

Through the SGVEWP, the COG is also planning four (4) home energy performance workshops to take place in the cities of Baldwin Park, Duarte, Pomona, and West Covina during the months of July and August.

CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant

The COG continues to implement its household hazardous waste grant awarded by the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle). The program is intended to build knowledge and capacity among San Gabriel Valley local governments, retailers, producers, and other stakeholders to begin the transition from government-managed and financed product end-of-life (EOL) systems to producer-managed and financed EOL systems for products banned from trash under the universal waste disposal ban. The COG is working closely with the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) to implement this grant over the next two and a half years.

Recently, the COG and CPSC conducted a series of focus groups and a consumer telephone survey to assess knowledge and benefits provided to retailers for offering a battery and/or Compact Florescent Light bulb take-back program in the San Gabriel Valley. The final reports have been completed and this data will be used to develop outreach materials for businesses considering participation in take-back programs.

Watershed Coordinator Grant

The COG continues to implement its Watershed Coordinator grant awarded by the Department of Conservation in May 2008. This grant is undertaken in partnership with the RMC, Watershed Conservation Authority, and the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Rivers Watershed Council. The purpose of this grant is to implement watershed goals established in the comprehensive Rio Hondo Watershed and Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans.

In the last month, the Watershed Coordinator has prepared and submitted a grant proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency that would provide up to \$600,000 of federal funding for capacity building within the Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Watersheds to the Watershed Conservation Authority. The WCA will use the funding to grant subawards to applicants that seek to improve capacity building among elected officials and/or provide youth education and training in watershed protection and restoration skills. The Watershed Coordinator also assisted in the development of an interpretive river trail graphic design package for WCA managed properties along the San Gabriel River. The Watershed Coordinator has also created outreach materials including a native seed packet and a San Gabriel Canyon Fact Sheet Map.