

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

CAP/EECAP Working Group

August 13, 2014

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Minutes

Attendees: Saied Naaseh (Carson), Laura Zingg (Inglewood), Grace Huizar (Lawndale), Sona Coffee (Manhattan Beach), Alexa Davis (Palos Verdes Estates), Kelley Thom (Rolling Hills Estates), Linda Cessna (Torrance), Danny Santana (Torrance), Nina Lang (Torrance), Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG), Sabrina Bornstein (SBCCOG), Jenn Alderete (SBCCOG), Grace Farwell (SBCCOG), Lena Luna (SBCCOG), Steve Lantz (SBCCOG Consultant), Cheryl Laskowski (Atkins)

General Announcements

- The Strategic Growth Council awarded \$885,048 to the SBCCOG and its partners, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, San Diego State University (SDSU), and the University of Los Angeles, California, Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC), to develop a Sustainable South Bay Transportation and Land Use Implementation Framework (Framework).
- Grace F. spoke about L.A. County PACE program. LA County is a commercial program, which all of the COG cities signed a resolution to participate.
- Grace F. shared that the COG is offering a Build It Green Certified Green Building Professional Training. The 16-hour training will be held on Sept. 3, Sept. 4, Sept. 15, and Sept. 16.

Solar Workshop Discussion

- Sabrina shared that the SBCCOG will be hosting a Solar Workshop for local governments through ICLEI and the Department of Energy's Sunshot Solar Outreach Partnership's technical assistance program. The workshop will take place on Monday, October 6, 2014 at SBESC. Discussion followed regarding cities' interests in the Solar Workshop. City staff identified the following topics and questions related to solar for municipal operations and communitywide:
 - o Solar parking lots
 - o Solar to supply electricity for charging electric vehicles
 - o Solar for large industrial buildings
 - o Solar street lighting / traffic control flashing
 - o The solar permit process & conflicts between building code and fire codes; plan check coordination.
 - o Permit data collection to learn about potential solar capacity

- Distributed energy – what are the potential issues or possibilities related to solar generation and the grid?
- Energy storage; EV batteries used to store energy?
- Carbon neutral project or case study (ex: Manhattan Beach Studios James Cameron Avatar is carbon-neutral)
- Possible to have code require new construction stub out for solar - solar ready development?
- Different financing options and legal rights (PPAs)
- Aesthetic concerns
- How to assess organizations that help with collecting bids
- Navigating solar rebates

A+P Final Reports

- A+P final reports were distributed to each city. Staff were requested to provide comments via email. If city staff have no additional comments or changes, then staff are requested to send a conformation email. SBCCOG and Atkins staff are using these correspondence to track city sign-off and city staff time on the project.
- Cheryl clarified a few questions that came up in the A+P report review process.
 - Cheryl reviewed the process for calculating Off-Road emissions and noted that these emissions generally are less than 1% of any city's total emissions.
 - Global warming potentials – have been applied in our inventories based on what the State uses for the purpose of consistency.

GHG Inventories, Forecasts and Targets Reports (IFT Reports)

- Data collection is ongoing. The data from Golden State has been received and Cal Water has approved sending the data, which we should be receiving soon.
- Cheryl passed out handouts with preliminary communitywide emissions data for each city in attendance.
- Sabrina & Cheryl stated SCE may come to the next working group to give a presentation.

Identifying Energy Efficiency Measures, Next Steps

- After the IFT reports are distributed, the next step in the process will be to develop energy efficiency measures to reduce GHG emissions and meet potential reduction targets.