Energy Council
TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Tuesday, May 15 2015 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Attendance:
City of Albany: Claire Griffing
City of Berkeley: Billi Romain
City of Dublin: Kathy Southern
City of Emeryville: Nancy Humphry
City of Fremont: Rachel DiFranco (phone)
City of Hayward: Erik Pearson
City of Livermore: Judy Erlandson (phone)
City of Newark: Myvan Khuu-Seeman (phone)
City of Oakland: Daniel Hamilton
City of Piedmont: Kevin Jackson
City of Union City: Avalon Schultz (phone)
County of Alameda: Damien Gossett
County of Alameda: Darryl Gray
StopWaste: Heather Larson, Stephanie Stern, Wes Sullens, Candis Mary-Dauphin
Guests: Josh Geyer – HUD; Marcus Savage and Emily Goodwin – Ygrene Energy

MEETING NOTES

Board Updates
- April Board meeting included brief EC budget overview, but there was no followup discussion or questions from the Board.
- There will be no separate agenda item at the May 27 meeting, but Wendy will mention the ABAG Growing Smarter Together award

CCA Updates (10 min)
- County staff is working on committee structure. Challenges have arisen in terms of managing group, given its size and the Board’s desire to see more diverse representation
- The County is looking to add about 5 more slots to the committee.
- The County requested that Energy Council apply to the public committee. Staff submitted an application for an at-large seat but was not selected.
- TAG members shared the current status of jurisdiction appointments to the CCA committee
  - Alameda County – Supervisor Scott Haggerty
  - Albany – Claire Griffing, Mayor Peter Maass alternate
Berkeley – Mayor Tom Bates, Neil deSnoo alternate
Dublin – Not sure yet, maybe Roger Bradley
Emeryville – Council Member Dianne Martinez, Karen Hemphill alternate
Fremont – Dan Schoenholz, Rachel DiFranco alternate
Hayward – Council Member Al Mendall, Council Member Greg Jones alternate
Livermore – Council Member Steven Spedowfski
Newark – Council Member Mike Hannon
Oakland, Council Member Dan Kalb, Daniel Hamilton alternate
Piedmont – Council Member Tim Rood, Kevin Jackson alternate
Union City – Avalon Schultz, Public Works staff Richard alternate

AB 758
- Local Government meeting at CEC on May 7, with focus on strategy 1.7
- Comments are due on the 21st of this month. StopWaste will submit content to be included in LGSEC comments
- Slides from the CEC meeting are posted on Basecamp

Local Government Challenge Grant
- Guidelines will come out this summer
- Daniel thinks there is an opportunity to get creative and think outside of the CPUC’s perspective on topics such as fuel switching and getting to net zero
- Project examples featured at the meeting were not “out of the box.” CEC may want to incentivize adoption of benchmarking policies and code compliance.
- Oakland is in the process of drafting a ZNE building code, which would mean getting rid of natural gas in buildings, and has faced pushback from PG&E
- PG&E may have been directed not to address fuel switching because of controversy over converting customers from less-expensive gas to more-expensive electric.
- CPUC is looking at emissions calculations for the first year, which look worse when utilizing all electricity if using Alquist Act methodology. Lifecycle projection may be one way of getting around this issue
- StopWaste is taking a soft approach to addressing ZNE by including recommendations in the BAMBE Technical Assistance for certain types of owners

Water-Energy grants
- Two grants coming out with CEC and DWR –
  o a direct rebate program, and
  o CA drought technology program
- It looks like drought technology program could be a good fit
  - We did not receive the DWR water energy grant because our water savings were not competitive, even though energy savings were high.
Staff debriefed with DWR on the application. Top projects included inexpensive fixture giveaway programs and water utility infrastructure projects.

Program Updates

- **Single family**
  - (See single-family and multifamily hand-out on basecamp)
  - Held a training at StopWaste and a contractor event to increase contractor enrollment
  - Conducted outreach in April for earth month. Will be doing at least 2 more open houses in the fall.
  - Starting to work with realtors that will upgrade their own homes and then hold an open house and promote on social media
  - Testing out an approach called donate your savings – part of funds from saving go as a donation to a community group, and a part goes to Home Energy Analyzer.
  - StopWaste to invite CSE to demo the new statewide online tool (Planet Ecosystems) when it is launched

- **Multifamily**
  - Outreach has begun for 2 workshops in June. Contact Candis if you’d like assistance with sending letters or emails.
  - BAMBE received an ABAG award – Living Smarter Together
  - BAMCAP financing workshop was held in San Francisco – Lenders invited their clients, mix of property owners and Real Estate Brokers.

- **Codes and Standards**
  - Energy code trainings are being scheduled. Reach out to Wes or Candis if interested in having one done in your jurisdiction
  - A regional forum is happening in Fairfield on June 16th in the morning – Theme is Energy Code Best Practices for small cities
  - Wes requested input on what kind of “reach code” support jurisdictions were interested in having BayREN develop.
    - Examples of using incentives for a voluntary reach code
    - Cool roofing – in what sectors is it be beneficial
    - Single measure reach codes if they provide a way to get around title 24 costs and complexity
    - Builders want an above code prescriptive list – clear, noncomplex
    - Berkeley required LEED or GreenPoint Rated certification for their downtown, because it’s in a priority development area.

PACE Updates (60 min)

- **PACE program provider comparison matrix (Posted on Basecamp)**
  - Stephanie will circulate final version
  - Oakland, Hayward, Union City, Alameda County are all going to Council next month to adopt resolutions for additional PACE programs.
- Piedmont just joined Open PACE, not much interest in joining more JPAs
- Marin and Sonoma set based level expectations for providers to coordinate countywide
- Concern about marketplace confusion with multiple PACE providers. Contractors are not likely to join all programs
  - HUD Multifamily PACE Initiative
    - Josh Geyer – HUD office of Economic Resilience gave a presentation on HUD’ involvement in PACE (See PPT on basecamp)
    - HUD is trying to figure out one can be done to increase the appetite for MF PACE.
  - Center for Sustainable Energy is developing a map to show which cities have which PACE programs operating. On the residential side, each customer will be able to type in their address and see which PACE providers apply.
  - TAG members not necessarily interested in having real time information on PACE participation, but after programs have matured. Would want city level data.

- Soft Story Resiliency Initiative
  - PACE being used to meet seismic standards in Berkeley, Oakland and SF. Oakland soft story ordinance goes forward in June. City has mapped all affected buildings. Seven year phase in.
  - SF did an RFP for PACE program for soft story ordinance requirements
  - Hayward is interested in PACE soft story funding

**MEMBER COMMENTS**
- Civic Spark – will be included in next month’s agenda

**NEXT TAG MEETING:** Tuesday, June 16 2015 from 1pm-3pm