



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Energy/AB 811 Working Group

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10:00 am

Sierra Madre City Hall
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Meeting Notes

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to order

The meeting began at 10:05 am. Staff explained that the COG Energy Working Group would now be merged with the AB 811 Working Group. This working group is meant to be interactive and to provide a forum for the cities in the San Gabriel Valley to give input to shaping the County's program.

1.2 Self-Introductions

A.M. Hayashi	Alhambra
C. Trujillo	Arcadia
P. Reid	Azusa
T. Wagner	Baldwin Park
M. Keith	Bradbury
C. Veirs	Claremont
V. Castro	Covina
A. Santos	Diamond Bar
R. McLean	Diamond Bar
I. Hernandez	Duarte
A. Chan	El Monte
J. Ortega	La Puente
R. Stanley	La Canada-Flintridge
P. Clarke	La Canada-Flintridge
A. Altomare	La Verne
D. Hamilton	Pomona
P. Piatt	Rosemead
K. Frey	San Dimas
C. Barrett	San Gabriel
R. Serven	San Marino
B. Inman	Sierra Madre
J. Lambert	Temple City
C. Yang	Walnut
L. Rizzo	LA County, CEO
H. Choy	LA County
M. Aubrey	SCE

M. Creter COG
B. Cooke COG

1.3 October 5th Meeting Notes

No action taken.

2.0 Discussion Items

Staff presented an overview of these items. (*See PowerPoint presentation.*)

2.1 Overview of Los Angeles County AB-811 program

2.2 County-wide issues:

2.2.1 General Program Design

There is no cost for cities to participate in the program. The County will perform “back end” activities related to bonding and administration. Cities are asked to participate through “front end” activities including local marketing and education. The County is currently in the process of contracting for administration of the program. The County anticipates adopting its ordinance in December.

2.2.2 Eligible Owners/Properties

There was discussion regarding whether the program should focus solely on residential or be open to commercial as well. There was support for including small businesses as eligible applicants.

2.2.3 Eligible Improvements

Improvements must be fixed to the property. There was discussion regarding tiers of projects and whether energy efficiency measures should be required prior to solar measures. There was support for promoting and educating residents about the importance of a correct loading order. There was support for requiring an orientation/training for loan applicants prior to being awarded their loan to provide this type of information. Certain funding streams have requirements of this nature already.

2.2.4 Financing

The County anticipates loaning \$115 million over three years. Bonds cannot be sold without contractual assessments in place, and the County needs interim financing to meet this short-term need. The County is looking at various funding sources, including grants, to meet this need. They hope to sell between \$5-\$20 million in initial contracts.

2.3 San Gabriel Valley issues:

2.3.1 Participating Cities

The COG would like to have a master list and track cities that plan to participate in the program.

2.3.2 Local Administration

Cities discussed issues with limited staff capacity and the importance of County storefront offices and templates for informational brochures.

2.3.3 Marketing, Outreach and Education

The importance of educating potential applicants was discussed. The County will likely provide template materials that cities can insert their logo on for distribution. Participants supported the concept of workshops throughout the Valley that target residents and focus on home energy performance, solar, and financing elements in one setting. The San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership may be able to help in this area.

2.3.4 San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

COG staff will propose residential home energy performance workshops as part of the Partnership's 2010 work plan.

2.3.5 Funding

The County is applying for funding from the State Energy Program (approx. \$25 million) for increasing cost-effectiveness of the program and conducting outreach to homeowners. The County will also participate in a Statewide grant to the Department of Energy (approx. \$75 million) with the goal of driving participation in the retrofit program utilizing the tiered package approach.

2.4 Next Steps

2.4.1 Letters of Support for Los Angeles County

The County is requested letters of support for its application to SEP by 11/20/09. COG staff will send out the sample letter.

2.4.2 City Resolutions Opting into Program

It is anticipated that cities will be able to opt into the program beginning January 2010.

3.0 Items for Future Meetings

Continued discussion of AB 811 program elements.

4.0 Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be scheduled by COG staff and emailed to participants.

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.