

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Energy Management Working Group

Thursday, July 25, 2019

- Meeting Notes -

Attendees: Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo), Kevin Kwak (Gardena), Kristy Morris (Hermosa Beach), Harry Frisby (Inglewood), Carla Dillon (Lomita), Michael Klein (Redondo Beach), Jeannie Naughton (Rolling Hills Estates), Charlie Wilson (Torrance), Damon Hannaman & Scot Mann (SCE), Kim Fuentes, Chandler Sheilds, Greg Stevens, Carolyn Yvellez (SBCCOG)

1. City Updates

- Rolling Hills Estates is finishing up remodeling at City Hall (compliance with Title 24) and updating General Plan
- Hermosa Beach is working on streetlighting projects and preparing for Teen Choice Awards (Kristy Morris' last day at the City is August 15th)
Action Item: Kristy Morris will confirm CIP status for Pier Ave streetlighting projects (City has until April 2020 to complete project)
- Gardena's streetlighting projects are halfway done
- El Segundo's streetlighting projects are 80 – 90% complete
- Torrance has 2 on-bill projects in process and will be retrofitting park lighting
- Hawthorne is finalizing on-bill financing application
- Rancho Palos Verdes has a LED streetlight conversion project in process (to be completed in September)
- Carson is revising the incentive payment for a streetlighting project; will begin a large sports park lighting project; may be eligible for a microgrid project
- Inglewood has 5-6 parks that may be eligible for incentive projects
Action Item: Harry Frisby will provide Greg Stevens with SCE bills for parks
- Manhattan Beach has recently retrofitted some sport park lighting that is reserved for the incentive and performing LS-1 to LS-2 conversion
- Redondo Beach has park lighting and streetlighting projects in process

2. Energy Efficiency Project Updates – Greg Stevens

- SCE's Time of Use (TOU) rate increases will impact municipal facilities (e.g. sports park lighting used in the evenings during summer months)
- SBCCOG will work with Cities to get updated bills and financials

3. Benchmarking & Energy Star Portfolio Manager – Greg Stevens

- Energy benchmarking scores a building relative to other buildings energy performance (1 – 100 scale)

- State law mandates buildings 50,000 square feet and greater must be energy benchmarked
 - State uses Energy Star Portfolio Manager (free online tool) as standard for energy benchmarking
 - SBCCOG identifies building's Energy Star score and determines if it requires an energy audit to identify potential to improve building performance/score
 - Streamlines the access to data for City buildings
 - SBCCOG wants to help Cities get mandated buildings benchmarked
 - Future threshold for benchmarking will likely target buildings 25,000 square feet and larger
 - Presentation link:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/energy_management_working_group/meeting/South%20Bay%20Cities%20Benchmarking%20Presentation.pdf
4. SoCalGas Direct Install/Facility Audits – Greg Stevens
- SoCalGas has Direct Install (DI) opportunities for Cities
Action Item: Cities email Greg Stevens if interested
 - Torrance Unified School District has begun a pool heater project and Torrance City Hall just completed a boiler project
Action Item: Greg Stevens will follow up
5. Utility Updates (status of Partnerships in 2020) – Scot Mann, Damon Hannaman
- Interior LED incentives are available through all custom programs
 - Public sector solicitation/partnerships are slowing down by the end of the year
 - SCE will be seeking request for abstracts (RFA) from 3rd party vendors towards the end of 3rd quarter
 - New program likely to begin in 2021
 - Cities will be locked into ELP tier level rates in 2020 (i.e. Gold level Cities will not be able to move up to Platinum after 2019)
 - SCE will offer dedicated field engineers to work with city staff and SBCCOG consultation to help sustain partnership and support current projects progress
 - SCE is reaching out to Cities (Torrance and Palos Verdes Peninsula) to schedule Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) where SCE circuits may be susceptible to wildfire threat
 - Charge Ready pilot program has spent \$20 million in 2 months to enhance electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure
 - CPUC has set a goal for SCE to install 48,000 charging units
 - Charge Ready official program rollout is targeted for June 2020
 - Cities must agree to a 10-year commitment to participate
 - Rebates are available for charging equipment in disadvantaged communities (DAC)
6. SBCCOG Report: Status of South Bay Vulnerability Assessment – Carolyn Yvellez

- SBCCOG will provide reports for each city that identify municipal facilities proximity to hazard zones
 - Presentation link:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/energy_management_working_group/meeting/Sub-regional%20Vulnerability%20Assessment%20Presentation.pdf
7. Questions – Group
- Are Cities looking into organic waste diversion strategies? Are there biowaste-to-biogas conversion opportunities?
8. Announcements – Group
- SBCCOG Board has asked for list of city staff that attend SBCCOG meetings each month
 - SoCalGas has \$100,000 available in grants for cities to develop adaptation planning
9. Adjourn to next meeting: September 26, 2019