

MEETING NOTES

Energy Council TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Tuesday, June 21 2016 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Attendance:

City of Alameda: Maria DiMeglio (phone)
City of Albany: Claire Griffing
City of Berkeley: Billi Romain, Caytie Campbell-Orrrock (Civic Spark)
City of Dublin: Kathy Southern
City of Emeryville: Nancy Humphrey, Hoi Fei Mok (Civic Spark)
City of Fremont: Rachel DiFranco
City of Hayward: Mary Thomas, Gilee Corral (Civic Spark)
City of Livermore: Judy Erlandson (phone)
City of Oakland: Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, Ben Silverman (Civic Spark)
City of Piedmont: Emily Alvarez
City of San Leandro: Sally Barros
City of Union City: Avalon Schultz (phone)
StopWaste: Heather Larson, Candis Mary-Dauphin, Teresa Eade, Kelly Schoonmaker

Board Updates

- No EC items going to the board

CCE Technical Study

- San Leandro has a consultant reviewing the technical study mostly because of concerns about governance, and how voting power may be weighted based on usage. The consultant reported to Council on Monday.
- Fremont has mentioned at multiple CCA meetings that there is no mention of what the increase in EV's will do to demand in the technical report, neither is it factoring in the amount of energy from rooftop solar.
- Comment period for the study ended June 10th. Albany submitted comments –would like to see a greater focus on GHG reduction. The greenest scenario is 80% renewables, Albany would like a 100% default option.
- The Local Clean Energy Alliance wants to present to TAG about their vision of the CCE, ultimately wants more community members as non-voting members of the CCE. The group also wants community advisory chairs and co-chairs to serve as non-voting members of JPA committee.
- Voting on JPA language will be held on July 19th
- TAG is interested in hearing about how PG&E is moving forward with installing charging stations.

Program Updates

- The BayREN Municipal ZNE project was launched. Currently working with Hayward, Dublin, Oakland & Berkeley . The County may also have projects.
- PG&E LGP; Small commercial outreach and green business coordination
 - Entities interested in doing commercial outreach to promote BEST and smartlights include, Piedmont (directly), Oakland, Albany, Fremont, San Leandro, Hayward:
 - Fremont has interest in combining waste and energy outreach for restaurants
 - Hayward & Dublin would like to combine waste and energy outreach as well
 - EBEW marketing subcommittee will examine additional strategies
- TAG agreed that the Green Business program is a heavy commitment on the staff re certification and recertification. Carolina wants TAG's opinion on ways to improve the program.
- On the consumer side, no one knows about the certification, so there's no incentive for businesses to participate

Regulatory and Grant updates

- CPUC proceedings- baseline, statewide/third party, EM&V, Distributed Energy
 - Comments have been submitted on calculating baseline and reporting savings.
 - Regional aggregation of load can be sold into the statewide capacity market
 - Proposing to allocate funds to the RENs to do EM&V. Local governments would have access to their own EM&V funds
 - What consultants vs IOUs should do, and what programs should be statewide. LGC submitted a proposal suggesting that local governments have their own set asides, and LGC should administer these funds. Currently mixed support among stakeholders. EBEW also submitted comments.
- DOE BAAQMD heat pump grant application due June 23
 - Working with air district on ground source heat pump project proposal. Emeryville has sent a letter of support. Oakland, Fremont and Berkeley will send letters as well.

Regional Intern Project Coordination

- Measure D funding – can use half of the funding for the cities for waste related projects
 - Funds are trending downward for most cities.
 - Could justify use with waste related climate activities.
 - Can be rolled over
 - San Leandro and Piedmont would be interested in using Measure D if possible
- SolSmart – Sunshot funded. Helps cities look like how they are accelerating mostly residential solar. Components include background policy information, outreach & regulatory. Provides customized TA to cities to improve areas of the market needed. Has funded fellows that can serve full time up to 6 months to help communities research and implement areas they want to address. Would place 1-2 fellows in the Bay area to support multiple jurisdictions. Fremont is looking into solar access rights.
- Shayna is looking to get additional funding from PG&E so that EBEW can fund the 17 Civic Spark/ CCBA fellows without needing to share.
- San Leandro not interested in sharing a fellow. It would also be difficult for Hayward and for Oakland to share a 2nd intern. Fremont and Union City could share.

- Beacon program – Berkeley is interested in going for certification. Process doesn't take much time.
 - Fellows should receive training on Beacon & Clearpath. Fei has been compiling resources that she will transfer over to next round of civic spark members.

Built Environment Member Agency Scholarships FY 16-17

- Green cities will be lowering costs next year.
- Add Adaptation Forum to list of approved, MA's to follow up with additional suggestions
- StopWaste gives scholarships for Bay Friendly Qualified trainings. Will also offer trainings for design professionals starting this year. Good for permit counter staff, landscape development, etc. Will be held October 5-7. Maintenance training will be held January 2017.

Landscape Program Coordination

- Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELo) Implementation
 - Teresa Eade, StopWaste (presentation can be found in Dropbox folder)
 - StopWaste goals:
 - Support recycled compost and mulch requirement implementation
 - Prevent 3 basic practices of WELo from being dropped – no invasive plants, don't overplant & allow plants to reach mature size, and
 - Make sure landscapers are meeting diversion requirements
 - Union City requires a \$5000 deposit from applicants and uses those funds to outsource inspections
- Prop 84 round 3 Regional Deliverables; <http://lawntogarden.org/>
 - Kelly Schoonmaker, StopWaste (presentation can be found in Dropbox folder)
 - Lawn to Garden created because lawn conversion rebates do not require sheet mulching
 - Website (link above) created as an education effort funded by DWR. Includes Lawn to Garden resources, before & after cases, a marketplace, rebates & discounts
 - Includes section for residents and Landscape professionals
 - Workshop on June 29th on WELo for contractors sold out, but can still sign up for webinar

Member Comments & Discussion

- Farewell Kathy Southern

NEXT TAG MEETING: July 19, 2016 1-3pm