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1516 Ninth Street
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DOCKET	
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DATE	<u>AUG 07 2009</u>
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Re: EECBG Guidelines, Docket No. 09-OII-01, Pertaining to Funding Allocation for the City of Wildomar

Dear Mr. Sugar:

The City of Wildomar is writing to bring to the Commission's attention an error in the Draft Guidelines for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for small cities published on July 31, 2009. For the City of Wildomar, an incorrect population figure was used to calculate the City's funding award allocation, identified as \$105,357.50 in the EECBG Guidelines. The City of Wildomar was informed by Commission staff (at the July 15, 2009 Workshop in Santa Ana) that the Commission staff would utilize the City website population which identified the population figure on July 1, 2008 (incorporation date). A printout of the city's website is attached which cites a figure of 28,000. This population figure of 28,000 is therefore the figure that should be used in the EECBG formula for the City of Wildomar.

On July 31st, I contacted Energy Commission staff and brought this formula error to their attention. Rather than use the 28,000 population figure on the City web site as Commission staff had stated at the workshop to correct the error, Commission staff informed me that they would correct the error by using 2005-2007 Census Data showing a population of 23,554. The City of Wildomar is not certain why the staff has departed from its earlier statement made at the Santa Ana workshop to rectify the error. However, in raising this question to your attention at the August 3rd workshop, I understand the Commission staff is soliciting other documentation the City can provide to substantiate the 28,000 population figure. The City of Wildomar appreciates this opportunity because we do not believe that it is reasonable to use 2005-2007 Census population figures that counts individuals that were effectively not City residents, but rather, Riverside County residents. In addition, the 2007 Census figures are over a year before city's actual incorporation.

The data the City has provided to document the appropriate use of the 28,000 population figure is as follows:

- **State Department of Finance Table E-4.** This table is attached and can be found at http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/estimates/e-4_2001-07/ According to the State Department of Finance, the City's July 1, 2009 population is 31,321. The State Department of Finance utilizes these estimates to calculate state

revenues that come to the City of Wildomar that require population inputs. The State Department of Finance 2009 population figure demonstrates that the City's estimate of 28,000 residents in July 2008 is very reasonable.

- ***Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis Report, submitted to the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)***: As part of the city's incorporation process, the City prepared this report and it was formally submitted and reviewed by the Riverside County Local Agency Commission. The full report can be accessed at: <http://www.cityofwildomar.org/uploads/files/finance/Wildomar-CFA-and-Appendix-Tables.pdf>

Within this report, the City provided population projections from FY 06-07 to FY 17-18. For Fiscal Year 2008/09, this report cites a projection of 29,483 for the City's population.

The City of Wildomar requests your consideration of this information and again recommends the use of the City of Wildomar's web site population reference of 28,000 to calculate the EECBG formula. As an alternative, the City asserts that the 2009 Department of Finance population figures are the most accurate count of the City's population, rather than 2007 Census figures that calculated Riverside County residents. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email dnguyen@cityofwildomar.org, or directly at (916) 508-6901. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: City of Wildomar Web site indicating July 1, 2008 population
2009 State Department of Finance Population Data, Table E-4
Table 2-A, excerpted from City of Wildomar Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis Report



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ABOUT WILDOMAR

Where to Find Us

Wildomar is located along Interstate 15 in Riverside County, a growing community comfortably nestled in a valley bordered by a mountain range on the west and rolling hills to the east.

Its boundaries take in some 24 square miles.

A Bit of History

Wildomar is a community of old and new, more mature homes and acreages with horses and other animals mixed with more modern housing tracts. Nestled between the cities of Murrieta and Lake Elsinore, Wildomar officially became a city on July 1, 2008, at that time home to about 28,000 residents.

The name Wildomar was coined from the names of its three founders – the WIL from William Collier, the DO from Donald Graham and the MAR from Margaret Collier Graham.

Wildomar had been an outpost for the pony express for the Butterfield Stage, and in the early part of this century, a stop for the Southern California Railroad. After the tracks washed out, growth in the area slowed and Wildomar remained a farming and ranching area, including a large number of horse ranches.

Construction of the I-15 freeway brought urban-type growth to Wildomar, which led to the mixture of urban and rural.

Wildomar Incorporation Now, commonly known as WIN, led the effort to incorporate.

Its office was in a small, unassuming historic building near the corner of Mission Trail and Corydon. It is one of the oldest public buildings in the area.

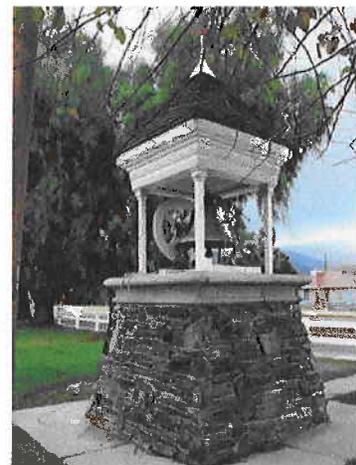
Currently leased by the Wildomar Chamber of Commerce, the building has served the community in one capacity or another for over 100 years. Originally on Lemon Street, the building was moved to its present location in 1895 — selected because the railroad tracks ran behind the building. The building was to be a stop for the railroad. Once the railroad no longer ran through Wildomar, the building found other uses. In 1993, the Animal Friends of the Valleys and the chamber brought the building back into a serviceable condition. These two agencies have shared the building ever since.

About the Bell and Wildomar School

One of the first items of business at the new town site of Wildomar in 1886 was to build a grammar school. The founders donated the land and Wildomar Elementary School was built in the downtown area. The present day school is still at this original location. A bell was installed in the tower to call the students to class.

As was typical of school bells in the 1880s, the bell, clapper and frame are made of cast iron. Legend has it that the bell was brought to Wildomar along the newly laid railroad tracks that passed by on Front Street a few blocks away. Once mounted in the tower, the bell was rung by a rope that passed inside the school room. Occasionally, the bell would hang up when pulled too vigorously. This happened often enough that a ladder was permanently nailed on the outside of the building along the slope of the roof.

When the old two-room schoolhouse was torn down,



**Table 2: E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and State, 2001-2009
with 2000 Benchmark**

COUNTY/CITY	4/1/2000	1/1/2001	1/1/2002	1/1/2003	1/1/2004	1/1/2005	1/1/2006	1/1/2007	1/1/2008	1/1/2009
Riverside County										
Banning	23,562	23,958	24,586	25,606	27,549	27,996	28,185	28,174	28,148	28,457
Beaumont	11,384	11,555	12,269	13,941	16,593	19,051	23,238	28,209	31,317	32,403
Blythe	20,465	20,831	21,292	21,362	22,168	22,052	22,234	22,608	21,627	21,329
Calimesa	7,139	7,238	7,339	7,447	7,490	7,491	7,475	7,435	7,423	7,498
Canyon Lake	9,952	10,158	10,401	10,634	10,822	10,950	10,983	10,955	10,994	11,128
Cathedral City	42,647	44,085	45,659	47,841	49,338	50,819	51,294	52,045	51,972	52,447
Coachella	22,724	23,356	24,412	27,086	28,082	30,879	35,354	38,437	40,317	41,000
Corona	124,966	129,720	134,683	138,604	143,939	144,600	145,265	145,847	146,698	148,597
Desert Hot Springs	16,582	16,771	16,976	17,380	19,329	20,820	23,459	24,856	25,939	26,552
Hemet	58,812	60,570	62,388	63,566	65,552	67,565	70,728	72,537	73,205	74,361
Indian Wells	3,816	4,147	4,371	4,446	4,501	4,796	4,885	4,934	5,000	5,093
Indio	49,116	50,435	52,463	55,078	60,035	66,358	71,949	77,046	80,962	82,230
Lake Elsinore	28,930	30,027	31,223	33,421	35,904	38,185	41,156	47,568	49,556	50,267
La Quinta	23,694	26,081	28,869	30,808	33,026	36,278	38,500	41,039	42,743	43,778
Menifee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67,705
Moreno Valley	142,379	144,316	147,216	151,674	157,496	165,935	175,294	180,228	182,945	186,301
Murrieta	44,282	46,437	51,905	68,391	78,783	85,328	93,221	97,031	99,576	100,714
Norco	24,157	24,485	25,007	25,485	25,810	26,783	27,355	27,329	27,143	27,160
Palm Desert	41,155	42,074	43,092	44,427	45,503	49,490	49,774	49,717	50,686	51,509
Palm Springs	42,805	43,396	43,944	44,502	44,935	45,877	46,629	46,796	47,019	47,601
Perris	36,189	36,905	37,710	38,645	41,951	44,758	47,335	50,597	53,340	54,323
Rancho Mirage	13,249	13,841	14,420	15,135	15,752	16,476	16,740	16,923	16,975	17,180
Riverside	255,166	262,159	270,781	277,150	281,173	286,563	288,984	291,812	296,191	300,430
San Jacinto	23,779	24,612	25,424	26,343	27,134	28,540	31,194	34,297	35,491	36,477
Temecula	57,716	61,766	73,086	75,873	78,640	81,681	93,673	97,141	99,873	102,604
Wildomar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,321
Balance Of County	420,721	431,199	443,292	459,484	482,612	504,464	517,110	536,754	553,461	459,188
Incorporated	1,124,666	1,158,923	1,209,516	1,264,845	1,321,505	1,379,271	1,444,904	1,493,561	1,525,140	1,648,465
County Total	1,545,387	1,590,122	1,652,808	1,724,329	1,804,117	1,883,735	1,962,014	2,030,315	2,078,601	2,107,653

**Proposed Incorporation
City of Wildomar**

**Public Hearing Draft
Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis**

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