

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: Steering Committee

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SUBJECT: South Bay Environmental Services Center Report

## **I. OVERARCHING SBESC UPDATES**

### **Follow-up: Proposition 39**

As a direct result of an earlier meeting that SBESC had with the **Wiseburn USD** School Superintendent and facilities manager, the new Director of Facilities Planning called SBESC to arrange an appointment. Schools are really looking into Prop 39 for monies to do energy projects.

At the meeting with Wiseburn USD, staff learned that California's IOUs were asked questions by the State Legislature on how the State could most effectively invest the Fund to meet the goals of Prop 39. The IOUs jointly prepared a proposal to answer the State Legislature's questions and provide recommendations that focus on energy efficiency improvements in California K-12 schools, colleges, universities and other public facilities.

The proposal is entitled Prop 39: Creating Jobs and Saving Energy by Leveraging the IOUs' Infrastructure. The South Bay Partnership (SBCCOG/SBESC) is mentioned when the IOUs (SCE/SCG) state they can leverage existing programs. **Information on the proposal is available on request.**

### **SCE/SCG Municipal Projects**

Active projects include the following:

<b>Carson</b>	Pool VFDs (variable frequency drive) should complete in June;
<b>Hawthorne</b>	City Hall Council Chambers LED lighting project;
<b>Inglewood</b>	Street Lights (Phase I) should complete in June;
<b>Lomita</b>	City Hall installation report under review by SCE; issuing check is next.
<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Water pump project is awaiting installation report review by SCE;
<b>Torrance</b>	Has multiple building lighting upgrades and a water pump project;
<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Still needs to have their Demand Response item reviewed and approved.

### **SCE Energy Leader Partnership (ELP)**

**Rancho Palos Verdes** has moved to the Gold tier now that their Energy Action Plan (EAP) has been approved by SCE.

\*Funding source: Southern California Edison

### **Trainings and Workshops**

The following table provides information about each training/workshop that took place during the month of March, 2013.



Contract goal: 150 restaurants to be contacted to conduct a feedback phone survey  
Status: 51 restaurants were contacted

Contract goal: 20 phone surveys to be implemented  
Status: 6 feedback surveys have been collected  
\*Funding source: West Basin Municipal Water District

### **Energy Upgrade California (EUC) LA County**

Thank you to Councilman Dan Medina for his assistance with the whole house upgrade workshop in Spanish that took place in Gardena on March 21, 2013. 4 attendees were present.

SBESC staff participated in a conference call with BKi on March 29, 2013 to discuss transfer of the call center. It was decided that SBESC will no longer be taking calls from 1-877- toll free number after April 2013. The number will be transferred over to BKi and overall work for EUC related efforts will be complete on May 15, 2013. SBESC staff will coordinate with BKi staff to ensure a smooth transition.

\*Funding source: Los Angeles County

### **Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP)**

Staff followed up with West Basin and RMC Water and Environment consultant to ensure that the four projects being submitted on March 29, 2013 for Round 2 of Prop 84 funds (Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006) were on schedule. Reminder: **Two are from SBCCOG cities:**

**Carson's** project is a water quality project – Dominguez Channel Trash Reduction;

**Gardena's** project is a water supply project – South Gardena Recycled Water Pipeline.

\*Funding source: West Basin Municipal Water District

### **MEL (Metro Express Lanes)**

SBESC staff works with Metro to provide outreach opportunities using MEL (the van).

Contract goals: 36 events

Status of goals: 28 events

City Council presentations have been given for all South Bay cities with the exception of: Rolling Hills Estates who declined a presentation, the City of Palos Verdes Estates citing elections, and the City of Redondo Beach due to lack of interest from staff. Outreach support continues to be provided with Metro at community activities.

\*Funding source: Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

### **Vanpool Program**

In efforts to promote vanpools to South Bay area employers, staff attended the first of five Harbor-UCLA Rideshare Fairs. The lunch and learn with **City of Inglewood** was rescheduled tentatively for the first week of April. The **City of Carson**, California State University Dominguez Hills, Raytheon, and LA Southwest Community College have been engaged to setup future vanpool formation meetings.

\*Funding source: Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

### **Water Reliability 2020**

Contract goal: Schedule up to 40 presentations by August 31, 2013

Status of goal: 22 scheduled; 15 have been given (4 in March)

A volunteer continues to update database of community organizations for potential WR 2020 presentations.

\*Funding source: West Basin Municipal Water District

### **Water Reliability 2020 Business Briefings & Letters of Support**

Contract goal: 24 meetings to be held by August 31, 2013, leading to letters of support to WBMWD from high profile South Bay businesses.

Status of goal: 7 meetings held

High level management meetings took place with **Silverado Senior Living, Marymount College** and **Northrop Grumman** during the past month. These meetings are led by Ron Wildermuth, West Basin Municipal Water District, and are due to the coordination efforts of SBESC staff. Signed letters of support were received from Tesoro and the Gas Company.

\*Funding source: West Basin Municipal Water District

### **Outreach: Initiatives**

#### **Beacon Award Champion Activities**

Goal: 13 meetings with cities

Status: 6 meetings have been held

The Beacon Award topic is on the agenda for the **Torrance** Environmental Commission meeting on April 4, 2013 for SBESC staff to give a Beacon Award update, share At- a- Glance information and provide the status of Climate Action Planning activities as they relate to the Beacon Award processes.

\*Funding Sources: Southern California Edison, Gas Company

#### **School District Initiative**

Internal goal: 12 meetings

Status of goal: 8 meetings have taken place

The school district meetings have included representatives from SCE, SCG, West Basin, SBESC and our contract energy engineer; several audits have resulted.

The remaining four districts are Manhattan Beach USD, Lawndale Elementary USD, Hawthorne Elementary USD and Lennox USD. A meeting with **Manhattan Beach USD** is confirmed for April 15, 2013 with Superintendent and Director of Operations and Maintenance.

SBESC staff will attend the following School Board Meetings:

Lawndale April 23

Hawthorne April 24

Lennox April 25

The purpose of attending is to inform them of SBESC resources and possibly lead to a meeting with school staff. Once these three School Districts have been informed, Phase I of the School Initiative will be completed.

\*Funding Sources: Southern California Edison, Gas Company, West Basin MWD

### **III. TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING & RESEARCH**

#### **Climate Action Plans (CAP)**

SBESC staff developed a proposal, on behalf of the South Bay cities, for SCE's Local Government Strategic Plan Strategies Phase 3 and submitted it to SCE on March 29, 2013. The Scope of Work proposed is to customize CAPs with energy efficiency data and language. Within this Scope, staff proposed updating current and forecasting future greenhouse gas emissions,

calculating the emissions reductions and costs of potential energy efficiency strategies, and creating a tool for tracking and implementing prioritized strategies for each of the South Bay cities. This Scope of Work would build upon and enhance the existing EAP and CAP work done over the past few years.

City staff had the opportunity to provide feedback on the Scope of Work at a CAP working group meeting that took place on March 13, 2013. This requested amount is for just under \$1 million and would enable the SBCCOG and SBESC to work with a consultant to assist with the technical analysis. The process is very competitive as the total funds available for the entire Edison Southern California territory is \$3.5 million. SCE is planning to notify local governments of proposal selections by the end of April, 2013.

\*Funding sources: South Bay Cities via SBCCOG and partnership with SCE/Gas Company

### **Cool Roofs Conference**

The “Hot City, Cool Roofs” conference, hosted by Climate Resolve, on March 8, 2013 was attended by SBESC staff. Speakers provided information on research, resources and tools for cool roof projects.

\*Funding sources: South Bay Cities via SBCCOG and partnership with SCE/Gas Company

### **EEMIS (Enterprise Energy Management Information System)**

The SBCCOG is continuing to wait for the Enterprise Energy Management Information System (EEMIS) platform to officially launch, pending final data processing and quality control checks by the LA County data processing team. **Gardena** is in process to install sub-meters to access additional utility consumption data using Southern California Edison grant funds. **El Segundo** has released an RFP for sub-metering proposals to be paid for with grant funds.

\*Funding source: SCE Strategic Plan Strategies

## **IV. ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **Art Work**

The deep colored oil and watercolor paintings of Alfred J. Hagan have been removed after having them grace the walls of the SBESC for the first three months of 2013. Thank you to Alfred for starting off the New Year with such beauty to behold.

Karen Yee is responsible for the paintings that are now giving life to the SBESC. She was born into an artistic environment and has always expressed her creativity in different forms, but her foray into the fine arts world came after a cataclysmic event dealing with and surviving cancer in 2003. This was the impetus that propelled her to explore her long held desire to paint. Karen Yee’s artwork is currently represented by The Lazy Dog Studio in San Pedro, CA.

### **Communications**

Website redesign work is progressing into the final stages of completion. Final content (i.e. pictures and images being used on the site) are being migrated from SBESC to CRG (website contractor), which is to be completed by April 11. Testing for the website will take place during the last week of April, with a tentative launch date in early May. Staff is currently assessing available training options for managing the website’s CMS software (Drupal).

### **UCLA Extension**

#### Strategic Marketing Class

On Monday, March 25, 2013, four student groups presented their Strategic Marketing class

projects to SBCCOG/SBESC representatives addressing the proposal that was submitted regarding two areas: 1) SBESC marketing plan; and 2) Packaging of climate action planning efforts for South Bay cities.

Our staff evaluated the presentations and submitted them to the instructor for student grading. Internal discussions are taking place to incorporate the segments of the presentations that are most applicable to the SBESC. All in all, they are creative and insightful.

### Intern

One of the students in the Strategic Marketing class will be serving an internship at the SBESC for the spring quarter. Evonne Harris will be working on two projects at the SBESC:

1. Planning for and convening a workshop on the research findings of the LUV project to be held mid-June 2013, in coordination with an Environmental Programs Specialist; and
2. Leading a team of five Environmental Services Analysts to develop a marketing and outreach plan, including a budget and strategies to raise funds for a one-day special event, such as an Expo to be held in October 2013.

Evonne is a resident of the South Bay and will receive course credit for 75 hours of internship experience related to these mutually beneficial projects.

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