

May 24, 2010

Energy Council Meeting  
10:30 AM

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**Attendees:** Val Martinez, Louise Perez, Kathy Ely, Kathy Kifaya, Joan Graham, Chuck Belk, Ed Ocampo, Leslie Campenella, Denise Arend, Cliff Allensby, Dennis Osmer, Shelly Hance, Ernie Flores

**Also in attendance:** Melissa Martin

Call-In: Tim Reese, Chris Johnson, Darren Seaton

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**Approval of minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. A few name misspellings were corrected and given to Rebecca to make the changes. M/S/A K. Kifaya/A. Novotney

**I. Director's Comments**

Cliff Allensby introduced himself and Denise Arend DPSS and many other relevant experience and look at program operations, Program Operations Manager.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**III. DOE ARRA Program Update State Historic Preservation Update**

**The new production** sheet was passed out. 3,965 units have been completed. All of the agencies that had production problems were visited to keep on track. The September 30<sup>th</sup> date is the most important for production. The unit wide average is about \$1500 and although the units will probably exceed the goal the expenditures will be less. This will be re-evaluated.

The other measures will help the cost average and a calculator is trying to be automated to keep that goal evaluated. The audit will be done by June 15<sup>th</sup> and sent to DOE for fast tracking. The training and contract change will happen after that.

The agencies are moving forward. ServTraq has been updated. The projections may have been overstated and now they are dealing with what they need to do now to complete goals. Some have felt they me not meet their goals. This may take a redirection of funds to meet the state goals.

The spreadsheet of monthly goals is shared with the state and DOE. The plan will be shared with the EC.

Will CSD be having the production goal surveys? Yes probably in each mid month by survey monkeys.

**The service territories** have been better covered as of this month. City of Oakland will cover Alameda County. The City of SF is also on board as well as LA DWP. DWP has to receive a lot of approvals before they can move on starting the contracting. Project Go will work with the County of El Dorado and Alpine and will be the contractor. Siskiyou County will be covered by RCAA and Michael Flannery will take over that area for RCAA. They have met and are looking for an office.

CRP has their subcontractors online and is working with them to ramp up on Davis Bacon requirements. This will push the production because of the lag time on reporting. The numbers will happen and they will be caught up very soon.

**SHPPPO** has been postponed to June 15th. CSD has the approval process secured to start as soon as they become necessary. This will be online to fill in and receive automatic approval. This will hold the data base for all of our work. They are also going to have consultants to review the applications. CSD has a programmatic agreement with State Office of Historic Preservation for this review. They are not sure on the approval time on the formal approval process. About 1/3 of the units (14-15 thousand) may need this formal review.

It would be nice to have a prescreening process or a blanket OK for areas that have non historical housing. Also there is a concern about possible local restrictions that many areas may be under.

A CSD webinar should happen on the SHPPPO process and the form. Possibly the associations should pull together a one day seminar to have a face to face training that would better benefit most folks. The forms should be sent out before the training so agencies will be better versed on how to use it.

HUD may have approval already for their units.

#### **IV. Eligibility Highlights 1**

On the webinar there were many changes that have been brought up by agencies. This will be tabled to the next meeting.

There are many consequences for clients if these changes are implemented.

A guidance Document needs to be issued.

#### **V. WIS manual 2**

Stoves and ovens where the oven is separate are not allowed. They were disallowed because they are historically expensive and are not as a necessity as the stove especially with a microwave.

This will be tabled to the next meeting. A guidance Document needs to be issued.

#### **VI. SWEATS Policy**

How can we better use it in conjunction with the HCS services? This winter has been colder than normal and even in Orange County they have been receiving calls from many families on cold weather issues. They wanted to purchase blankets but the policy has been onerous. Built in flexibility for smaller items/measure not attached to a natural disaster is needed. In ECIP HCS there is no line item for this.

If possible a program that has these measures for all seasons.

**VII. Assessment tools revisions**

RHA is working on this and Leslie will check to see on the progress. They are trying to simplify the forms.

**VIII. Affordable housing (AH) Partnership Pilot**

CAPOC has been working with the local AH on several multi units, mostly senior living. They asked what the verification process is. They do have a very extensive verification process but only once a year and varies with the different buildings. They were not able to share the information because of confidentiality. If they could do it by units they could provide that. For instance, 74 units are very low-income and 26 are mid income. The aggregate data seems to be possible. CSD has OK'd this according to the DOE and HUD agreement. DOE accepts the HUD system as categorically eligible.

Most of the complexes are looking for boiler R&R. The doors are fire rated so cannot be replaced. It appears that most units will be heating and cooling measures.

MUDS have a whole host of problems. The blower door is not required by DOE for multi units but only for California. This is a very problematic situation for most applications. This has been a problem since blower door came to the state. The scrutiny on this problem of little being spent on measures and mostly on diagnostics going to the agency is very big. Sampling is not a solution in MUDS.

**By Consensus a request was made to have the CSD go to DOE to rescind the requirement on the 100% blower door on MUDS and change this in the state plan.**

The five floor limit is in questions. If need to use commercial rates this would be better than not being able to service the buildings. Wage determinations would have to be made through the DOL and DOE would submit them to the state.

CRP has also been working with AH. Public, HUD and public housing is being considered. A letter has been issued to forego the OK on the data collection. They could not provide the utility bills but a notice was issued and all of the bills were collected by CRP. All of this will be completed to submit to CSD as a package for that building. Pictures were taken to assure quality and completeness of the assessment. A wish list is also made of measures that could be installed. This is a senior building

In the AH 80 % are restricted units for low-income. The 20% will be evaluated after the eligible units are intake. Owners have helped overall with the whole intake process.

On the flip side in Sacramento housing has not gotten back to CRP after initial contact.

DOE, Bob Adams said that this should be not restricted to multi-family units. This is only a part of the goals of the DOE WAP. Senator Lowenthal has been contacted to explain this issue and the guidance we received from DOE.

In many areas an evaluation has been done as to how many have been completed or the obstacles that have incurred. Dennis Osmer has joined the group that has a call twice a month. The requirements need to be streamlined. In ServTraq a unit can be reported as vacant. On the units that are 100% income eligible there are no names or income or other personal information. Demographic information is not waived to Louise' understanding and also will need the energy burden.

The benefit to the tenant will have to be determined on each multi especially on the master metered buildings. Both CAPOC and CRP will look at both master metered and billed units.

HUDS Person Wayne Waite met with a few providers and coordinated the possibility of rolling out regional meetings with all stakeholders, owners, HUD, CSD agencies and tenants to talk about the possibility of the weatherization on these units.

**IX. LIHEAP Program Updates**

About 75% of the funding has been issued. The rest will be released after the waiver approval through an amendment.

There was a question on the added costs and the hourly reimbursement rates. A line item for the costs as SHPPO, inspections and other line items measures need to be added.

**X. Solar For All California**

Contracts have been issued and are being executed. Secretary Chu may come to the state June in and would like to see one of these projects.

**XI. Automation Update**

Upgrade to HUD units will happen. The other system is not happening at this time. CSD needs an unduplicated count. LIHEAP if a client receives several programs than they can only be counted once. ServTraq Lite training is available at CCES and agencies need to call for a reservation for their staff. Please call or email Mark at CCES [mark@energyservices.org](mailto:mark@energyservices.org)

ServTraq lite has been designed to work within the parameters that were requested by CSD. CCES could not expand staff to help with training etc. to work on this because of the contract available. Lite has very severe limitations but that was the contracted service.

**EARS** (3) reporting is earlier and if all revisions are not cleared than you cannot do the next report. This needs to be cleared quicker so new entries can be entered. The certification takes a week or over and stops production.

The EARS March report for LIHEAP some items were not correct as labor rates. The LIHEAP Amendment had the wrong labor rates. Other changes will occur on both LIHEAP and DOE. The months that can be entered should be opened back to 4 instead of two.

A survey of the network will be taken on the open issues

**XII. Next meeting**

July 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30-3

**XIII. Adjournment: 1:15 PM**