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## How SBESC Can Help South Bay Businesses

Some of the measures necessary to ensure a thriving South Bay economy include energy efficiency and water conservation as ways to reduce utility costs. Our partners provide incentives and rebates that can enhance the workplace's functionality, ultimately affecting the company's bottom line. The following summarizes some of the resources, programs and financing currently available:

**Free Workshops:** The SBESC offers a series of free workshops for facilities managers and other personnel to learn how to reduce energy and water use at manufacturing sites, office buildings or apartment complexes.

**LA County Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE):** From now until September, 2012, 100% of the project cost for performance upgrades for manufacturing or apartment complexes can be financed through PACE for projects that are at least \$1 million.

**On-Bill Financing:** Southern California Gas Company offers zero percent on-bill financing to eligible customers with up to \$100,000 per meter for business customers. This aids capital-constrained customers purchase and install qualifying energy-efficiency measures in their businesses, which provides incentives as high as \$1 million per project and \$2 million per premise, per year.

**Express Solutions:** A program of Southern California Edison (SCE) offering SCE business customers cash rebates to offset the cost of replacing or upgrading to high-efficiency equipment such as lighting, air conditioning, food service equipment, refrigeration and agricultural equipment that can improve their facilities' energy efficiency.

**SCE's Customized Solutions:** An SCE program that offers financial incentives for the installation of new high-efficiency equipment or systems such as lighting, HVAC and refrigeration upgrades, or more specialized process improvements and customized equipment replacements.

**Vanpool Formation:** L.A. Metro's ongoing vanpool subsidy of up to \$400 a month allows businesses to take advantage of the benefits of vanpooling. With the latest vanpool forming at Northrop Grumman in Carson, companies are reaping the economic benefits of more productive and less stressed out employees, financial savings, improved employee punctuality and a reduction in parking congestion. SBESC and Metro staff are ready and available to hold information meetings at offices and business parks in the South Bay.

**Cash for Kitchens:** Provides restaurants and other food service facilities (corporate kitchens and hotels) with a water-use assessment (audit) and free materials to assist management in training employees to be more water-efficient (some kitchens may also qualify for free water saving devices, such as pre-rinse kitchen sprayers and waterrooms).

**Recirc and Save:** A program lead by West Basin for large industrial businesses interested in making significant changes to their cooling tower processes.

**Restroom Retrofit:** This program improves efficiency (restroom water usage accounts for nearly 40% of total water consumption in many businesses) by removing older, water wasting devices such as toilets, urinals and sink faucets and replacing them with high-efficiency models.

**Save Water, Save A Buck:** Metropolitan Water District's region-wide (Southern California) commercial rebate program offers incentives for businesses to purchase water efficient devices through the [Save Water, Save A Buck](#) program, saving companies up to several hundred dollars per product.

### **SBESC Training Workshops 2012:**

- Retro-Commissioning Building Operations & Maintenance & HVAC Optimization
- Energy Efficiency Pumping w/Case Studies & Title 24 Non-Residential
- Solar Thermal Water Heating & Lighting

Information and access to all of these programs can be obtained at the SBESC. Give us a call at (310) 371-7222 or send us an email at [info@sbesc.com](mailto:info@sbesc.com) to find out more.