

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

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SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report – December 2022

I. PROGRAMS - TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING, & RESEARCH

Energy Efficiency

Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN); CITY SUPPORT

Contract period is January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2022

Contract goal: Work Plan (including goals) are underway for 2023

Facility Equipment Inventory pilot project – SBCCOG staff and the CivicSpark Fellow continue to conduct on-site visits to collect equipment information. To date, site visits have been conducted at the following cities: Carson, El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Hermosa Beach. SBCCOG staff will coordinate with additional cities to arrange for on-site visits in the coming months. Information obtained will be used to identify projects, joint purchases, and recommendations to the CPUC for incentives.

➤ **15 - Sites Identified for Facility Equipment Inventories**

- City of Hawthorne (3)
- City of Hermosa Beach (3)

➤ **Potential (9) - Carson, Rancho Palos Verdes, Torrance**

Energy Audits

A total of 16 facility energy audits have been completed for 5 jurisdictions – see below.

➤ **16 - Facility Energy Audits Completed**

- El Segundo USD (4)
- City of Manhattan Beach (3)
- City of Gardena (2)
- Torrance USD (3)
- City of Hawthorne (4)

ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (ESPM) - SBCCOG Staff will begin planning the schedule for submitting the required annual reports for interested cities.

Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN): MULTIFAMILY

Contract period is September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022 **GOAL MET**

Contract goals: Contact, track progress, and outreach to local community organizations; track number of virtual events held, and number of attendees; distribute program collateral to local community organizations. Discussions are ongoing regarding time extension on the contract.

SBCCOG is assisting a 21-unit condominium property in Rancho Palos Verdes which is interested in adding energy efficiency elements as they upgrade this 50-year-old complex. The HOA is reviewing eligible contractors to consider for the multifamily energy efficiency rebates and is now working on completing the required Property Owner Agreement and providing their most recent copies of the complex SGC and SCE bills.

SBCCOG continues to seek outreach opportunities to promote the multifamily program. SBCCOG staff are following up with cities to identify opportunities and next steps.

Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN): Kits for Kids

SBCCOG staff continue to promote the Kits for Kids SoCalREN program focused on providing energy efficiency education to third and fourth grade students. The SBCCOG and ICF are working to re-launch the program using new updated marketing materials that include testimonials from the Towne Elementary grant award ceremony. The SBCCOG sent updated flyers to South Bay School Superintendents. To date, the Hawthorne and Torrance offices have responded showing interest in sharing the program with their elementary schools.

PACE

SBCCOG continues to promote PACE financing for homeowners through Ygrene. Residential PACE offerings are still suspended. The company continues to support existing projects and complete projects that are in the approval process. As for Q2 (Apr-Jun 2022) and Q3 (Jul-Sep 2022), Ygrene has been billed \$114.02 and \$92.89 respectively - payment is expected Q1 2023.

Water Conservation

West Basin Municipal Water District Programs (West Basin)

Contract period is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023

SBCCOG and West Basin staff met on December 12 to discuss implementation of programs.

Task – Educational Outreach Support - Exhibit Events

Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Status of goal: 49 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Task - Speakers Bureau

Contract goal: identify and coordinate 14 speaking opportunities

Status of goal: 6 completed

Task – Water Bottle Filling Station Program

Contract goal: To assist with identifying locations for stations (Conduct outreach and marketing for program until grant dollars are fully expended or until West Basin reaches its maximum number of applicants)

Status: Public sites are eligible to install two (2) water bottle filling stations per Tax ID

SBCCOG staff continue to do outreach to market the program and reach the goal. Information is included in discussions with public agencies when meeting on other topics such as energy efficiency.

Task - Support for Workshops, Events, & Webinars Educational Classes

Contract goal: 13 physical classes or virtual webinars

Status of goal: 6 completed (virtual classes) 2 classes in person

Staff continue to work with West Basin to hold virtual and in person classes to execute the 2022-23 program year goals.

Task - Commercial Water Efficiency Program

Contract goal: Assist the program consultant in identifying up to 12 commercial sites

Status of goal: 0/12

The SBCCOG staff provided GIS maps of locations that are participants of the green business program. The information will be used to help identify opportunities for this new program.

Task - Rain Barrel Giveaway

Contract goal: 5 Rain barrel distribution events

Status of goal: 5/5 **GOAL MET**- All Rain Barrel distribution events for 2022 are complete.

Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD)

The contract period is July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022.

Ongoing promotion of WRD programs continues through SBCCOG's e-newsletters and other social media channels. In addition, SBCCOG posts WRD events on the website and sends out e-blasts to increase attendance at events.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Contract period is July 1, 2021, through July 30, 2023

Task – Community Outreach and Promotional Events

Contract goal: Exhibit or present at 9-12 targeted special events.

Status of goal: 12 exhibit events completed

Task - Commercial Kitchen Water Assessments

Contract goal: Conduct 6-8 commercial kitchens in CD15 for water assessment.

Status of goal: 8 water assessments completed, and materials and packages were distributed

SBCCOG staff is in the process of setting up a meeting with the LADWP to discuss the next 12 months of activity and set new goals.

Waste Reduction

Sanitation Districts of LA County (LACSD)

Contract period is July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Educational Outreach Support Exhibit Events

Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Status of goal: 71 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Contract goal: Schedule up to 3 Sanitation Districts-related presentations

Status of goal: SBCCOG staff scheduled a total of 0 presentations, 0 presentations have been completed.

SBCCOG is currently working with LACSD to identify topics the organization would like to promote through community presentations.

Green Business

California Green Business Network (CAGBN):

Contract period February 28, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Contract goals: 15 certified businesses per city (total 45)

*Status of goal: **El Segundo**: 15 certified (completed sustainable actions), 3 enrolled (indicated interest in the program & enrolled); **Hawthorne**: 16 certified; 1 enrolled; **Torrance**: 15 certified; 2 enrolled; NOTE: enrollment means that the company is in the program and is interested in implementing sustainable actions to become certified.*

CAGBN – The SBCCOG is working with the cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Torrance to “green” certify local businesses. SBCCOG staff conducted onsite audits in each of these cities to help identify opportunities for sustainable improvements and connect business owners with utility incentives and programs. The team is also working with city staff to promote businesses that have received certification and is reaching out to elected officials for potential business walks.

South Bay Green Business Assist Program (GBAP):

Ongoing

GBAP - SBCCOG continues to provide information to local businesses on opportunities to implement sustainability programs. SBCCOG staff reached out to CalWater to provide information for potential sponsorship. In addition, businesses receive information on the status of SBCCOG utility partners’ operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. GBAP by city: Carson (18), El Segundo (35), Gardena (26), Hermosa Beach (12), Hawthorne (60), Inglewood (20), Lawndale (30), Lennox (10), Lomita (9), Manhattan Beach (10), Palos Verdes Estates (9), Rancho Palos Verdes (11), Redondo Beach (6), Rolling Hills Estates (6), Torrance (72) and Los Angeles County – Community of Westmont (1) for a total of **335** businesses in the program as of December 2022.

Transportation

Metro Express Lanes (MEL) (Contract period November 18, 2022 – November 17, 2023)

South Bay events are being held both virtually and in-person. SBCCOG staff continue to prepare, update, and share the SBCCOG outreach calendar for events that provide opportunities to support the mission and goals of the Metro Express Lane program. In total, the SBCCOG/SBESC distributed MEL materials at 3 events.

II. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION

Outreach Events

In December 2022

- 0 – Virtual Networking
- 1 - Workshops
- 2– In Person Event
- 0 – Presentation

For the period July 1, 2022, through December 2022

- 13 - Virtual Networking
- 19 - Workshop
- 0 - Business Event
- 8 - Presentation
- 35 - In-person Community Event