

2002 CIWMB/Local Jurisdiction Partnership

Economic Gardening

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Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, San Buenaventura, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks





Solicitation to Zones

CIWMB Selection: businesses that could benefit from tactical and strategic info

Entrepreneur-based development strategy targeted "gazelles"

Economic Gardening for ReTireMent

- Owner transitioned from garage door mfg
- State & local procurement contacts
- web site changes, target search engines
- PWA product trial
- 7/04 Follow up by Dassi
- Results: Underlying problems more significant







Economic Gardening for Shoreline Organics

- Owners bought pre-permitted business right out of college
- Wastewater delivered instead of bought
- Ongoing assistance: landscapers, food processors, permit for expansion
- Website
- '04 follow up: Permit assistance for expansion
- Result: Company sold to Agromin

Summary

Distressed to stable, niche to mass



Information
Infrastructure
Connections



Retention & Expansion over Recruitment "Gardening" versus "Hunting"



