

Minutes

Energy Management Working Group Meeting

SBESC office

10/20/2016

11:30am – 1pm

Attendees

Cities: Sean Larvenz (RPV), David Oulrey (Lomita), Reata Kulcsar (Carson), Sean Roberts (Manhattan Beach), Robin Wilson (Carson)

SBCCOG: Kim Fuentes, Amanda Maki

GSE Solutions: Greg Stevens

SCE: Scot Mann

SoCalGas: Ashley Snyder, Jesus Sosa

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Energy Project Highlights – Cities, SCE, SCG

Greg Stevens shared an update about the SCE Energy Leader Partnership (ELP) program – SCE will be adjusting incentive amounts to 2014 levels. In order to qualify for current, higher levels, project applications must be approved before January 1, 2017.

Kim Fuentes noted that cities should move forward with projects now before end of year if possible; Greg Stevens will compare incentive amounts for projects, before and after updates; cities can contact Greg Stevens and the SBCCOG with any questions.

Greg Stevens shared updates on current city projects:

- RPV – LED Streetlights
- Redondo Beach – Garage LED lights
- Manhattan Beach – Tennis and Basketball Court LED lighting
- Inglewood – LED Streetlights; Elevator motors; T8 Relamp
- Hermosa Beach – Park and Building Exterior LED Lighting
- Hawthorne – Garage LED Lighting
- Carson – Park LED Lighting; Pool Pump Upgrades; Boiler Upgrade 2,990 therms savings

Completed:

- 2016 completed projects – 499,152 kwh
- 2016 partnership goals – 1,500,000kwh
- 2016 projected completed projects – 1,788,717kwh
- Projects in-progress (includes express SL) – 5,151,826kwh

Since express incentive applications are not submitted until after installation, the current express projects will get lower incentive if completed after new update on January 1, 2017.

SoCalGas projects:

- Exceeded annual goal of 10,000 therms
- 2016 completed projects – 14,367 therms
- About 18,000 therms in pipeline

3. Presentation: Jesus Sosa, SoCalGas – Natural Gas Vehicles

CNG market target: medium- to heavy-duty vehicles

SoCalGas programs to help:

- Fleet analysis tool
- Truck loan program – able to try out the heavy-duty trucks before buying them - completely free
- Grants/Incentives for Natural Gas vehicles
- Compression Service Tariff – optional tariff service that allows SoCalGas to plan, design, procure, construct, own, operate, and maintain compression equipment on customer premises – includes CNG vehicle refueling stations
- Grant Writing Assistance – SoCalGas will help cities with grant applications

Contact: Jesus Sosa – Jsosa@semprautilities.com (213) 618-7600

Q&As and discussions:

- Are there incentives for fueling stations? Currently incentives for public schools and MSRC funds available for infrastructure of stations – annual funding source for cities
- Concerns about safety? Natural Gas stations are closed systems and safe

There are also federal credits if station is owned – 50 cents per gallon dispensed; state credits if station is owned – 25cents per gallon dispensed

SoCalGas does educate transit, refuse, etc. companies about CNG by holding seminars and workshops.

4. LUNCH

5. Utility Incentive Process Discussion

The group discussed the process for utility incentives. The utilities stated that missing information in the application does create delays because SCE must contact applicant and request further information; city contact does need to make sure emails from SCE are forwarded to Greg Stevens.

Currently, project applications can only have one city contact, but it would be helpful if another secondary contact can be added, such as Greg Stevens and SBCCOG, to be copied on communications between SCE and applicant.

Scot Mann and SBCCOG can possibly look into process of adding another email address to be secondary contact in the application process.

Another challenge the cities mentioned they would like to see is implemented is a decrease in the amount of time it takes for the third-party review process; the process takes about 3-4 weeks. Utilities responded that much of the required time duration is out of their hands.

Scot Mann announced that there is a 2016 All Partners Meeting on Oct 24, 2016 and invited cities to attend.

6. Announcements

Kim Fuentes gave updates about other SBCCOG programs:

- Broadband network study is being conducted with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (WIB); the WIB is working with cities and utilities to identify current fiber and conduits and identify gaps in the system. Any information from cities can be provided to SBCCOG. WIB is holding a Municipal working group on Wed Nov 16, at 1:30-3, at the SBESC.
- Update on Climate Action Planning work:
 - Currently have 5 cities signed off EG&S- Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Lomita, and Rolling Hills Estates.
 - Currently have 6 cities signed off Greening & Solid Waste- Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lomita, and Rolling Hills.
 - Land Use and Transportation work is starting now; city meetings will start now until end of year.
 - By the end of the project, each city will get all chapters in one report; cities will have option to adopt.
- SBCCOG is looking at renewables; funding for future EE projects; partnering with private organizations
- Other projects: SBCCOG partnering with HERO on new program; SBCCOG working with Green Commuter on a potential vanpooling project with electric vehicles; Green Building Challenge program will continue;
- General Assembly will be in February 2017.
- SAVE THE DATE Dec 1, 2016, 11:30-1:30 – Energy Efficiency & Energy Leader Recognition Luncheon at the Lawndale Community Center with a speaker from ChargeBliss; free lunch will be provided.
- Holiday Light Exchange event will be November 9 & 10 at the SBESC.

7. Next year Energy Management Working Group ideas:

Let cities spend more time sharing about city projects; more discussion about specifics on projects.

Next meeting will tentatively be January 2017 and on Wednesdays or Thursdays.