



Land Use & Natural Resource Committee

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Rural Technical Assistance from Strategic Growth Council Grant

Issue: This is an update to the Committee on the technical assistance that has been provided to rural communities from resources provided by a grant from the Strategic Growth Council. This includes a presentation by Colfax City Manager, Mark Miller.

Recommendation: This is for information only.

Discussion: As noted in earlier discussions with the committee, SACOG received a \$900,000 grant from the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). One of the grant's three major activities is technical assistance to cities and counties in the region to help implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy. All 28 SACOG member jurisdictions were contacted and asked if they would like assistance. SACOG staff and its consultant, Portland State University's Urban Sustainability Accelerator (USA) met with some smaller communities to discuss their needs and any opportunities for technical assistance.

SACOG and USA identified the following jurisdictions as those that could be matched with some direct service within the skillsets available. In most cases, these jurisdictions were seeking some form of assistance with economic and community revitalization, including:

- Woodland – working with a commercial property owner on Main Street that is exploring mixed use options;
- Winters – conducted two community workshops on economic development with USA subconsultant Michele Reeves;
- Placer County – working with its surrounding jurisdictions in the Tahoe area to coordinate subregional planning efforts;
- Placerville – facilitating analysis and discussions between the city of Placerville and El Dorado County on tax sharing and long range planning;
- Colfax – two economic and community revitalization workshops with USA subconsultant Michele Reeves.

Colfax City Manager, Mark Miller, will discuss with the Committee how the city utilized the two community workshops in their overall revitalization planning efforts and activities.

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