

SoCalREN Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes & Action Items
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees

#	Name	Organization
1	Wendy Angel	ECC
2	Pam Bold	HSEF
3	Fredrick Chung	County of Los Angeles
4	Cody Coeckelenbergh	Lincus, Inc.
5	Ann D'Amato	ECC
6	Benjamin Druyon	WRCOG
7	David Freedman	CVAG
8	Kim Fuentes	SBCCOG
9	Sumire Grant	GCCOG
10	Steven Halligan	OCPA
11	Rebecca Hausheer	TEC
12	Courtney Kalashain	SJVCEO
13	Paul Kylo	ICF
14	Meaghan Laverty	TEC
15	Selene Lawrence	City of Irvine
16	Ben Lucha	City of Palmdale
17	Patrick Ngo	Lincus, Inc.
18	Courtney Owen	ICF
19	Alelia Parenteau	City of Santa Barbara

20	Craig Perkins	TEC
21	Asia Powell	CPUC
22	Laurel Rothschild	TEC
23	Nicholas Ryu	SGVCOG
24	Vivian Soto	ECC
25	Joe Susca	Culver City
26	Sheena Tran	County of Los Angeles
27	Udval Tsolmonkhoo	TEC

Confirmed Action Items

- Advisory Committee members to share specific needs of their unique regions and areas for collaboration at next meeting
- Please complete the [Q2 Meeting Survey](#)
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Notes/Key Takeaways

- Laurel Rothschild (TEC) began the meeting by reviewing the following administrative items:
 - Virtual meeting/Zoom features
 - Introductions/logos of invited participants
 - Advisory Committee Members
 - South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
 - Coachella Valley Council of Governments (CVAG)
 - San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
 - City of Culver City
 - City of Palmdale
 - City of Santa Barbara
 - County of Ventura
 - County of Santa Barbara
 - City of Irvine
 - City of Fullerton
 - Orange County Power Authority (OCPA)
 - Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
 - Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
 - San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG)
 - SoCalREN Staff, Implementers & Regional Partners

- County of Los Angeles
 - The Energy Coalition (TEC)
 - ICF
 - High Sierra Energy Foundation (HSEF)
 - San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO)
 - Emerald Cities Collaborative (ECC)
 - Lincus Incorporated
 - Invited Guests
 - CPUC
 - Grounded Research
 - Purpose of Advisory Committee
 - Guide and advise
 - Collaborate and innovate
 - Be informed
 - Be an advocate
 - Meeting agenda
- SoCalREN Welcome
 - Welcome and introductions
 - Welcome from Minh Le
 - We can expand our SoCalREN EE network into other areas, such as EVs, with a regional, customizable approach
- Networking
- Regulatory Updates (Patrick Ngo)
 - R.13-11-005 EE Rolling Portfolio/CAEEC

Recent Development	Impact to LG & Constituents Served
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SoCalREN 2021 Annual Report released 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlights 2021 accomplishments and provides 2022 outlook
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CAEECC - Composition, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (CDEI) working group final report released 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CAEECC adds “Justice” to WG name. See line item below.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CAEECC - Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) working group 	Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phase 1 – develop compensation mechanism for eligible members ● Phase 2 – advance JEDI efforts

- What’s next:
 - CPUC to focus on Business Plan reviews in second half of 2022
- A.22-03-11 SoCalREN 2024-2031 BP
 - What: Authorization and funding for 2024-2031 EE programs

- What's new:
 - SCR proposes 21 new programs (28 total)
 - SCR proposes launching new sectors:
 - Agricultural, Commercial, and Codes and Standards
 - SCR replied to data requests from 3C-REN and Public Advocate's Office
- What's next:
 - CPUC expected to release BP review schedule in June
 - Final Decision expected by late summer of 2023
 - SCR BP documents and public webinar recording can be found [here](#)
- A.21-12-2009 SCE Application for Building Electrification Programs
 - What's new:
 - SCE requesting \$677m for 2024-2027 to:
 - Install 250,000 electric heat pumps and provide electrical upgrades for 65,000 households
 - Emphasis on low-income, Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) and vulnerable communities
 - Provide retrofit assessments and electrification upgrades to residential customers
 - Provide electrification support to businesses
 - What's next:
 - CPUC to review SCE's proposal in 2022
 - Final Decision expected by April 2023
- R.20-08-022 Clean Energy Financing
 - What: Explore comprehensive financing strategies for customers to invest in clean energy technologies
 - What's new:
 - 7 parties including LGSEC, SCE, and SoCalGas submitted program proposals
 - IOU proposals focus on expanding OBF offerings outside of EE (electrification, transportation electrification, etc.
 - What's next:
 - Parties to submit community feedback and revised proposals (due June 15)
 - Opening Comments on revised proposals (due June 29)
 - Final Decision expected by November 202
- R.20-08-022 Clean Energy Financing Proposals

Program Administrator	Proposal(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SCE 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Expand existing non-Residential OBF outside of EE 2) Launch new Residential Tariffed On-Bill (TOB) program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For EE or electrification measures

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SoCalGas 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Expand existing non-Residential OBF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed Energy, Microgrids, Hydrogen, etc. 2) Extend OBF to Residential customers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Heating, Solar Thermal, Pool Heaters, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Proposes Decarbonization Incentive Rate (DIR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide customers who switch from gas to electric a discounted rate for the incremental (additional) electricity consumed. • Proposed discounted rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32% reduction for residential SCE customers • 26% reduction for bundled SCE customers 2) Collaboration with Santa Barbara Clean Energy (SBCE) as a pilot sponsor

- Alelia Parenteau (City of Santa Barbara) expanded on pilot description
 - Joe Susca (Culver City) asked to confirm if this discounted rate would only be for DACs/low-income customers
 - Alelia Parenteau (City of Santa Barbara) confirmed that it would be for everyone, w/ a focus on DACs
 - David Freeman (CVAG) asked if this would only apply to bundled customers?
 - Alelia Parenteau (City of Santa Barbara) confirmed that is has been designed to work with OBF - intended, not required
 - Steven Halligan (OCPA) would like to discuss further with Alelia
 - Alelia Parenteau (City of Santa Barbara) suggested adding comments/support to show interest in this proposal
- R.20-08020 - NEM 3.0 Net Billing Tariff
 - What: Tariff for customers who generate their own energy and receive credit for any surplus sent to the grid
 - What's new:
 - Lookback study suggests that current NEM 2.0 tariff negatively impacts non-participant rates and disproportionately harms low-income ratepayers
 - December Proposed Decision introduces NEM 3.0 that could significantly increase payback on solar projects
 - Commission put PD on indefinite hold based on opening comments
 - Commission recently requested additional party feedback through Ruling on:
 - Glide Path Approach
 - Non-Bypassable Charges
 - Community Solar Tariff Programs
 - What's next:
 - Reply comments on recent Ruling are due July 1
 - Minh Le (County) mentioned that comments are submitted on behalf of the

County, not SoCalREN as it goes beyond just EE

- County is most concerned about job impacts from NEM 2.0 to 3.0 transition
- SoCalREN 2021 Annual Report Review
 - 2021 Portfolio Performance (Sheena Tran)
 - Met and in some cases exceed goals
 - 3 core values
 - Delivering climate and energy impacts
 - Building energy capacity and economic resilience
 - Expanding access to energy efficiency
 - Public Sector Programs (Rebecca Hausheer)
 - Sector accomplishments
 - Regional partner highlights
 - Case studies
 - Ventura Unified School District lighting upgrades (14 sites)
 - BMCTA project highlight
 - City of Santa Paula
 - 2022 program offerings
 - Project Delivery Program
 - Pathway to Zero Program
 - Revolving Savings Fund
 - Metered Savings Program
 - Streamlined Savings Pathway
 - Expedited custom & deemed incentives offered
 - Regional Partner Initiatives
 - Energy Resiliency Action Plan
 - Facility Equipment Inventory
 - eSGV's home energy assessments
 - Public Power-Up Program
 - Direct Install EV charger installations
 - Residential Sector Programs (Sheena Tran)
 - Sector performance
 - Multifamily program
 - Kits for Kids
 - Case study: Towne Avenue Elementary School
 - 2022 program offerings
 - Multifamily program
 - Comprehensive Common Area
 - Whole Building
 - Kits for Kids
 - Workforce, Education, and Training Programs (Sheena Tran)
 - Sector performance
 - E-contractor Program accomplishments

- Green Path Careers accomplishments
- ACES Pathway accomplishments
- Internship Program accomplishments
- 2022 program offerings
 - E-Contractor
 - ACES
 - GPC
- Funding Opportunities (Laurel Rothschild)
 - Grant Working Group Updates

Grant Name	WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program	Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
Description	Available to public agencies with water or power delivery authority. 50/50 cost share for projects that contribute to water supply reliability, including water conservation and renewable energy projects. There is a 50% cost-share requirement.	The program funds Collaboratives to conduct place-based capacity building activities, within a three-year grant term, that support under-resourced communities in accessing funding and resources to plan and implement climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency projects.
Award Amount/ Funding Available	Smaller projects (2 yrs): up to \$500k Larger projects (3 yrs): up to \$5 million	Available funding: \$8,350,000 Awards: \$500k - \$1.75 million
Application Due Date	7/28/2022	Pre-proposals due 7/15/22 Due 10/7/22

- State Budget for Climate Resilience
 - 2022-23 State budget to be [passed on June 15th](#) (today)
 - Total of \$32 billion in climate resilience investments over 4 yrs within following categories:
 - Climate Resilience
 - Water resilience and drought response
 - Extreme heat
 - Nature-based solutions
 - Wildfire and forest resilience
 - Cap-and-trade expenditure plan
 - Energy

- Establishment of strategic electricity reliability
- Accelerating clean energy and storage projects
- Clean energy financing
- California arrearage payment program (CAPP)
- Carbon removal
- Climate Innovation
 - Lithium Valley Development
 - There is also \$1.75 billion budgeted for implementation of zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure.
 - Through the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, California is estimated to receive over \$38 billion of formula-based transportation funding for several transportation programs including a new program that will support the expansion of an electric vehicle (EV) charging network.
- Programs for Climate Resilience

Category	Program	Department	Funding
Extreme heat	Cool Communities Resilience Centers	SGC	\$170M over 2yrs
Extreme heat	Community-based public awareness campaign about risks of extreme heat	OPR	\$20M over 2yrs
Extreme heat	Build a Climate Smart Workforce: Extreme Heat High Road Training, Partnerships, and Apprenticeships Programs	Workforce Development Board	\$17M over 2yrs
Energy reliability	Residential Solar & Storage incentives	CPUC	\$970M over 2yrs (\$670M for low-income households)

- Closing Remarks (Minh Le)
 - Many funding opportunities available (or will be available)!
 - The County is always interested in partnering with public agencies to leverage these resources for our communities (as is SoCalREN)
 - Joe Susca (Culver City) asked to clarify 50% cost-share requirement for WaterSMART grant opportunity
 - Laurel Rothschild (TEC) reminded the Advisory Committee to share future grant opportunities as applicable
 - Minh Le (County) would like to hear from Advisory Committee members at future meetings regarding the specific needs of their unique regions and areas for collaboration (ACTION ITEM)

- Closing Remarks (Laurel Rothschild)
 - SoCalREN Podcast and Social Media
 - New SoCalREN Podcast!
 - The tenth episode of ReEnergizing Communities was recently posted!
 - Currently available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#) platforms
 - Don't forget to follow us on social media
 - [Facebook](#)
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 - [Online Resource for Advisory Committee Members](#)
 - 2022 Meeting Schedule
 - Proposed dates
 - Q3 09-14-2022
 - Q4 12-14-2022
 - Please complete the [Q2 Meeting Survey](#) (ACTION ITEM)
 - Adjourn
 - The 2022 Q2 SoCalREN Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned