



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FORUM

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### Kings County

Kings Community Action Organization

## General Membership Meeting

April 26, 2006

Double Tree Hotel

Rosemead, CA

## MINUTES (Draft)

### 1. Call to Order by Richard Shaw Self-Introductions:

The President, Richard Shaw, called the regular meeting of the Southern California Forum for Energy Efficiency, Environmental and Human Service Providers to order on Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2006 at 12:10 P M, at the Double Tree Hotel, in Rosemead, California.

### Self-Introductions:

In attendance were: Veronica Romero (*CUI*), Art Cisneros (*VICS*), William Warren (*San Bernardino CSD*), Anjelica Frias (*RHA*), Jim Lucas (*SCG*), Adam Knowles (*SCG/SDG&E*), Veronica Mendoza (*MAAC*), Saul Leal (*Kings Community Action Organization, Inc.*), Richard Villasenor (*Telacu*), Ed Ocampo (*Maravilla, Inc.*), Richard Shaw (*ASSERT*), Cynthia Llana (*PACE*), Jay Thomas (*Air Cold Supply*), Dave Olsen (*Ventura County CHC*), David C. Gonzalez (*Eddie Dillen HIC*), Darryl Johnson (*San Bernardino*), Godwin Aimua (*Riverside*), Mike Culbertson (*CAC Santa Barbara*), Adam Knowles (*SCG/SDG&E*), Derek Johansson (*Delta-G/Cozy*), Arjelia Rodriguez (*Winegard Energy*), Ted Myerchin & Kevin Downey (*San Gabriel Insulation*), Kathy Kifaya, (*CAP Orange Co.*), Mauricio Blanco (*SCE*), Roberto Del Real (*SCE*), Gregg Lawless (*SCG*), Lucy Kuyumjian (*CES*), Zigmund Vays (*CES*), Arleen Novotney (*SCF*).

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**2. Welcome- Richard Shaw**

Richard welcomed and thanked everyone for traveling to the Los Angeles Area. SCF is a forum for the exchange of ideas and thoughts.

Richard announced that Wendy Wohl could not be here today. Ron Garcia also could not attend.

**3. Approval of Minutes – Cynthia Llana**

The minutes for the Feb. 22, 2006 meeting were previously distributed and also made available at the meeting. It was moved by David and seconded by Richard Villasenor to approve the minutes. They were approved.

**4. Treasurers Report –Ed Ocampo**

Ed Ocampo handed out last financial statement as of March 31, 2006. Ed explained that Deo Tinana could not attend. It was moved to accept the report by David seconded by Kathy. It was accepted.

**5. Presidents Report – Richard Shaw**

We need to pay attention to changes in the state. The CSD is receiving \$63 million for LIHEAP. All agencies must attend to the increase in production. We may need to justify the increase in funds.

Solar and water are being developed. The CPUC wants to see an increase in energy services and extend this to water. The Photo Voltaic (PV) market can be integrated into our focus. The solar committee has been reorganized to include water and program design for both low-income and other consumers. There are many new areas/markets as collective lighting, where agencies can participate.

The LIOB will meet on May 2nd in Fresno. The impact study is evaluating our programs and we need to keep an eye on this study. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, SCE asked for extension on the CARE program Winter Initiative limits. The low-income households will be hit with rising bills both for the winter and summer months. Kathy explained that many clients are already calling with large bills. The agencies are looking at the increase in eligibility. This will increase the burden on agencies to increase their capacity. Ed added that even with the LIHEAP amendment the agencies would only be able to serve client a once a year, since it is not a separate contract. On June 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop in LA sponsored by the CPUC for low-income issues.

SB1 has made it through committee. There could be a reduction in the cost of PVs of up to 60-70% if many are installed. On current solar usage, energy could be reduced 30-40%.

**Other legislation:** AB2723 low-income solar energy revolving loan program. AB 2021. Environment, greenhouse gases and other efficiency action plans are

being discussed at the federal level. Commissioner Gruenich is in leadership group and also Gene Rodriguez of SCE. Motion to receive by David, seconded by Bill. Filed

**6. Directors Report – Arleen Novotney**

The solar contract has not been issued. CSD said it would be coming hopefully next week. They added 25,000 for one PV unit. We may split this to do 2 units if cost permits.

The EOW conference was a big success with a big attendance. Ed and Bill did great job on their workshop. The LIHEAP new funds are to be put into an amendment soon.

Motion to receive, Cynthia seconded by David. Filed

**7. Presentations-**

**CSD:**

Wendy emailed that Assemblyman Pavley's bill AB 2723 could include CSD in the planning group. CSD is interested to deal with the low-income side of the solar.

Zigmund had issue with the Minimum funding coming up again for LIHEAP. Senator Chesboro's bill, AB1376 deals with CSBG minimum funding. Medium sized agencies are impacted by minimum funding are very affected. The City and County of LA, Southern California could be losing millions to fund the minimum funding.

**SCG- Jim Lucas**

**Richard Introduced Jim Lucas for his report from Southern California Gas.**

The DAP Contractors Meeting is tomorrow and SoCalGas will be looking for specific contractor input as to suggestions/changes they would like to see for 2007/2008.. Since Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, DAP has been doing self-certifications in targeted census areas. The commission has yet to approve the extension to continue self-certifications so this program will end on Friday (4/30). SCG asked to extend the program and does not expect to receive a decision until July/August timeframe.. Please keep the Self Certification forms as these will be used again should self-certification continue. Hopefully at the LIOB Meeting, SCG can reiterate the importance of the self-certification process. There is a bill to increase the income level at 250% of the Federal Poverty Level that could severely impact the process. This is 40% of the population and could create too large of a base for any program.

The first quarter goal was not met. Only 39% of the system wide goal was completed. 25% of the contractors made their goal. Augmentation filing needs to show production so it will be hard to ask for a budget augmentation if we are not on track to meet or exceed our annual goals.

Motion to file by Kathy, seconded by David. Filed

**SCE – Roberto Del Real**

**Richard Introduced Roberto Del Real for his report from Southern California Edison.**

SCE issued April 14<sup>th</sup> letter to ALJ Weisman rapid deployment. On April 24<sup>th</sup> they asked for continuation of the self-certification and telephone enrollment.

SCE calls the customer on incomplete applications instead of sending a new application. SCE asked to continue both programs and auto enrollment. Kathy asked, if this will create a problem since SCG does not have self certification and SCE might. They are discussing this and will find an answer. SCE stated that they would continue these programs through the decision. CARE lists will be sent to contractors. Contractors do need to move faster to justify additional funding. SCE will be asking for help from the contractors to complete the goals.

Workshops will be held for input on new measures. What new and different things could be beneficial for customers. Contracts are being completed, hopefully by next week. When you receive them, please sign and return ASAP. Mike Cumbertson asked if they could submit applications if signed prior to April first. Yes, but use old template.

David moved to file the report, seconded by Bill. Filed

Richard thanked Roberto for his report.

**LIQB-**

Next meeting is in Fresno on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Water will be on the agenda.

**7. Old Business –**

-WX Automation- Kathy Kifaya

The group is put on the back burner for the new LIHEAP funds/amendments. The next meeting is cancelled. The automation was to be completed by Jan. 1, 2007. This is a very aggressive schedule. Program support is harder with so many different databases. 2% of the new LIHEAP funds will be set aside for automation.

Motion to receive by David seconded by Dave. Filed

**8. New and Other Business**

David Gonzalez is elected as the Vendor Rep.

Ed thanks Angelica from RHA for attending.

There was no other business.

**9. Announcements –**

none

**10. Adjournment -**

David Gonzalez moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed Ocampo. Adjourned at 2:00 pm.