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Tree Guidelines for San Joaquin Valley Communities (1999). FREE!

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Mature trees can reduce summer cooling costs by shading buildings and reducing ambient temperatures. They improve air quality by absorbing pollutants and can increase property values by 3-7%. Developed for LGC by the U.S. Forest Service's Western Center for Urban Forest Research & Education, these guides provide tree selection and planting guidelines and an extensive cost-benefit analysis. Tables and graphs quantify the impacts of street and shade trees on air quality and community energy along with maintenance and infrastructure costs.

Energy Conservation Under the Sun: A Resource Book for Local Governments (1998). FREE!

From the California Solar Rights Act to local solar-heated swimming pool ordinances, this guide provides local elected officials with an overview of state solar energy laws, a summary of local solar energy ordinances and programs, and case studies highlighting the work of three California cities. Opportunities for action are identified while the appendices includes state solar laws and local ordinances and programs to assist with developing and implementing these ideas locally.

Street Design Guidelines for Healthy Neighborhoods (1999). (\$25)

Developed by a team of experts led by nationally-known bicycle and pedestrian street design expert Dan Burden. The guidebook features the latest ideas and design specifications for calming traffic, providing a healthy environment for pedestrians, bicycles and children, and developing community spaces where neighbors can interact. The guidelines provide for narrower, tree-lined streets which reduce local ambient temperatures that in turn lower residents' energy bills for cooling.

Walkable Streets and the Fire Department Video (2000). (\$20)

Traffic Calming, Traditional Neighborhood Streets and Emergency Responders - Companion Guide to Video (2000). (\$20)

Video and Companion Guide Set- (\$30)

The video, prepared by the Local Government Commission, gives expert advice on how to build pedestrian-friendly livable communities while addressing the essential needs of emergency responders. Watch fire trucks maneuver in traditional neighborhoods with skinny streets and hear fire chiefs discuss what their needs are, and how they can be accommodated. The companion manual, written by Dan Burden, takes the discussion a step further, discussing impacts on emergency response times and explains what works and what doesn't.

Energy Aware Planning Guide Part I (1993). Available on-line only.

A comprehensive policy handbook offering more than 40 different energy-conserving policy ideas and 280 implementation ideas for improving land use, transportation, building, water and waste management. Over 115 local government projects, complete with contact information, are showcased as "how-to" examples of effective energy conservation programs.

Energy Aware Planning Guide Part II: Energy Facilities (1996). Available on-line only.

Energy Facilities examines the local government role in planning and permitting energy extraction, production, transmission, and distribution energy facilities. This guide was developed to assist local agencies in the siting of energy projects which are not otherwise subject to the CEC's power plant site certification process and highlights cost-effective and environmentally superior power generation opportunities.

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