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289	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Fresno County Public Hearing	5-A- Item 4 Encourage bio swales in pervious surface rather than concrete.	Use of bio-swales has been added to technical assistance for #5-B. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
290	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Inland Empire Public Hearing	What about use of recycled water. On- site water recycling needs to be in 4-A. Water is a valuable resource.	Change made. Please see the new Application Guide dated February 17, 2009. Water conservation is added into 4-A. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists other water conservation techniques.
291	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Kern County Public Hearing	#5-A item 1: Percent of project that needs to include recycled materials would be difficult to score. I guess we would highlight in application what is being recycled.	Correct. The applicant's response to 5-A item 1 will explain how the project uses recycled materials in construction.

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292	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles Public Hearing	<p>#5-A Make stronger- no points available until you meet 2 or 3 of the elements. 5-A- item 3 May encourage sloppy park design. May encourage people to go to a web site and slap in native plants that spread like weeds. California Invasive Plant Council- they recommend plants on statewide level- good plants for public spaces- encourage native plants that perform well for public space. (add to T.A.) Also ask for detailed maintenance plan – how they will maintain the native plants. They weed-wack the plants- does not look good.</p> <p>5-A-item 4 - Great goals- make it stronger by offering more points for extra items- include word “offsite runoff”. Consider surrounding area- give higher points to a park that can process runoff from residential or industrial area. (decreases pollution)</p>	<p>Two of the elements listed in #5-A must be met for the project to be eligible. Please see the eligibility explanation on page 35 of the December 1, 2008 guidelines. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.</p> <p>The "offsite runoff" recommendation for #5-A item 4 has been added.</p>
293	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles Public Hearing	<p>#5A- item 3- I hope the State avoids getting in turf wars between various native plant organizations that put out different guidelines. Do not recommend using a certain native plant organization for technical assistance.</p> <p># 5-A item 4 is vague. Pervious surfaces- does not address other ways to capture water- I want more clarification.</p> <p>Point system- Not reasonable- use of recycled materials (#5-A Items 1-2) should not be weighed the same way as #5-A items 3-4. 3-4 should be given more points.</p>	<p>For #5-A item 4, there are multiple ways to capture water, and a single method is not required. Please see the new Application Guide dated February 17, 2009, including the technical assistance section for various changes to criteria #5.</p>

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294	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles Area - Letter	<p>Sustainable DesignRMC supports development strategies that incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) Principles and encourages State Parks to integrate these elements into its criteria where possible. Key Principles of Low Impact DevelopmentA number of key principles characterize low impact development: • Decentralize and micromanage urban runoff to integrate water management throughout the watershed. • Preserve or mimic the ecosystem’s natural hydrologic functions and cycles. • Emphasize a distributed, not concentrated, control of stormwater. • Account for a site’s topographic features in its design. • Reduce impervious ground cover and building footprint. • Maximize infiltration on-site. (Current stormwater practices do just the opposite—they aim to move water off site as quickly as possible.) • If infiltration is not possible, then capture water for filtration and/or reuse. We are also recommending the following changes to the sustainability design section: Change 5.A #1:1. A minimum of 50% of hardscape elements (gates, fences, lighting fixtures, benches, bike racks, drinking fountains, signage, etc.), must be recycled material content products, to further the mission of sustainable development. A resource guide for Recycled Material Content Products is located at: <a href="http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/RCP/">http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/RCP/</a>. Expand 5.A #4 to include:1. Site grading, bio swales, and/or porous materials will be used to retain storm water on site to the maximum extent feasible.2. Storm water best management practices (BMPs) must be utilized on the project site. In areas where grading, vegetation</p>	Changes made based on these comments. Please see criteria #5 and technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.

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			<p>clearing, or planting is planned, BMPs must be utilized to control excessive erosion while vegetation becomes established. See <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">http://www.cabmphandbooks.com</a> for more information. Add to the 5.A, a fifth design technique:1. Any irrigation installed on the project site must be a water efficient irrigation system. In projects where turf is planned, both a rain sensor and a soil moisture meter are required to ensure water efficient irrigation practices. A rain sensor will halt irrigation on days it is raining, eliminating excessive water runoff. A soil moisture meter will automatically shut off irrigation when the root zone of the turf becomes saturated, preventing excessive irrigation runoff. Add to the Technical Assistance for Criteria #5:1. Exclude the use of invasive plants as listed in the document, "California Invasive Plants Inventory" published by the California Invasive Plant Council <a href="http://www.calipc.org/ip/inventory/index.php">http://www.calipc.org/ip/inventory/index.php</a>.2. A resource guide for Recycled Material Content is available at the California Waste Management Board's website: <a href="http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/rcp/">http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/rcp/</a>Add to Criteria 5.B the following:Energy Conservation Design Techniques1. Minimize building heating and cooling requirements with vegetation2. Projects which include construction or renovation of buildings/structures larger than 1,000 gross square feet must be consistent with elements in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), US Green Building Council standards for (1) Sustainable site planning, (2) Safeguarding water and water efficiency, (3) Energy efficiency and</p>	

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			<p>renewable energy, (4) Conservation of materials and resources, and (5) Indoor environmental quality. Projects which include construction or renovation of buildings/structures larger than 10,000 gross square feet must achieve at least Silver Level of LEED Certification. Information on the LEED program is located at: <a href="http://www.usgbc.org">http://www.usgbc.org</a>. Water Conservation Design Techniques</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Eliminate potable water use in ornamental or storm water features</li> <li>2) Manage water on site</li> <li>3) Cleanse water on site</li> <li>4) Capture runoff from off-site source(s)</li> </ol> <p>Other Natural Resource Conservation Design Techniques</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) Preserve special status trees</li> <li>6) Provide a plan for sustainable landscape maintenance</li> </ol> <p>Add another category: Ecological Design Techniques – to protect and restore site processes and systems</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Reduce urban heat island effects</li> <li>8) Promote a sense of place with native vegetation</li> <li>9) Preserve and restore native wildlife habitat</li> <li>10) Protect and restore riparian and wetland buffers</li> <li>11) Repair or restore damaged or lost streams, wetlands and coastal habitats</li> </ol> <p>5.B Point system: Require that in order to get the maximum 5 extra points the project must include at least one technique from each of the four categories.</p>	

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295	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles County Area - Letter	<p>Sustainable DesignChange 5.A #1:1) Use of recycled material in construction (at least 10%) or at least 50% ofhardscape elements (gates, fences, lighting fixtures, benches, bike racks, signage,etc) must be recycled material content products. [The use of recycled material isconsistent with minimum LEED standards.]2) Minimize construction waste by the separation and recycling of recoverablematerials generated during construction.Change to 5.A, #3:1) Use of drought tolerant or climate appropriate turf, trees, shrubs, ground cover,and non-invasive native plants, and exclude the use of invasive plants whenplanting landscaped areas when planting landscaped areas, and minimize theuse of toxic pesticides and inorganic fertilizers.Change 5.A #4 to:1) Incorporate pervious surfaces or the use another technique(s) to capture stormwater or reduce storm water runoff.Add to the 5.A, a fifth design technique:1) Reduce potable water consumption for irrigationAdd to the Technical Assistance for Criteria #5:1) Exclude the use of invasive plants as listed in the document, "California InvasivePlants Inventory" published by the California Invasive Plant Councilhttp://www.calipc.org/ip/inventory/index.php.2) A resource guide for Recycled Material Content is available at the CaliforniaWaste Management Board's website: http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/rcp/Add to Criteria 5.B the following:Energy Conservation Design Techniques1) Minimize building heating and cooling requirements with vegetationWater Conservation Design Techniques2) Eliminate potable water use in ornamental or storm water features3)</p>	Changes made based on these comments. Please see criteria #5 and technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.

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			<p>Manage water on site4) Cleanse water on site5) Capture runoff from off-site source(s)Other Natural Resource Conservation Design Techniques6) Preserve special status trees7) Provide a plan for sustainable landscape maintenanceAdd another category:Ecological Design Techniques – to protect and restore site processes and systems8) Reduce urban heat island effects9) Promote a sense of place with native vegetation10) Preserve and restore native wildlife habitat11) Protect and restore riparian and wetland buffers12) Repair or restore damaged or lost streams, wetlands and coastal habitats5.B Point system: Require that in order to get the maximum 5 extra points the projectmust include at least one technique from each of the four categories.</p>	
296	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles Public Hearing	I recommend that there be no point value for #5. Not measurable. Ask for certification that applicant intends to do these things. No way to ensure that these things are exactly done- so you may award points to something that may not be the end product. Ask for a certification instead of giving points.	No change. The applicant is certifying under penalty of perjury that the information in the application packet is accurate. If the grant is awarded, a contract also enforces the application packet.
297	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles County Area, Letter	Sustainable design is an important component of new park space and more points should be assigned to this requirement. Currently, only 13 points are achievable for a project incorporating sustainable design. A minimum of 20 total points should be possible for this category to emphasize the significance of sustainable and ecological projects.	Changes made to strengthen #5.A. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide. With the changes, this criteria will lead to the funding of sustainable and ecologically sound projects.

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298	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles County Area, Letter	#5-A: Maybe also explicitly (up-front) include gray-water irrigation systems or solar-powered irrigation systems and also provide points for projects that infiltrate into the groundwater in areas that would benefit from this.	Changes made to #5-A. Please see criteria #5 and technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
299	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Los Angeles County Area, Letter	<p>“4. Incorporate pervious surfaces and capture storm water or reduce storm water runoff.”</p> <p>1) This component should be strengthened so that all storm water runoff from development on the property is captured, treated and either infiltrated (if appropriate) or retained for irrigation.</p> <p>2) Instead of getting points for incorporating storm water capture (as is currently the case), this should be a requirement for any project. Instead, a project could receive bonus points if it captures, redirects or otherwise reduces storm water runoff from areas near the park.</p>	<p>Changes made.</p> <p>Please see criteria #5 and technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide. Criteria #5-A 1 and 2 give points for water conservation and storm water runoff techniques. Applicants will have strong incentives to implement such designs, because each item under #5-A is awarded 2 points.</p>
300	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Monterey County Public Hearing	<p>Description for sustainable design is not adequate-look at the passive solar orientation, carbon footprint of project etc.</p> <p>#5-A-Item 1- Use of recycled materials in construction - You get more benefit out of good passive solar design. A-1 is weighted more heavily under A than what a good passive solar design would score under B.</p>	<p>The items in #5-A come from legislation. #5-B gives points for other methods, such as water conservation, energy conservation (passive solar design) etc. No change.</p>

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301	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Bay Area - Oakland Public Hearing	Glad to see this in guidelines. According to this- are there levels to define projects that fully embrace this so they get more points. For example #5 A- item 4. What if a project has only four square meters of pervious surfaces compared to a project that does much more? Someway to ensure people are meeting spirit. #5-B- Clarity about what meets a technique. Example- Energy conservation for one room of community center vs. entire building.	Criteria #5 is written to accommodate a broad range of large and small types of existing and new parks and facilities.
302	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Bay Area - Oakland Public Hearing	Use LEED instead of A-4. Building that is LEED certified.	Some park projects may not include buildings such as community centers. A LEED certified building can correlate with #5-A and B. Please see criteria #5 in the new Application Guide dated February 17, 2009, which allows LEED Silver to receive full points for # 5 A-B.
303	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Bay Area, Letter	The "Sustainable Design" section should offer points for trails because they offer off-street commuting and interconnectivity between neighborhoods.	Change made: Please see criteria #5.B technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
304	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Letter	In some cases non-recycled or reused materials are a better choice because they are more durable e.g. wood or metal instead of recycled plastic in certain San Francisco playgrounds.	Noted.

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305	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	Shasta County - Redding Public Hearing	5-A Scoring: if a project will include less than 2 techniques listed in #5-A, you should get 0 points (not two points) because the application is ineligible.	Yes. Change made. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
306	Project Selection Criteria #5 Pages 34-35	San Diego County Area, Letter	Community meetings are required to be held prior to submission of the application, and therefore the incorporation of sustainable design elements may not be known to be feasible until later in the design process. Many sustainable components of each project are likely to be considered as minor amenities. Should they be included in the application to get the sustainable design element points?	Sustainable design techniques, including those related to minor amenities, may be described in the response to Project Selection Criteria #5. Note that responses to Project Selection Criteria affect the integrity of the competitive process, and the applicant should include what can reasonably be completed, not unrealistic or unfeasible elements. .
307	Project Selection Criteria #6 Page 36	Kern County Public Hearing	This is implying that additional funds are needed- a match.	No change. If project cost is equal to grant request, no additional funds are needed. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
308	Project Selection Criteria #6 Page 36	Los Angeles Public Hearing	Want to repeat that points should be given for collaboration for funding and sharing operation costs.	Partnerships are encouraged, but legislation does not include it as a ranking criterion.

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309	Project Selection Criteria #6 Page 36	Los Angeles Area Email	<p>If the department views a project that is worthy, but wants to award partial funding, I recommend that you invite the proposer to revise their project deliverables. The reason I suggest this is we have the experience of working with the California Cultural &amp; Historical Endowment (CCHE), who granted less than our original request and invited us to submit a revised budget and work plan. The result was that we scaled back the project, but the objective to educate the public about the historical role of the aerospace industry in So.Cal. will still be met. It was a win-win decision. Furthermore, a partial grant can still be significant and encourage others to match the funds or fill-in the funding shortfall.</p>	<p>The department does not intend to grant less than the original request in cases where the reduced grant will not meet the costs needed to result in a useable recreational opportunity. Partial grants that would require grantees to find other funding to match or fill-in the funding shortfall may not be made. Funding shortfalls increase the likelihood that projects may not be completed and useable by the public, which is required by AB 31 § 5645 (d).</p>

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310	Project Selection Criteria #6 Page 36	Central Valley Letter	Complete Funding Package Requirement Criteria #6 requires funding to be complete for eligibility. As far as I can tell, this requirement wasn't in Prop 84. While AB 31 Sec. 5645 (d) does add a reference to this requirement, it also doesn't include a defined period for completion. In our case, and likely others, the process of putting together a project takes significant amounts of time and inclusion of many partners. The proposed requirement could needlessly eliminate worthy projects in underserved communities simply because the deadline is too short to leverage additional funds to complete the project. Please consider expanding the amount of time required to get the total amount of necessary funds committed.	A applicant must have all funds needed to complete the project before a grant may be awarded. Funding shortfalls often increase the likelihood that projects will not be completed and useable. A project can be phased if the phase results in the creation of a new recreational opportunity. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
311	Project Selection Criteria #6 Page 36	Shasta County - Redding Public Hearing	A entire park will cost me \$2 million- I can't imagine the State will give me \$2 million for a 15 acre park – so I would ask for \$500,000 for infrastructure- I have to come on bended knee asking for seed money to get me started. If total park plan includes soccer field, basketball court, playground- and other infrastructure- can we phase it- such as doing infrastructure and the playground as the Grant Scope phase- makes sense.	Yes, a project can be phased if the phase results in the creation of a new recreational opportunity. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
312	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Fresno County Public Hearing	Some facilities and venues need revenue for operation and maintenance.	Entrance or membership fees for projects funded by this program shall not prevent daily use by residents affected by poverty. Please see

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				technical assistance for criteria #3 added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide. which provides ideas for offsetting operation and maintenance costs
313	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Inland Empire Public Hearing	Give points where we are keeping fees low through an endowment etc.	Points are given for no entrance or membership fees, or reasonable fees that will not deter daily access by youth, seniors, and families affected by poverty. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.

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314	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Inland Empire, Letter and email	Points are awarded based on not charging residents entrance or membership fees. A hallmark of YMCA's is that no one is turned away for inability to pay. Will our scholarship program be considered as a method of achieving this goal? With regards to our scholarship program, when an individual or family registers for a class, program, camp or to become a member of our YMCA and they express they cannot afford the cost, we offer to explain our scholarship opportunities. They complete the required application and provide documentation in the form of last two month's pay stubs and prior year's income tax returns. The application is thoroughly reviewed; and using a sliding scale, based on Federal, state and county of Riverside-San Bernardino guidelines, we will award a scholarship anywhere from 1-100% of a program, campership or membership. Our goal is to make certain everyone in our community has access to quality, affordable YMCA programs and services; and where no one is ever turned away.	A concern may be for children or other individuals that may not be comfortable to express that they cannot afford the entrance or membership fees. This should be made clear in the response to criteria #7.
315	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Los Angeles Public Hearing	Add that park must be designed to accommodate persons with disabilities.	No change: This is a legal requirement/building code requirement.
316	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Los Angeles Public Hearing	Some Boys and Girls Club charge \$7-\$12 per year. Make sure they get maximum points, even though they charge fees.	Change made to ensure that minimal fees that do not deter use by residents affected by poverty get maximum points. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.

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317	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Los Angeles Area - Letter	Project Accessibility 7.B Point System: Do not provide any points for projects charging even a minimal entrance or membership fee; even a minimal fee would be a hardship for low-income residents, especially families with more than 2 children. We want to be clear that we are not necessarily opposing minimal fees for programming because we understand that programming requires additional costs, and may be necessary for some projects.	Change made to ensure that minimal fees that do not deter use by residents affected by poverty get maximum points. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide
318	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Los Angeles Area, Letter	Maybe ask how the fees, if charged, will be used and provide additional points for those projects that will use fees to benefit the community.	The focus of this criterion is to ensure that fees will not deter daily access by residents affected by poverty. We cannot give more points/additional points to projects that will use fees to benefit the community, while other projects may not charge fees or only charge minimal fees. .
319	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Los Angeles Public Hearing	Again we are awarding points prior to project completion. No way to control after completion. Again, use certification to hold applicants accountable. Or have certification also included in the award agreement.	No change. The applicant is certifying under penalty of perjury that the information in the application packet is accurate. If the grant is awarded, a contract also enforces the application packet.

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320	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Los Angeles Public Hearing	Notice word "At Risk Youth" is used – Good to define. Add definition.	The phrase "At risk youth" is replaced with the word "youth".
321	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Monterey County Public Hearing	Clarify what "minimal" fees means.	Change made. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
322	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Monterey County Public Hearing	Clarify- what if park has existing pool with a fee, but general park is free.	Project is defined as the item to be funded by the requested grant. So, if the pool is included in the grant scope (project), then the fee will be evaluated.
323	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Bay Area - Oakland Public Hearing	2 points specifies weekday/weekend. 0 points if not daily. Does that mean 7 days a week? Clarify.	Change made to clarify this. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
324	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Bay Area - Oakland Public Hearing	Define what is meant by "reasonable fees".	Change made to clarify this. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.

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325	Project Selection Criteria #7 Page 37	Letter	TPL supports this goal and believes that a project must demonstrate due-diligence in making it accessible to the community it serves. While initially thinking that this section deserves more points we are concerned that many applicants will be harmed by cut backs in City and County park departments staff which will result in shorter hours of operation. Also while no park entrance fees should be the goal in lower income communities, we agree that being able to charge a minimal fee is appropriate in some instances e.g. \$5.00 a year for a community garden to pay for the water. In brief, TPL recommends no changes to this criterion.	Changes made for clarity purposes. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
326	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Bay Area and Sacramento County Area, Letter	<p>Increase the amount of points available for outdoor education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With the current level of reductions in classrooms throughout public schools across the State, offering outdoor learning opportunities and earth science programs will help address the academic needs of our youth.</li> <li>2. Studies have shown that when at risk youth are removed from their normal environment and are surrounded by nature and the outdoors, it causes a calming and therapeutic effect.</li> <li>3. Outdoor learning opportunities may also serve as employment training or may enhance employment skills.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change made to clarify that this criterion looks at employment or volunteer training outdoor learning opportunities through the project planning phase, or during project development, not programs after project completion.</li> <li>2. The creation of new parks where none currently exist in critically underserved communities will bring nature into the community. This can give youth the effect mentioned in comment 2 to the left.</li> <li>3. Correct. Please see technical assistance added</li> </ol>

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327	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Fresno County Public Hearing	For the definition of "Outdoor learning opportunities"- put in the example of interpretive signs.	New definition of outdoor learning opportunity is now provided. Please see the definitions section and technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
328	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Fresno County Public Hearing	We can include solar panels as part of construction, and teach kids about them, to qualify for outdoor learning opportunity points.	Yes.
329	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Fresno County Area Email	Offer preference points (suggest 10%) to applicants that propose to utilize the state's conservation corps and/or YouthBuild programs for the development of their projects.	No change. Criteria allows for flexibility for project related employment or volunteer training for residents or corps members.
330	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Inland Empire Public Hearing	Bringing on residential members onto a project site becomes a on-the-job risk concern. Contractor insurance will not cover bringing in non-construction workers.	Can be volunteer or paid employment or training for residents or corps members. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various examples that do not require brick and mortar construction.

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331	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Letter	<p>TPL is concerned how this will section will be valued with the proposed elimination of the California Conservation Corp (CCC). Applicants may not know if the CCC will be available to work on the project prior to the application being filed. TPL suggests that a Letter of Intent planning to use the CCC should be sufficient to be awarded points for this criterion. TPL is also suggesting that points be awarded for Training Opportunities or Outdoor Learning Opportunities. We think there should be 'technical assistance' language in this section to allow applicants to access technical support from DPR to address Outdoor Learning Opportunity options.</p>	<p>Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various employment or volunteer training examples that do not require brick and mortar construction.</p>
332	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Los Angeles Public Hearing	<p>We were awarded grants where we said we would use conservation corps. They did not have project manager or ability to manage the project. I can say that I will provide training for 20 people- but after we get grant and don't have 20 people- you are awarding points based on intention- but what if we don't find enough at risk youth to employ. Very hard to get outside contractor to say they will train or employ residents. We did a partnership with a construction company- this is a complicated criteria.</p>	<p>Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various employment or volunteer training examples that do not require brick and mortar construction.</p>

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333	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Los Angeles Area, Letter	I would caution associating point values with the number of those employed, since the quality of jobs provided matters significantly, e.g., a large regional park may employ only four people, but they may utilize bicycles to perform their duties (covering a larger area) and engage in technical research, water quality monitoring, etc., in addition to regular maintenance activities.	“Employment” is not required. Change made to add word “volunteer outdoor learning opportunities” related to project planning or construction. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various examples of how this can be accomplished.
334	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Los Angeles Public Hearing	"At least 20 residents" - we are not talking about full time employment are we? Allow part time (or one time event)	Correct. A one time event with the residents (such as adding public art or planting trees etc) would meet the intent.
335	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Los Angeles Public Hearing	Can this section be “or” (employment or outdoor learning opportunities)- this would give us flexibility.	Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various examples that do not require brick and mortar construction.
336	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Los Angeles Public Hearing	If it is an “or” I think point system between employment vs. outdoor should be equivalent.	Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various examples that do not require brick and mortar construction.

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337	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Los Angeles Public Hearing	"Outdoor learning Opportunity" may be totally unrelated to our project- which may be construction of a new gym or renovation of a building. I don't see this being related to a whole lot of projects. Employment/training may be a good fit for some project/ outdoor may be good fit for some- and both may be bad fit for some.	Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various examples that do not require brick and mortar construction.
338	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Monterey County Public Hearing	Instead of 20 residents, how about a % of residents.	No change. A % of residents would be difficult when thousands of people may live within a 1/2 mile radius.
339	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Monterey County Public Hearing	Clarify that we don't have to employ the residents- that it can be volunteers. Switch the title to Outdoor Learning Opportunities first, and then Employment or Training .	Change made to add the word "volunteer". Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide,
340	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Monterey County Public Hearing	I interpreted this as learning opportunities for youth. Such as they can help with park design, and learn in the meanwhile. And we don't have to employ them, it's about the learning experience.	Correct. This is the type of creative approach that meets the intent.
341	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Lake Tahoe Area, Letter	How are criteria found in 8.A reflected into the points; specifically, are the employment/training opportunities for each phase totaled cumulatively to come up with total that correlates with the applicable point score?	Yes, the employment or volunteer outdoor learning opportunities are totaled cumulatively. Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide,
342	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Placer County Area, Letter	While Placer County currently utilizes the California Conservation Corps (CCC) on many projects, it would be hard to guarantee at least twenty corps members would be available for training for any one project at any given time. One issue Facility Services	Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various examples that

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			<p>has experienced is the CCC are often times re-directed to other emergency priorities such as fires/floods/etc. on a moments notice and may not be available for the County's project for several months. To provide employment and/or training opportunities for residents as part of a project would have to be considered in relationship with the California Public Contract Code and/or any collective bargaining agreements that are in place.</p>	<p>do not require brick and mortar construction. Instead, youth can plant trees in the park, add art to the park etc. And, the employment or volunteer outdoor learning opportunities are totaled cumulatively. So if you will hire 5 local corps members, and have 15 kids plant trees etc., you score the maximum points.</p>
343	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	San Diego County, Letter	<p>No opportunities to develop or improve existing programs (outdoor learning opportunities) in underserved areas in the community (i.e. outdoor education/adventure programs). Facility specific. Please allow these programs to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee training will be a real challenge as it contradicts Public Contracting requirements. Need more information and suggestions on how to comply with public contracting and what constitutes an "employee"</li> </ul>	<p>Funding for programs is ineligible due to legislation. Regarding employment or volunteer training: Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide, which lists various examples that do not require brick and mortar construction employment.</p>
344	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Shasta County - Redding Public Hearing	<p>Small or midsized grant- compared to the larger projects that may generate more jobs. Tie it to the correlation with state funds spent. (larger grant = more people that should be employed or trained. Smaller grant = less)</p>	<p>Please see technical assistance added to the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.</p>

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345	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Sacramento County Public Hearing	Employment or training of at least 20 residents- whether you offer it to 1 or 20, you still offer it.	No change. This is flexible and applicants can be creative and resourceful. "Volunteer" employment training/leadership development can occur during the community based planning/design phase, or a group of youth can add art or plant trees, etc.
346	Project Selection Criteria #8 Page 38-39	Sacramento County Public Hearing	Employment or training. We are working with young people- can we do training (not employed)	Yes, volunteer training meets the intent. See previous response above.
347	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Inland Empire Public Hearing	Add "health-and wellness" to the benefits - need to combat obesity rates.	The applicant can identify obesity as a "challenge" affecting the critically underserved community, and then explain the project benefits to combat that challenge.
348	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Kern County Public Hearing	This criterion should be evaluated by a review panel to ensure consistency, or else there will be a subjective review.	A multi-layered review will occur.
349	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Monterey County Public Hearing	Replace word "the area within proximity" to state "the critically underserved community"....	Change made. Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.
350	Project Selection Criteria #9	Monterey County Public Hearing	Title of #9- This is really about the Disadvantaged Community's Needs, not the "Project's Need's".	Change made: Please see the new February 17, 2009, Application Guide.

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351	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Monterey County Public Hearing	When I go to definition of Challenges, they are pretty serve. Are there more severe issues?	There may be other challenges that affect the quality of life in a community.
352	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Monterey County Public Hearing	One challenge is a challenge. All of them combined would show the community has severe challenges.	Correct.
353	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Monterey County Public Hearing	Difficult to put into text to say how severe the challenges are - unless we provide data. My definition of "average" will probably be your definition of "severe". I'm in it every day, and it's normal for me when a kid gets shot. But you are going to think it is severe.	This is an opportunity for the applicant to tell the story about why the project is needed.
354	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Los Angeles Area - Letter	Provide definitions for criteria included in the point system: define the following terms: "severe challenges", "average challenges", "minimal challenges" in order to provide more direction as to the types of challenges that are being scored and how the scoring system will differentiate between severe, average and minimal challenges. If these definitions are not possible, then the points given should be reduced to 5.	A definition of "Challenges" which includes examples is provided in the definition section. The applicant should describe how the community faces one or more of those examples, and any other challenges that are considered severe to the community. This is not a mechanical criteria; the Office of Grants and Local Services' expertise in analyzing applications will be used to differentiate

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355	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Letter	<p>TPL is very concerned about this category and the 10 points assigned to it. It appears that while all the other criteria can be measured objectively and are quantifiable, this section is not quantifiable and is therefore very subjective. For example, what calculus will be used to determine whether a community has severe, average or minimal challenges? Are various challenges as defined in the Application Guide weighted equally?</p> <p>TPL recommends that the applicant be asked to address the severity of the neighborhood's needs in the application narrative but that no points be assigned to it because it is a subjective measure.</p> <p>TPL recommends that the 10 points be dispersed to increase points for Park Space, Poverty and Type of Project.</p>	<p>severe, average, and minimal challenges.</p> <p>A definition of "Challenges" which includes examples is provided in the definition section. The applicant should describe how the community faces one or more of those examples, and any other challenges that are considered severe to the community. This is not a mechanical criteria; the Office of Grants and Local Services' expertise in analyzing applications will be used to differentiate severe, average, and minimal challenges.</p>
356	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Los Angeles Area, Letter	<p>The difference between "average" and "severe" challenges is subjective and may be difficult to substantiate.</p>	<p>A definition of "Challenges" which includes examples is provided in the definition section. The applicant should describe how the community faces one or more of those examples, and any other challenges that are considered severe to the community. This is not a mechanical criteria; the Office of Grants and Local Services' expertise in</p>

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				analyzing applications will be used to differentiate severe, average, and minimal challenges.
357	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	Shasta County - Redding Public Hearing	We've been talking about "recreational". If park or facilities ties in cultural or educational element- that is OK correct? Tie in existing museum or library – i.e. the museum added with the recreational facility becomes one project.	Parks can enhance the cultural conditions of a community, through sports, art such as mosaics or murals, performing arts etc.
358	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	San Diego County Public Hearing	Would be beneficial to know definition of “severe”, “average” and “minimal” from viewpoint of application reviewers.	A definition of "Challenges" which includes examples is provided in the definition section. The applicant should describe how the community faces one or more of those examples, and any other challenges that are considered severe to the community. This is not a mechanical criteria; the Office of Grants and Local Services' expertise in analyzing applications will be used to differentiate severe, average, and minimal challenges.

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359	Project Selection Criteria #9 Page 40	San Diego County - Letter	Current grant guidelines define challenge but, "severe", "average" and "minimal" challenge need more definition.	A definition of "Challenges" which includes examples is provided in the definition section. The applicant should describe how the community faces one or more of those examples, and any other challenges that are considered severe to the community. This is not a mechanical criteria; the Office of Grants and Local Services' expertise in analyzing applications will be used to differentiate severe, average, and minimal challenges.