Planning, Partnerships, & Energy Activities

City of Visalia
A 2007 Update
Planning:

*East Downtown Strategic Plan*

- Downtown is physical, economic center of city.
- Existing retail core supported by new urban infill mixed uses.
- City purchased 36 acres in Strategic Plan area.
- Development of Civic Center and infrastructure moving forward.
Planning:  
*East Downtown Strategic Plan*

- Plan provides area with environmental assets.
- Access to transportation.
- Pedestrian traffic enhanced.
- Zoning calls for greater density; promotes concentric growth.
Planning: Southeast Area Specific Plan

- Creation of 850-acre plan.
- Provide opportunity for residential, neighborhood commercial development.
- Integrates neighborhood services, residential types with active, public spaces.
Planning: Southeast Area Specific Plan

- Concepts part of New Urbanism movement.
- Project uses 100 acres owned by hospital.
- Cohesive neighborhoods have their own center, with pedestrian and vehicle paths.
- Traditional neighborhood design with open spaces.
Partnerships:
San Joaquin Valley
Clean Energy Organization

• Assist with development of clean energy programs.
• Increase energy investments throughout Valley.
• Provide resources to public/private entities.
• Increase awareness of clean, efficient energy alternatives.
• Help City become Model Green Community.
Partnerships: *Sequoia Shuttle*

- Partnership with National Park Service on a 3-year pilot program.
- Provide environmentally-friendly transportation to, from and within Park.
- 39,856 vehicles removed from road.
Energy Activities:

*Alternative Fuel Fleet Grows*

- City to purchase additional 12 buses which use compressed natural gas.
- Alternative fuel fleet numbers 21 out of 42 transit vehicles.
- Contracts awarded for purchase of 16 new marked police patrol vehicles.
- Goal is to make the city’s fleet 100% alternative fuel.
Energy Activities:  
**CNG Station**

- Joint purchase with School District of second compressed natural gas station.
- Duplicity eases dependence on one fueling system for key vehicles.
- Station includes public, 24-hour-a-day fueling station for heavy duty vehicles.
Energy Activities: Ordinances

- Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris Ordinance helps achieve 50% waste diversion mandate.
- Establishes regulations for recycling, diversion of C&D debris.
Energy Activities:
*Methane Gas and Solar Panels*

- City has used methane gas for last 15 years.
- Gas captured at wastewater treatment plant provides part of energy to run the plant.
- Solar panels installed in Spring, 2006, provide two-thirds of power at the Airport Building, three hangers.
Energy Activities: Visalia Police Sub-Stations

- Energy-efficient walls of concrete block, straw bale double the insulation of standard construction.
- Features include reflective roof, night air ventilation system, and proper orientation of windows.