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Hi Evan:

Thank you for setting up our meeting today with CARB member Dr. Pacheco-Werner. During our conversation, she requested I send the attached copy of our CLCA comment letter complete with the scientific study comparing battery-powered leaf blower vs SORE leaf blower as called out in the staff's ISOR.

Also, she requested the following information (which I address below):

- **Information on the constituent size of Contractors State License Board C-27 licensed landscape contractors**  
*As of 4:00 p.m. today, California has 11,424 active licensed C-27 landscape contractors. There are other C-27 license holders who currently have their license in "inactive" status, meaning that they cannot currently contract at this time.*
- **Information on the constituent size of sole-proprietor gardeners and income estimates**  
*According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes373011.htm>) the average income for a landscape worker is under \$40,000. The exact number of sole-proprietor gardeners, who are overwhelmingly latino, is harder to establish as they do not have to hold a C-27 license and many do not even have local business licenses. A recent article from CalMatters puts the estimated number of sole-proprietor gardeners at 60,000. (<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2021/11/a-50-coupon-for-one-tool-gardeners-call-californias-subsidy-inadequate/>)*
- **Calculation on funds needed if licensed landscape contractors and sole-proprietor gardeners were to have ZEE transition funding under the San Joaquin Valley Air District funding model**  
*As we discussed, if the San Joaquin Valley Air District's commercial Clean Green Yard Machines funding limits (\$25,000 per applicant) were applied to the C-27 landscape contractors and unlicensed sole-proprietor gardeners that would necessitate \$1,785,600,000.00 in assistance funds. (<https://www.valleyair.org/grants/cqym-commercial.htm>)*

Finally, she asked if this information could also be forwarded to CARB members Gideon Kracov and Davina Hurt. We appreciate your help and know that you must be getting very little sleep these last few days leading up to Thursday's board meeting. Thanks, Evan!

Regards,

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