



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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

December 14, 2009  
1:00 p.m.

Arcadia Police Facility  
250 W. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia, CA 91066-6021

### MINUTES

#### 1.0 Preliminary Business

##### 1.1 Call to order

The meeting began at 1:03 pm

##### 1.2 Self-Introductions

The following people were in attendance:

A. Hayashi	Alhambra
C. Trujillo	Arcadia
T. Wagner	Baldwin Park
M. Keith	Bradbury
H. Choy	County of Los Angeles
V. Castro	Covina
A. Santos	Diamond Bar
P. Clarke	La Canada-Flintridge
H. Maloney	Monrovia
A. Ho	Monterey Park
F. Lyn	Pasadena
D. Hamilton	Pomona
K. Frey	San Dimas
C. Barrett	San Gabriel
J. Carlson	Sierra Madre
B. Cooke	COG Staff

##### 1.3 November 2 Meeting Notes

## **2.0 Discussion Items**

### **2.1 Update on County-Wide Implementation Efforts**

Staff gave a presentation on this item. Staff anticipates that the County Board of Supervisors will adopt its AB 811 ordinance in February. Cities can adopt consenting resolutions thereafter.

#### **2.1.1 Status of Key Decision Points**

##### **2.1.1.1 General Program Design**

The County has hired consultants to design and implement the AB 811 program. The County has encouraged cities to set aside EECBG funding for marketing & outreach, if possible.

##### **2.1.1.2 Eligible Owners/Properties**

There was discussion about various eligibility issues. The County anticipates implementing a loan initiation fee. Cities do not plan on waiving or adding any fees to the program.

##### **2.1.1.3 Eligible Improvements**

There was discussion about eligible improvements, including water conservation equipment and the relationship of the County program to AB 1881 requirements. The County intends to offer tiered packages of projects to help with project selection.

##### **2.1.1.4 Financing**

The County's goal is to achieve a 7% bond rate.

#### **2.1.2 Status of Applications**

County staff gave an overview of their grant applications.

##### **2.1.2.1 State Energy Program**

The County is requesting \$26 million under two project areas. Some of the funding that is being requested will go towards marketing in the subregions. The County will work through the COG to administer these funds.

##### **2.1.2.2 U.S. Department of Energy**

The County is submitting as part of a statewide application requesting \$75 million (approx. \$25 would come to the County). The program would focus on more targeted pilot programs that demonstrate market transformation and penetration. The COG has submitted some program ideas based on the Claremont Retrofit Project underway through its community organization Sustainable Claremont.

COG staff reported that if the County is funded, it is anticipated that a portion of funds may be used for home energy performance workshops for residents throughout the Valley. This concept was supported by the working group at its last meeting. While it cannot be a mandatory requirement under the County's AB 811 program, the COG hopes to make it as widely available as possible. The communities selected for the DOE grant will have more stringent

requirements for its beneficiaries. COG staff will invite the County's consultant to the next working group meeting to continue developing these ideas.

## **2.2 Update on San Gabriel Valley Efforts**

### **2.2.1 Claremont Community Retrofit Pilot Program**

This item was referenced in the discussion of the County's DOE grant application.

### **2.2.2 San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership**

COG staff reported that they have submitted a work plan to Southern California Edison proposing a series of home energy performance workshops as part of its 2010 work plan. While these workshops will be limited in number, they may be augmented by the County's funds if they are awarded the above-mentioned grants.

### **2.2.3 Community Workshops**

This item was discussed previously. There was also discussion on developing some marketing templates for city newsletters, etc. to begin promoting home energy performance concepts in advance of the start of AB 811 loans being available in summer 2010. The AB 811 program itself will not be marketed until city councils have adopted resolutions.

There was also discussion of workforce development issues. There is concern that there are not enough qualified contractors to meet the demand. Cities were encouraged to investigate their local workforce development board's plans for AB 811, if any. County staff will send COG staff the State's qualification tiers for contractors for distribution to the working group.

## **2.3 Next Steps**

COG staff will develop sample templates for newsletters, brochures, and utility bill inserts.

## **3.0 Items for Future Meetings**

- Discuss marketing activities with County consultants
- Review marketing samples/templates
- Discuss workforce development opportunities

## **4.0 Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon (time TBD) at the Arcadia Police Community Center.

## **5.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.