

Energy Council
TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (EC TAG)

Tuesday, August 18 2015 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

AGENDA

Attendance:

City of Alameda: Maria DiMeglio (phone)
City of Albany: Claire Griffing (phone)
City of Berkeley: Billi Romain/Sarah Moore (phone)
City of Dublin: Kathy Southern
City of Fremont: Dan Schoenholz/Rachel Difranco
City of Hayward: Mary Thomas
City of Livermore: Judy Erlandson (phone)
City of Newark: Myvan Khuu-Seeman (phone)
City of Oakland: Shyana Hirshfield-Gold
City of Piedmont: Emily Alvarez
City of Union City: Avalon Schultz (phone)
StopWaste: Karen Kho, Heather Larson, Lisa Pontecorvo
Guest: Demian Hardman, Contra Costa County

Board Updates

- August recess
- September/October take contract amendment for East Bay Energy Watch Partnership manager.

CCA Updates

- Alameda County CCE RFP language has been approved for release. August meeting cancelled.
- Marin Clean Energy and BayREN addressing coordination issues regarding energy efficiency programs
- Question regarding what happens with contracts with vendors, such as Enovity, that require city to be a PG&E customer. Clarification needed on how joining CCE may impact program participation and city's liability.

Program Updates

- Single-family program continuing to see uptake, though rebate applications have slowed in July.
- Multifamily – on track to reserve 9500 units in the region. New lender – capital leasing provider joined.
- New BayREN website launched. General fatigue with PACE providers pitching their programs.

- All current PACE programs are financing artificial turf. Oakland tried to push back, but was not possible for a single jurisdiction to require this. Maybe this could be addressed by a regional “marketplace.”
- BayREN potential to take interest. Interest in having a marketplace /clearinghouse for the customer, Texas PACE website.
- PAYS status – new regional program model and looking to for a JPA for ABAG and water agencies to access capital.

Bay REN Regional Plan Check Pilot Overview

- Contra Costa County presentation (see PPT on basecamp)
- CCC has completed 4 weeks of training of senior plan checkers who specialize in the non-residential plan checks.
- RFP for regional e-permit process to be designed. This would be targeted towards smaller jurisdictions that are currently contracting out plan check services with consultants that are not even located in the Bay Area
- Demian available to meet with other building departments

2016 Program Design and Projections

- CPUC and Local Government Commission are floating a proposal to create a new Climate funding Marketplace for local governments. It would consolidate funding from 6 agencies for integrated programs.
- Exploring avenues of potential funding for a MF Electric Vehicles program. Conducting some market research through the BAMBE program to develop a technical assistance protocol for 2016.
- EBEW Strategic Advisory Committee voted for StopWaste to house the Partnership Manager. There are still labor hours for coordination and contract management that would be taken from the Strategic Energy Resources budget.
- May be opportunities for CivicSpark interns
- Green Real Estate white paper is available for comment. A Home Energy Score rebate is being offered through BayREN. In current hot real estate market, energy efficiency is not a factor in sales transactions.

CEC EPIC Challenge Grant for Advanced Energy Communities

- Integrate fully comprehensive approach to solar, ee, distributed generation;
- City of Fremont had a local firm apply for EPIC funding for a microgrid project at 3 sites
- BACC may be applying

Member Agency Scholarships and Memberships update

- Look for an email regarding scholarships and memberships from StopWaste for both green building and sustainable landscaping
- Each jurisdiction should indicate what their priorities are and submit a request so that overall budget can get allocated.

MEMBER COMMENTS & DISCUSSION

- Fremont hosting a workshop for residents or businesses on Sunshares. Pricing starts \$3.50/watt – good time to sign up before federal tax credit disappears

NEXT TAG MEETING:

- September EC TAG combined with Municipal Water Policy Forum; likely will be on Tuesday, September 15 2015 from 10am-2:30pm.
- October EC TAG meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2015, but will be rescheduled because it conflicts with the BECC conference.