



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Energy Working Group

September 14, 2010
1:00 p.m.

Arcadia Police Facility
250 W. Huntington Drive
Arcadia, CA 91066-6021

MEETING NOTES

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to order

The meeting began at 1:03 p.m.

1.2 Self-Introductions

M. Moscoso	Alhambra
M. Picazo	Baldwin Park
M. Keith	Bradbury
C. Veirs	Claremont
H. Choy	County of Los Angeles
A. Santos	Diamond Bar
I. Hernandez	Duarte
P. Clarke	La Cañada-Flintridge
L. Ayala	La Puente
D. McConnell	Monrovia
A. Castro	Pomona
K. Frey, A. Garcia	San Dimas
J. Carlson	Sierra Madre
B. Hammill	West Covina
M. Cook	SCE
R. Kang	Intergy Corp.
M. Creter, D. Martin	SGVCOG

Guests:

L. Franke Clean Energy Advocates

1.3 July 13th, 2010 Meeting Notes

There were no changes to the meeting notes

2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 County of Los Angeles AB 811 Update

H. Choy (LA County) provided an update on this program. All of the residential targeted energy-efficiency and renewable retrofit programs statewide have been branded into a single effort known as “Energy Upgrade California”. This will include all of the rebates (including those offered by IOUs), contractor verification, and financing assistance. LA County continues to work closely with SCE, the Gas Company and the municipal utilities to implement this program in the County. This will include the rebates available through both the “Basic” and “Advanced” paths. One major change to the program is that residents will be eligible to receive rebates upon demonstrating 10% energy savings (previously 20% energy savings were required). The program will officially launch in October. However, the full marketing campaign will not begin until January.

H. Choy also discussed the web portal that is being developed. This is intended to serve as a single point of reference for residents interested in learning about Energy Upgrade California. The Los Angeles County web-portal will contain specific information, by zip code or address, related to available rebates and other program offerings. The working group discussed the importance of also incorporating a reminder to refer to city-specific codes and regulations.

The IOUs have scheduled a Whole-House Retrofit Rebate workshop for September 21st. This event is targeted at contractors and is intended to review the program specifications. H. Choy stated that this would be a good opportunity to learn the final eligibility requirements and other program details.

H. Choy also provided an update on the PACE program. He indicated that PACE program managers nationwide, along with the DOE, continue to work with Federal legislators to develop legislation that will re-start the PACE program. While residential PACE is on hold, LA County is still encouraging cities to adopt PACE opt-in resolutions so that their residents can participate as soon as the program is available. Additionally, in partnership with LA City, the County is assessing the feasibility of offering a PACE program for commercial properties. That program could be available in as little as 3-6 months. In order for property owners to participate, their city would need to have adopted the opt-in resolution.

2.2 Presentation on Regional financing programs for municipal projects

L. Franke, Clean Energy Advocates, gave a presentation on this item. This included information on various financing strategies for municipal energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects, including bonding. Due to the nature of bonding, she indicated that it may be more cost-effective for multiple cities to pool together.

2.3 Development of Regional Energy Management Offices (REMOs)

H. Choy presented on this item. He stated that several agencies in Southern California, including LA County, SGVCOG, SBCCOG, and Orange County Cities have been exploring the possibility of creating REMOs. These would offer technical assistance to cities on a variety of issues related to energy including identifying, executing and financing municipal and community-wide energy projects. In order to provide initial resources to this effort, these agencies submitted a joint application to SCE CEESP grant program. While this application was not funded, the agencies continue to work to identify other funding sources.

2.4 SCE Strategic Plan Support Grant Award

SGVCOG staff provided an update on this effort indicating that staff is continuing to meet with SCE staff to finalize a scope of work and contract for this program. It is anticipated that the contract may be executed by mid-October. Once the COG's contract is executed, staff will begin meeting with each city to review the scope of work in detail and developing formalized commitments of participation, possible in the form of memorandums of understanding.

SGVCOG staff requested feedback on the following:

- **Consultant Selection:** EWG members concurred with City Managers' Steering Committee recommendation that a single consultant be awarded a contract Valley-wide to develop the EE CAP Chapters.
- **City Reimbursements:** EWG members indicated that per capita reimbursement structure would not be equitable and expressed preference for a flat reimbursement rate.

2.5 San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

2.5.1 Resolutions of Participation

SGVCOG staff reminded attendees that the deadline for cities to adopt resolution of participation is September 30th.

3.0 Items for Future Meetings

4.0 Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for October 12th.

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.