hydrology calculations consistent with previously determined study method.
- d. In addition, this task shall compare the existing storm run-off and post-development storm water run-off.

5. Drainage Study

- a. Assess options for disposing water from storm water run-off, with an emphasis on sustainability, urban greening and ground water recharge.
- b. Perform storm drain sizing calculations for the various options.
- c. Develop possible alternatives for storm water storage and/or disposal including determining possible discharge location/s and/or recharge locations.
- d. Determine most practical locations/s for storm basin retention/detention.
- e. If any storm basins are to be used for handling storm water run-off, perform percolation tests at the site/s of the proposed basin/s. In addition, perform borings at the proposed

basin locations to take soil core samples for the purposes of analyzing the underlying strata.

- f. Identify potential BMP's for reducing urban runoff and implement the greening master plan.

6. System Feasibility

- a. Determine the engineering support costs for the project.
- b. Determine possible sources for financing the required tasks.
- c. Develop and approximate timeline for the proposed services.
- d. Prepare an engineer's report for development of a Community Service Area benefit district for the maintenance of the proposed improvements.

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN
STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Proposition 84 - Urban Greening Planning Grant Application

Plan Tasks		Unit Price \$	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Fringe	SGC Prop 84 Grant \$
1 Project Administration						
	Surveys					
	Consultant Contracting					
Subtotal Task 1						
2 Urban Greening Plan Development						
	Plan Goals and Objectives					
	Plan Drafting					
	Plan Review					
	Plan Compliance Checks					
Subtotal Task 2						
3 Public Outreach						
	Announcements					
	Web Posting Costs					
	Public Advertising Costs					
	Community Meeting Costs					
Subtotal Task 3						
4 Materials						
	Printing Costs					
	Graphic Costs					
Subtotal Task 4						
5 Background Research						
	Development of Plant Palette					
	Existing Green Space Inventory					
	Inventory of Existing Conditions					
	Stormwater and Fiscal Options	\$ 75.86	per hour	\$ 400.00	66	\$ 50,371.04
Subtotal Task 5						
Total						
						\$ 50,371.04

CONSULTANT (LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT)
AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN
WORK PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The intent of this document is to describe the scope of work that a Landscape Architect Firm or Consulting Firm will undertake for the subject project.

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Consultant will support the County-led design effort for the project. We anticipate that this will involve such tasks as review of the existing facilities, services and amenities in the project area; determining desirable alignment of non-vehicular paths and trails; coordination on streetscape design with a focus on "complete streets"; coordination on sustainable design practices such as bio-swales, green streets, and other low impact development (LID) practices; coordination on planting and irrigation concepts.

Fee budget: We anticipate that a fee in the neighborhood of \$35,000 - \$45,000 should provide the graphics and sufficient design and coordination services described above. This budget covers involvement of KLA principals, project manager and support staff and is based on an estimate of 350 – 450 hours. A further breakdown of hours and budget for each task follows:

- Design Assistance: \$20,000 - \$25,000 (200 - 250 hours)
- Graphic Production: \$15,000 - \$20,000 (150 - 200 hours)

As the scope is further refined the specific work and fees can be refined also. But the above hours would provide a reasonable allowance for quality design coordination and preparation of graphics.

WORK PLAN TASKS SPECIFIC TO CONSULTANT

Consultant will produce graphics to be incorporated by the County into the final document. We anticipate that the majority of these will be 11x17 format with the exclusion of the overall plan which would be larger format (24x36 or 30x42). The graphics would be a mix of computer-generated and hand-drawn color renderings and would include the following:

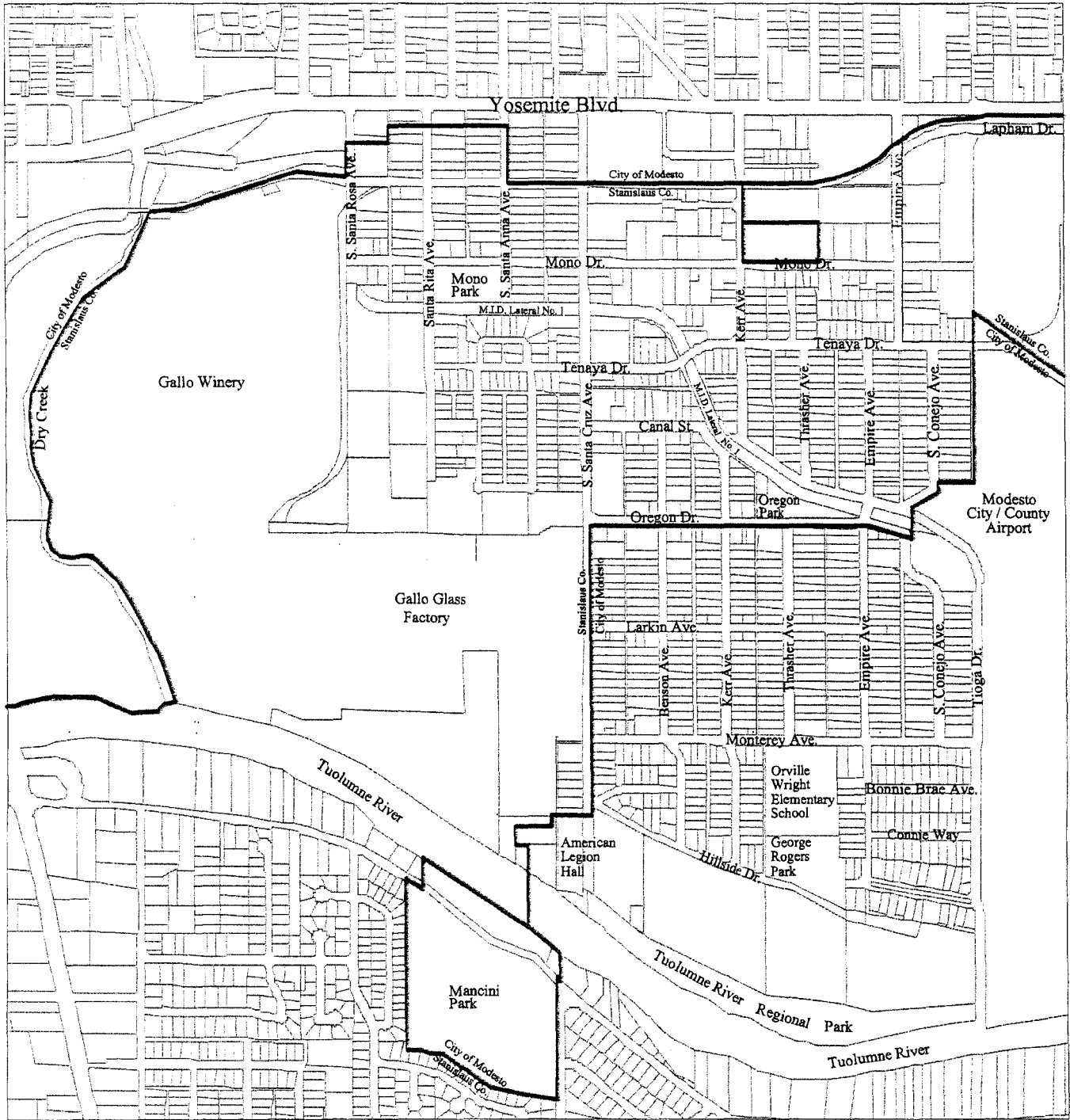
- Overall plan view showing the project area and graphically identifying the design elements
- Street views, which could be thumbnail perspective sketches of design elements, section/elevations, or mix of both.
- Enlarged plan views to show greater detail of landscaping or other design elements
- Perspective view. This is anticipated to be a birds-eye perspective to show a wider scope of the design elements.

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING MASTER PLAN

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT CONSULTANT

Proposition 84 - Urban Greening Planning Grant Application

Plan Tasks		Unit Price \$	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Fringe	SGC Prop 84 Grant \$
1 Project Administration						
	Surveys					
	Consultant Contracting					
Subtotal Task 1						
2 Urban Greening Plan Development						
	Plan Goals and Objectives					
	Plan Drafting					
	Plan Review					
	Project Design	\$ 100.00	hourly	250	N/A	\$ 25,000.00
Subtotal Task 2						\$ 25,000.00
3 Public Outreach						
	Announcements					
	Web Posting Costs					
	Public Advertising Costs					
	Community Meeting Costs					
Subtotal Task 3						
4 Materials						
	Printing					
	Development of Plan Graphics	\$ 100.00	hourly	200	N/A	\$ 20,000.00
Subtotal Task 4						\$ 20,000.00
5 Background Research						
	Development of Plant Palette					
	Existing Green Space Inventory					
	Inventory of Existing Conditions					
	Stormwater Options					
Subtotal Task 5						
Total						\$ 45,000.00



Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan

Internal Revenue Service
District Director

Department of the Treasury

P O BOX 36001 STOP SF-4-4-46
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

Date: MAR. 25, 1988

TUDLUMNE RIVER PRESERVATION TRUST
870 MARKET STREET SUITE 859
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

Employer Identification Number:

Case Number:
958049013

Contact Person:
DANIEL STEVENS

Contact Telephone Number:
(415) 556-0319

Our Letter Dated:
Aug. 3, 1983
Caveat Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization which is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). Your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the code is still in effect.

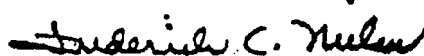
Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination until the Internal Revenue Service publishes a notice to the contrary. However, a grantor or a contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that resulted in your loss of section 509(a)(1) status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If the heading of this letter indicates that a caveat applies, the caveat below or on the enclosure is an integral part of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



Frederick C. Nielsen
District Director

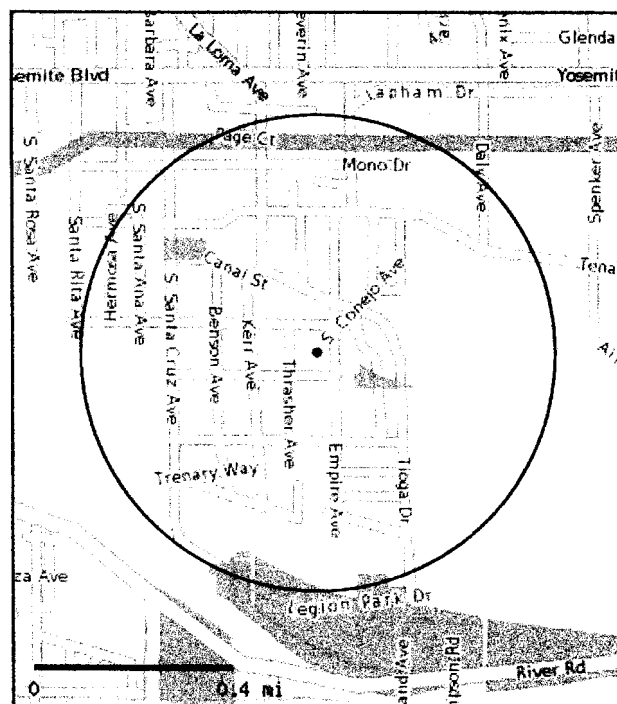
Letter 1050 (CG)

California State Parks Community Fact Finder Report

ROUND TWO

This is your Community FactFinder report for the project you have defined. Please refer to your Project ID in any future communications about this project.

Project ID:	22569
Date created:	June 9, 2011
County:	Stanislaus
City:	Modesto
Coordinates:	37.631907, -120.972347
Total Population:	2,080
Median Household Income:	\$29,056
Number of people below poverty line:	702
Park acreage:	14.66
Park acres per 1,000 population:	7.05



Project Site

All numbers above have been calculated based on a 1/2 mile radius from the point location of your project. Demographics are figured by averaging population numbers over selected census block groups and using the percent of the block group within the project circle to determine the actual counts.

Parks and park acres are based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks acreage does not include major lakes or ocean. Users can send update information to: parkupdates@parks.ca.gov

Data Sources:

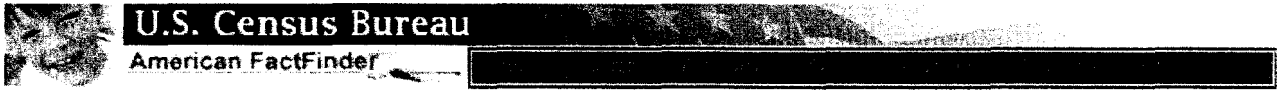
Demographics - Claritas Pop-Facts, block group level (2010)
Parks - Calif. Protected Areas Database v. 1.6 (Feb. 2011)



Community FactFinder is a service of the
California Department of Parks and Recreation
www.parks.ca.gov

Community FactFinder created
by GreenInfo Network
www.greeninfo.org



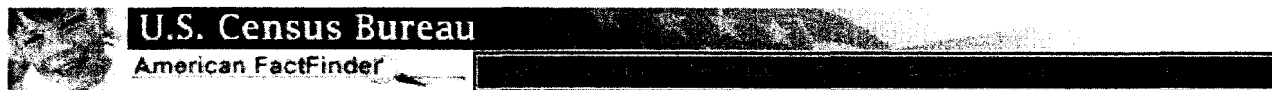


Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data

You have selected 1 geography.

	P001001
Total population: Total	
Census Tract 21, Stanislaus County, California	4,302

NOTE: A hyphen (-) indicates that data are not available for this geographic area for the selected data element (column) in your custom table. Please consult the Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data Technical Documentation (PDF 9.1MB) for more information.



Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

You have selected 1 geography.

	P087001
	Population for whom poverty status is determined: Total
Census Tract 21, Stanislaus County, California	4,276

NOTE: A hyphen (-) indicates that data are not available for this geographic area for the selected data element (column) in your custom table. Please consult the Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data Technical Documentation (PDF 6.92MB) for more information.



CITY of MODESTO

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June 28, 2011

State of California
The Strategic Growth Council
Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program -- Planning
c/o The California Natural Resources Agency
Bonds and Grants Unit
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan,
Stanislaus County**

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the proposed Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan – an intergovernmental, interdepartmental, community-based collaboration.

The Airport Neighborhood has been designated by the City of Modesto and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Modesto's sole Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). This designation represents a policy priority for the City as it relates to economic development, sustainable and affordable housing development, public service, and other community development activities.


The Airport Neighborhood – a disadvantaged community in many respects, including one that has historically experienced much poverty, violence, and homelessness, as well as one lacking in infrastructure in the unincorporated half of the neighborhood – is a unique and worthwhile community that has gained the commitments of both the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County, as well as countless stakeholders from throughout Modesto who are committed to being a part of the exciting transformation of the Airport Neighborhood into a healthy community that will serve as a model.


The Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will be integrated into an existing and robust community planning process that includes governmental and

nongovernmental stakeholders and residents. These stakeholders envision integrating this Urban Greening plan with existing community development commitments, particularly the public facility component of the NRSA, which includes the fully-funded Empire Avenue capital improvement project (street widening, installation of sidewalks and lighting, and improved drainage), as well as the construction of the Airport Neighborhood Community Center, a partnership with the local school and hub of neighborhood activity, Orville Wright Elementary. Stakeholders also envision integrating this Urban Greening plan with the housing development and land banking activities of the federally-funded Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) administered by the City of Modesto which targets the Airport Neighborhood exclusively.

The ultimate desired outcome of the collective efforts in the Airport Neighborhood is a healthy community. Thus the purpose of the Urban Greening Planning Program aligns perfectly with that of the NRSA, NSP3, and other efforts in the Airport Neighborhood. The City of Modesto looks forward to this opportunity for greater collaboration and impact in the Airport Neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Julie G. Hannon, Director
Parks, Recreation, and
Neighborhoods Department


Patrick Kelly, AICP, Planning Manager
Community and Economic Development
Department



HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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June 20, 2011

Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program
c/o The California Natural Resources Agency
Attn: Bonds and Grants Unit
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Urban Greening Planning Grant Program Application

Dear Strategic Growth Council Members:

The Stanislaus County Health Services Agency is pleased to write this letter of support for the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan application, being submitted collaboratively by Stanislaus County, City of Modesto and Tuolumne River Trust. The Agency strongly supports the proposed project and its approach of incorporating public health elements into a neighborhood scale planning process.

In Stanislaus County, it is estimated that over 60% of adults are overweight or obese. The two most preventable health behaviors leading to obesity are unhealthy eating and lack of physical activity. Access to healthy foods and a built environment that facilitates and promotes physical activity are imperative to sustaining and encouraging behavior change, in order to address the obesity epidemic and combat chronic disease. The Stanislaus County Health Services Agency is engaged in the development and coordination of prevention efforts to support healthy eating and active living, through the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Plan was developed as a prevention framework to address four broad determinants of health, based on the results from the 2008 Community Health Assessment: access to health information and care, basic needs, education, and the built environment. A number of task forces, including the Built Environment Advisory Committee, were formed to develop and implement prevention activities.

Planning departments from both the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have been participants of the Built Environment Advisory Committee since the spring of 2010. The committee, made up of multidisciplinary representatives ranging from planners, to real estate representatives and builders, is actively collaborating on the development of strategies to improve the built environment. The implementation of broad planning efforts like the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan is a goal of the Built Environment Committee. Further, incorporating elements in the Master Plan, such as complete streets, safe routes to school, recreational connectivity, green space connectivity, promotion of youth education about climate change issues, and ongoing community outreach, are prevention strategies in the CHIP.

The Stanislaus County Health Services Agency supports this proposal and encourages your consideration for funding the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Lee
Managing Director



AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATIVE

June 21, 2011

c/o Kirk Ford, Director
Planning and Community Development
Stanislaus County
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 3400
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Mr. Ford,

On behalf of the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative, whose primary mission is to provide ideas, expertise, volunteerism, and resources best supplied by a multi-agency collective which empowers residents to create a safe, vibrant and clean community, fully supports the Stanislaus County Planning and Community Development Department in its efforts to obtain grant funding from the Strategic Growth Council for the development of an Urban Greening Master Plan for the Airport Neighborhood, located on the eastern end of the City of Modesto and unincorporated portion of Stanislaus County.

Established as a voluntary partnership forum in January 2010, by local support agencies, non-profits, business entities and local government, the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative partners include the Center for Human Services, Orville Wright Elementary, Healthy Start Family Resource Center, Lifewind International, Common Wealth Modesto, Gallo Glass, Advancing Vibrant Communities, the George Rogers Neighborhood Park Committee, Habitat for Humanity, City of Modesto, Stanislaus County, Modesto Police Department, Stanislaus County Sheriff, Congregations Building Community, Interfaith Ministries, Stanislaus County Police Activity League, Boy Scouts of America, Parent Resource Center, and Golden Valley Health Centers all working to improve one of Modesto's most severely economically depressed neighborhoods through community collaboration on projects aimed at creating a healthy livable neighborhood. Among the needs of this neighborhood are safe routes/trails to school, clean air, green space connectivity including public access to regional and local recreational spaces and habitat pathways, clean parks and trails, and infrastructural improvements.

Through the efforts of Stanislaus County, its partners and the City of Modesto, we hope that Urban Greening Planning Grant helps to identify potential projects that will improve greening the neighborhood and provide children and families better opportunities to reach the school and local parks. The Urban Greening of this neighborhood will be an important step to making a safer, more livable Airport Neighborhood and community.

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Sincerely,

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June 24, 2011

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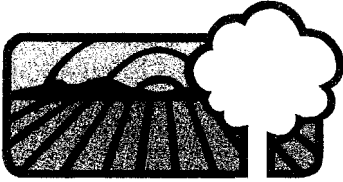
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June 28, 2011

State of California
The Strategic Growth Council
Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program – Planning
c/o The California Natural Resources Agency
Bonds and Grants Unit
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan,
Stanislaus County**

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the proposed Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan – an intergovernmental, interdepartmental, community-based collaboration.

The Airport Neighborhood has been designated by the City of Modesto and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Modesto's sole Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). This designation represents a policy priority for the City as it relates to economic development, sustainable and affordable housing development, public service, and other community development activities.


The Airport Neighborhood – a disadvantaged community in many respects, including one that has historically experienced much poverty, violence, and homelessness, as well as one lacking in infrastructure in the unincorporated half of the neighborhood – is a unique and worthwhile community that has gained the commitments of both the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County, as well as countless stakeholders from throughout Modesto who are committed to being a part of the exciting transformation of the Airport Neighborhood into a healthy community that will serve as a model.


The Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan will be integrated into an existing and robust community planning process that includes governmental and

nongovernmental stakeholders and residents. These stakeholders envision integrating this Urban Greening plan with existing community development commitments, particularly the public facility component of the NRSA, which includes the fully-funded Empire Avenue capital improvement project (street widening, installation of sidewalks and lighting, and improved drainage), as well as the construction of the Airport Neighborhood Community Center, a partnership with the local school and hub of neighborhood activity, Orville Wright Elementary. Stakeholders also envision integrating this Urban Greening plan with the housing development and land banking activities of the federally-funded Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) administered by the City of Modesto which targets the Airport Neighborhood exclusively.

The ultimate desired outcome of the collective efforts in the Airport Neighborhood is a healthy community. Thus the purpose of the Urban Greening Planning Program aligns perfectly with that of the NRSA, NSP3, and other efforts in the Airport Neighborhood. The City of Modesto looks forward to this opportunity for greater collaboration and impact in the Airport Neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Julie G. Hannon, Director
Parks, Recreation, and
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Patrick Kelly, AICP, Planning Manager
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June 20, 2011

Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Urban Greening Planning Grant Program Application

Dear Strategic Growth Council Members:

The Stanislaus County Health Services Agency is pleased to write this letter of support for the Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan application, being submitted collaboratively by Stanislaus County, City of Modesto and Tuolumne River Trust. The Agency strongly supports the proposed project and its approach of incorporating public health elements into a neighborhood scale planning process.

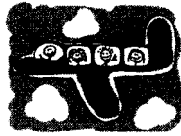
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Sincerely,

Mary Ann Lee
Managing Director



AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATIVE

June 21, 2011

c/o Kirk Ford, Director
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AMENDED SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENT

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NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree to amend the original Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan Sub-grantee Agreement, executed between Organization and Sub-grantee on May 1, 2013, as follows:

1. Section 4.1, Grant Amount Awarded, is amended to read as follows:


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2. The Organization has authorized the undersigned person signing as officers on behalf of Organization, to enter into this Agreement on behalf of said Organization and to bind the same to this Agreement, and, further that said Organization has authority to enter into this Agreement and that there are no restrictions or prohibitions contained in any article of incorporation or bylaws against entering into this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement Amendment on the day and year first hereinabove written.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST

By: 

By: 

Angela Freitas, Director
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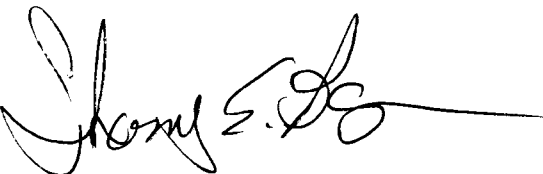
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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