

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Energy Management Working Group

Thursday, March 25, 2021

- Meeting Notes -

Attendees: Reata Kulcsar (Carson); Doug Krauss (Hermosa Beach); Rob Osborne (Redondo Beach); Erin Fabian (Manhattan Beach); Levi Sinkler, Jeannie Naughton (Rolling Hills Estates); Stephany Santin, Turner Lott, Alejandra Orozco (Gardena); Sam Meza, Nicol Manzanares, Jake Anderson (Energy Coalition) Tina Kashefinejad (SoCalGas); Christian Torres Holly Marrihew, Shant Nahapetian, Connie Turner (SCE); Greg Stevens (GSE - Solutions); Kim Fuentes, Martha Segovia, David Leger, Colleen Farrell, Chandler Shields (SBCCOG)

SBCCOG Updates

- COVID-19 operations
 - Operating with a closed office
- CivicSpark Fellows
 - Applying for 1 fellow to support energy efficiency work; additionally applying for a fellow to support SoCalGas work
- South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN)
 - Received award for SBFN
 - Opportunity for joint software purchases that leverages SBFN; cities should consider if there is a tool that can utilize SBFN infrastructure
- Local Travel Network
 - StoryMap available that shares study's findings [here](#)
 - Cities can circulate survey [here](#)
- West Basin Water Bottle Filing Station
 - Funding available to cities for to install at public facilities (e.g. parks, city halls, schools, etc.)
 - Program information available [here](#)
- Sanitation District Food Waste
 - Help cities meet SB1383 guidelines (on first come, first served basis)
 - Contact: William Chen (wchen@lacsdsd.org), Habib Karrat (hkarrat@lacsdsd.org)

SoCalGas Projects & Benchmarking

- Public direct install program available (e.g. boilers)
- AB 841 guidelines provide opportunity for HVAC projects at school facilities in collaboration with SoCalREN
- Free Utility Bill Assistance and Weatherization program available to assist low-income residents pay utility bills; good opportunity during pandemic to promote via marketing efforts (e.g. utility bill inserts)
- Residential direct install program will be outsourced to 3rd party

SCE Updates and EV Charging (“Charge Ready”) Program

- Charge Ready presentation material available [here](#)
 - SCE is halfway to GHG emission reduction goals set by the State
 - Program is expected to launch later this summer (4-year lifespan)
 - For more information, contact Holly Merrihew (holly.merrihew@sce.com) Omar Faris (omar.faris@sce.com)
 - Multifamily properties (e.g. mobile home parks, timeshares, parking structures attached to property) are eligible for program; can discuss in more detail after June
 - One charging station can have multiple ports (i.e. service multiple vehicles)
 - Consider surveying employees at public facilities before installation regarding short-term planning (i.e. 5 -10 years from now, what will demand look like)
 - SCE has approved project list that includes equipment eligible for program (includes network service providers);
Action Item: SCE will share resources with cities
 - Turnkey installation follows RFP process that SCE administers
- Rate forecast/change between Oct 2020 – Feb 2021 increased by 6%
- Street light rates increased significantly due to factors related to over collection, under collection, and heat waves
- SCE is undergoing a system freeze for 6 days on March 31st (back online expected April 6th)
- Letter coming out soon advising updates to sunseting of certain programs (including important dates);
Action Item: SCE will share with the group

SoCalREN Programs & Enrollment Updates and Tool Kit presentation

- Comparative Energy Analysis (CEA)
 - 36 months of utility billing data from SoCalGas and SCE
 - Energy Star Portfolio Manager data
 - Report looks at energy use for city buildings, street lighting, outdoor facility lighting, and water pumping
 - SCE’s Green Button platform compares energy consumption based on time of year and time of day use (collected in 15-minute intervals)
- Agencies Enrolled
 - SoCalREN working with Carson’s ESCO
 - CEAs in process with Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, and Hermosa Beach
Action Item: Rolling Hills Estates will send energy data to SoCalREN today
 - Torrance progressing with audit scheduling
 - Will schedule meeting with Gardena
 - Enrollment form available [here](#)
- Tool Kit & Registration
 - Accounts can access site materials [here](#)

- Social media content and success stories from other public agencies among available resources
- Presentation material available [here](#)

Announcements – Group

- Next meeting: July 2021 (date TBD)
 - Possible meeting agenda items: pandemic impact, energy efficiency best practices
 - Cities are interested in addressing organic waste requirements and opportunities with utility energy portfolios
- Action Item:** SBCCOG will send Doug Krauss (Hermosa Beach) and Jeannie Naughton (Rolling Hills Estates) past anaerobic digestion project application/research