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To: Deborah Allen, Management Aide – Sustainability

The City of Rancho Cucamonga

From: Dan Titus, Alta Loma

RE: *Question & Comments: Rancho Cucamonga Sustainable Community Action Plan*

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to S/CAP draft document. My requests, comments and questions are numbered and in boldface-italics.

I could not review the entire draft because I have confusion about what transpired between the 12-16-2015 general workshop and the release of the final draft. It appears that the scope of the project changed. Please see my concerns in item numbers 8 through 11 below.

The Rancho Cucamonga Sustainability Action Plan + Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) was approved on 12-16-2015, at a general workshop meeting, by the city council as per a presentation by staff. The presentation provided an overview of sustainability programs in the city and denoted the specific tasks needed to be accomplished to develop and complete the S/CAP project. The meeting agenda for the meeting was presented in a PowerPoint, which included the following items.

- Project Background
- Overview of Project Tasks
- Community Involvement Process
- Environmental Sustainability Efforts in Progress
- Facilitated Discussion

Project Background

- Grant provided by SCAG to develop:
 - Sustainability Action Plan + Climate Action Plan (S/CAP)
 - Conduct Community Engagement

1. Request: Please provide a copy of the grant application and any documentation denoting the terms/conditions of the grant.

- Consultant team hired through competitive bid process:
 - Raimi + Associates
 - Fehr & Peers (sub-consultant)
 - Brendle Group (sub-consultant)
- Project will align with other planning efforts:
 - Rancho Cucamonga 2010 General Plan
 - SANBAG GHG Inventory + GHG Reduction Plan
 - Healthy RC Strategic Plan

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Purpose of Sustainability Action Plan

- Serves as the broad community vision for sustainability
- Provides a roadmap for future sustainability efforts
- Expresses the sustainability, economic, and health benefits of sustainability strategies
- Consistent with Rancho Cucamonga General Plan

2. Please quantify sustainability, economic, and health benefits of sustainability strategies in the draft of the S/CAP.

Relationship Between S/CAP and Climate Action Plan

- The Sustainability Action Plan will identify broad environmental, health, and economic objectives
- The Climate Action Plan will identify methods specifically to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

3. Please identify in the draft document where the Climate Action Plan will identify methods specifically to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- Many of the strategies to enhance sustainability will simultaneously reduce greenhouse gas emissions

4. Please clarify the statement above and quantify to specific GHG reduction in relation to the draft document.

Tasks and Process

- Phase 1: Understand + Build Upon Efforts to Date
- Phase 2: Identify + Prioritize + Evaluate Policies
- Phase 3: Develop SAP + CAP (S/CAP)
- Phase 4: Review + Adopt SAP + CAP (S/CAP)

5. Please identify in the specific tasked used to develop the CAP.

6. Please outline the specific process used to approve and “adopt” the CAP.

Identify + Prioritize + Evaluate Policies

- **Triple** Bottom Line Evaluation + Sustainability Index
 - Environmental
 - Economic
 - Health
- Goal + Policy Prioritization

- Subsequent Meetings with: Interdepartmental Advisory Group, Task Force, Community

Develop, Review, Adopt S/CAP

- Outline + Format
- Draft S/CAP, including:
 - Goals, Policies, Actions
 - Best Practice Highlights
 - Implementation Program
 - Monitoring + Tracking

7. Please identify within the scope of the S/CAP the implementation program, monitoring and tracking as it relates to the CAP portion in the draft document

- Final Round of Meetings with: Interdepartmental Advisory Group, Task Force, Community, City Council

Public Workshops + Events

Public events will be conducted to engage the public in the planning process during each stage of the planning process

- Introduce the project to the community
- Gather feedback and ask to prioritize policies and programs
- Request input and feedback on the draft S/CAP

8. It appears that project, as initially presented to the public and subsequently approved by the council, changed. Please clarify the difference between the:

- 1. Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (SAP + CAP)***
- 2. Sustainable Community Action Plan***

9. When did the name change and why?

10. How were stakeholders and city residents informed of the change?

11. How did this change impact required public outreach in relationship to the outreach required and approved at the public workshop on 12-16-2017?