

Dear Sustainability Workshop Participants
(Friday, November 5, 1999; 2465 Hall Canyon Road, Ventura; 1:30 to 5:00 pm)

Participant List to date:

Tim Dagodog, John Schillinger, Carl Maida (CSUN faculty team)
Jason Venetulis and Adam -- (Lamont Hempel's Claremont Graduate Assistants)
Dean Kubani, City of Santa Monica Environmental Programs
Sue Kelley and -- (League of Women Voters)
Robert Chianese, Todd Collart, Paul Mattson, Jerry Beckerman (Sustainability Council)
(Tentative: Steve Cumings)

The CSUN faculty team met and devised a draft list of issues they hope we will cover in the workshop. I include it below. I will also mail everyone attending an elaborate, multi-faceted Indicator and Report from Lamont Hempel that provide good examples what we may want to produce.

Once we assemble all the materials, I'll try to create an agenda. This will be an exciting meeting, with plenty of new information. We may not be able to absorb it at one time, so we might want to think of this as phase one of planning a "Work Program" for the grant and also as a first step in preparing a public workshop about the nitty gritty of Sustainability Indicators.

You might also want to check out the following web sites for very valuable Indicator material:
The Sustainable Communities Network <www.sustainable.org/>
Maurene Hart's site: <www.subjectmatters.com/indicators>

The faculty team's draft list of issues that can serve to focus our indicator design effort:

- 1) agree on the nature of the indicator design process,*
- 2) agree on the approximate number of indicators we expect to design,*
- 3) take into account the ease of operationalizing indicators, based upon available data sources,*
- 4) focus on indicators specific to the Oxnard Plain that relate to urban growth limits, environment and the quality of life,*
- 5) assure that indicators measure the effects of urban growth limits across social classes and interest groups,*
- 6) establish a baseline to document the kinds of changes that have occurred over the last 10-20 years, and to measure changes that will occur after the passage of SOAR.*

Perhaps we can set aside some time at the workshop to discuss the expectations of the University researchers and those of the Council members

at the outset of the effort.

Bob Chianese

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