THE INLAND EMPIRE: TOWARD A MORE HUMANE METROPOLIS

A Public Workshop Sponsored by The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Organized by The Ecological Cities Project in Collaboration with the UCR Blakely Center on Sustainable Suburban Development

The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa
Riverside, California
Thursday, January 24, 2007

PROGRAM (Draft – Subject to Revision)

9:00-9:30 Welcomes and Introduction to “The Humane Metropolis”
Moderator: Rutherford H. Platt, Ecological Cities Project
Welcomes: Ron Loveridge, Mayor, City of Riverside
Armando Carbonell, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
Juliann Allison, UCR Blakely CSSD
Overview: Rutherford H. Platt – What is a Humane Metropolis?

9:30-10:30 Panel 1: Challenges to The Inland Empire
Moderator: Rutherford H. Platt
Speaker: James Mulvihill, Cal. State University, San Bernardino
Panelists: Paul Bianne, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, San Bernardino
Rick Bishop, Western Riverside Council of Governments
John Wohlmuth, Coachella Valley Association of Governments

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Panel 2: Greening Southern California's Urban Infrastructure
Moderator: Eileen Takata, California Resource Connections, Inc.
Speaker: Travis Longcore, Center for Sustainable Cities, USC
Panelists: Martha Davis, Planning Director, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Pat Fuscoe, Fuscoe Engineering
Patricia Lock-Dawson, Santa Ana River Parkway Partnership

11:45-12:30 Panel 3: Restoring Urban Nature
Moderator: Michael F. Allen, Center for Conservation Biology, UCR
Speaker: Michael C. Houck, Urban Greenspaces Institute, Portland, Ore.
Panelists: Tom Mullen, Riverside County Habitat Conservation Authority
Jessica Hall-Valdez, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

12:30-1:30 Lunch and Discussion Roundtables

1:30-2:15 Panel 4: Growing Community: Urban Farming and Community Gardens
Moderator: Cheryl Brown, Black Voice News, Riverside
Speaker: Will Allen, Growing Power, Milwaukee and Chicago
Panelists: Larry Smith, Executive Director, North East Trees, Los Angeles
Pete Kallinger, Downtown Area Neighborhood Association

2:15-3:00 Panel 5: Environmental Justice Challenges in the Inland Empire
Moderator: Cheryl Brown
Speaker: Jane W. Carney, Board Member, South Coast Air Quality Management District
        Penny Newman, Executive Director, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Riverside
        Rose Mayes, Executive Director, Fair Housing Council of Riverside County

3:00–3:15 Break

Moderator: Susan Lien Longville, Director, Water Resources Institute, CSUSB
Speaker: Celeste Cantu, General Manager, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Panelists: Matt Yeager, San Bernardino County Flood Control District
          Joy Abbott, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, Pittsburgh, PA

4:15–5:15 Panel 7: Reflections – A Call to Action
Moderator: Jane Block, Riverside Land Conservancy
Panelists: Paul Leon, Mayor, City of Ontario
          Ali Sahabi, SE Corporation
          Tim Krantz, Environmental Studies Program, University of Redlands
          Katherine Aguilar Perez, Transportation and Land Use Coalition of Southern California

5:15–5:30 Discussion and Closing Remarks

5:30–6:30 Reception