



SACOG Board of Directors

April 13, 2006

Endorsement of Sacramento Tree Foundation's Greenprint Plan

Issue: The Sacramento Tree Foundation is seeking endorsements for its Greenprint Regional Urban Forest Initiative.

Recommendation: The Air Quality Committee recommends that the SACOG Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution in support of Greenprint and approve the appointment of David Young to serve as the SACOG staff liaison to the Greenprint Collaborative.

Committee Action/Discussion: Most people recognize the value of trees to our quality of life. Among the well-known benefits of trees are improved property values, significant energy savings, and air quality improvement. The Sacramento Tree Foundation's Greenprint initiative provides a step-by-step guide for improving the way we plan, design, plant, and care for our urban forests. It is designed for flexibility and local control.

The goals of the Greenprint are: 1) to optimize the benefits of trees throughout the SACOG Region; 2) to create sustainable urban forests; and 3) to create community-wide appreciation for our urban forests. The Greenprint initiative contains canopy cover goals, a consistent set of tree ordinances, tree planting lists, and best management practices that will optimize the returns for the Sacramento region.

The Sacramento Tree Foundation is asking for SACOG's support of the Greenprint. So far, twenty-five cities and counties in the Sacramento region have formally adopted the Greenprint by resolution. In addition, the Sacramento Tree Foundation, through the attached resolution, is asking the SACOG Board to appoint a SACOG staff person to serve as a liaison to the Greenprint Collaborative.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

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Attachment

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SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 2006

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GREENPRINT SPONSORED BY THE
SACRAMENTO TREE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, SACOG recognizes the importance of tree canopies and their contributions to clean air and water, storm water runoff reduction, energy conservation, improved public health, and increased property values; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports the protection of native trees, woodlands and riparian areas as key features to sustain our ecosystems and promote our natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports the importance of citizen awareness and community involvement as major contributors to healthier urban forests, and in building neighborhood unity, community pride and civic trust; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports the value of public-private partnerships with business and nonprofit organizations in order to mobilize resources, widen funding sources and increase the understanding of the importance of trees; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports the development of urban forest best management practices, policies and ordinances and the adoption of urban forest master plans for each of our communities; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports coordinated tree planting plans in order to double the tree canopy in our region; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports the importance of nurseries and other green industries in providing highest quality tree stock and state of the art tree and urban forest services; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports a regional Greenprint steering committee of elected officials; and

WHEREAS, SACOG supports a Greenprint Collaborative to provide high-quality technical information, education and funding resources to communities so they can expand, protect and steward their community trees and urban forest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SACOG Board of Directors hereby adopts the Greenprint sponsored by the Sacramento Tree Foundation and authorizes the Executive Director of SACOG to appoint a staff liaison to the Greenprint Collaborative.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2006, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Heather Fargo
Chair

Mike McKeever
Executive Director