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General Membership Meeting

June 9, 2009

SoCalGas ERC

9240 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA

MINUTES (Draft)

1. Call to Order:

The President, Kathy Kifaya, called the regular meeting of the Southern California Forum for Energy Efficiency, Environmental and Human Service Providers to order on Wednesday June 9, 2009 at 10:37 AM, at the Southern California Gas Co. ERC in Downey, Ca.

Self-Introductions:

In attendance were: Ed Ocampo (*Maravilla*), Steve Poirer, Renee Barrett, Lucy Kuyumjian and Zigmund Vays (CES), Richard Villasenor (TELACU), Derek Johansson (Delta-Q), Ruben E. Norla (California Verde), Craig Allen & Rosie Magana (SCG), Dave Olsen (*CAVentura County*), Art Cisneros (*VICS*), Toni Carrillo (*CUI*), Kathy Kifaya, (*CAP Orange Co.*), Roberto Del Real & Aileen Lagbao (*SCE*), Saul Leal (*KCAO*), Slavisa Spajic (*PACE*), Mike Culbertson (*CAPSB*), Arleen Novotney (*SCF*), Jose Castillo & Saul Corona (*CRS*), Cynthia Llana & Slav Spajic (*PACE*), Kevin Downey (*San Gabriel Insulation*), Paul Straus (*CAP Riverside*), Jason Wimbley & Dianna Molina (CSD) for traveling to Downey.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the March 5, 2009 meeting were distributed by Email. It was moved by Toni Carillo to approve the minutes and seconded by D. Olsen. Approved.

4. Treasurers Report –Ed Ocampo

The fiscal report is delayed. It should be completed and will be distributed in two weeks. E. Ocampo, R. Shaw M/S/A to have Deo Tinana as the new CPA.

The SCF Contract (CSBG) is coming.

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5. CSD Report- Jason Wimbley

The Governor in his May revise has eliminated CSD and split the Energy Programs to the CEC and CSBG to DSS. The Associations have a joint letter opposing this elimination and have been working to counter the proposed split of the original anti-poverty programs. The groups have been advocating for the network, communities and CSD.

The DOE ARRA contracts have been mailed. The ARRA funding will be split into three segments. The first 10% (18.5 M) will come sometime in July then the next 40% by August 2009 and the 50% by 2010. There are many changes due to Mandates. The contracts must be returned by June 23rd.

CSD will have several webinars for different T&TAs. There is also a training schedule for all Weatherization staff. New staff will have pre-basic trainings in several categories and existing staff will need to have refresher courses followed by a test online. All of this information is posted on the website.

The LIOB will be on July 26th in San Diego. June 10 there will be a meeting with the utilities, CPUC and the EC. This will be to discuss the barriers to leveraging and a statewide database in the future. There is a string interest in the state for green jobs creation. For the CSD network there may be a little over 1,000 jobs created. Not as many as people had hoped. The CSD training curriculum will need to be standardized within the state. There are three training centers San Bernardino, PG&E in Stockton and new in Butte County.

Many community colleges are looking into having Wx training. CSD will have the standardized curriculum available to share with colleges. This training will include web training as well as on the job and at centers.

On June 4th CSD and the EC met with many groups as labor, state departments and advocates on prevailing wage. All ARRA funding requires prevailing wage. Labor wanted to have their out of work people to have some in to green jobs. One dollar of ARRA will kick this wage structure into place. This is a very complicated topic and CSD will keep educating itself and the network on prevailing wage. The agencies provided information that showed they were close to the expectations of the group.

If the ARRA funds are used to supplement stipends as with VISTA, CCC then they may have to be paid prevailing wage. CSD is looking for a clarification on this topic. Gender issue was brought up and shows that prevailing wage has been close to sexist. Many jobs that are in the office are not subject to prevailing wage. A federal DOL letter was issued last week. This indicated that only the supervisors and workers are subject to this wage. This will need to be hashed out for the contracts.

There is another impact for other Wx funds may trigger Davis/Bacon for other funds as LIEE. If there are dedicated crews for each funding source then it may be exempt. This will definitely affect leveraging with this requirement.

The utilities are also looking at this wage issue and see that there is a lot of work to be done.

CSD has a measure list that is impacted because of the wage issue. Other measures will need to be looked into as solar water heaters and energy efficient washers. This will be needed to counter the prevailing wage problem. A new energy audit will be issued for the DOE Wx program. 100% will have to have an audit and blower door before weatherization. A new model is being discussed.

6. Director's Report – Arleen Novotney

The CSD proposals for the solar innovative projects were due on June 2nd. SCF is waiting for the Innovative Project RFP that will be released within a month. ACCES has proposed a multi-family solar PV project. They will work with SCE and other MASH administrators to install PV on 600 low-income multi-family homes.

The NexTrendsInLA jobs fair was reported on by Roland Aranjó. It will be on July 23rd at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. SCF, PACE are sponsors along with LA City Colleges, LA City, LA Trade Tech, GreenWest Alliance, Pierce College, Santa Monica City College, CCC, Assemblywoman Karen Bass, LA Harbor College and LA Mission College. The hope is to bring together the many people out of work and looking for a new career with the agencies who have green jobs because of the stimulus funding for energy efficiency.

6. Southern California Gas Company & SDG&E

The production so far 22,450 homes have been treated so far. SCG needs all units submitted. The WNA is being evaluated at this time.

SDG&E had no report.

7. Southern California Edison

SCE has commented on the CPUC White paper. Comments are due by June 17th. This will change the way we will do business. Leveraging is a very important issue which will include the sharing of information between the state and utilities. The RFPs have been completed for inspections. Another RFP will be issued for all measures very soon. The three measure rule will also be ruled upon soon. SCE is planning to meet all goals, 20% have been completed so far.

8. New and Other Business

Insurance

Solar will make a shift in the impact of insurance. Other operations as Wx is a light contracting situation. Workers Comp will also be changed in category. Funding sources also may require higher coverage. Many brokers may not have all carriers available. Do not wait for the last minute to secure the coverage for items as solar. What if the regular crews do a couple of systems? This will have

to be reported. Orange Co. secured a writer for this situation. At this time, many companies do not want to issue writers.

SCE MASH

Aileen Lagbao is the program manager for the MASH program. The CSI created this program through SB1. The IOUs are the administrators of this program. Systems are sized to usage and cannot be oversized. The largest systems can't be larger than 1 MW. Goals are to stimulate solar usage by incentives to lower the cost. Energy Efficiency must be incorporated into each install before sizing which will lower the cost. The CPUC's intent was to grow the appreciation for solar.

The requirements: Please see the attachment.

MASH website: <http://www.sce.com/mash>

Multifamily Energy Efficiency Rebate Program:

<http://www.sce.com/multifamily>

LADWP and other municipals have solar rebates also.

NexTrends in LA Roland Aranjó

LACCD is co-sponsoring a Green Jobs Fair. It will be on Thursday July 23 at the Biltmore Hotel on LA. All agencies are invited to participate. Invited are the Speaker Bass and the. They are hoping to have 1000 job seekers.

9. Announcements

Ruben shared an issue of California Verde.

Other Meetings:

- June 10 – CSD/Joint Utilities/Energy Council Meeting CSD
- June 11 – Residential Energy Efficiency Whole House CPUC
- June 16 – Energy Efficiency Lighting Workshop CPUC
- June 20 – Solar Water Heater Workshop
- June 21 - 2009 UC/CSU/CCC 8th Annual Sustainability Conference
- June 25 – LIOB San Diego
- Aug 6 – LIHEAP Service Providers CSD
- Aug – Community Action Committee Meeting CSD

10. Adjournment -

Moved to adjourn by S. Leal seconded Ed Ocampo.
Adjourned at 12:17 pm.