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**General Membership Meeting**  
**February 22, 2006**  
**Double Tree Hotel**  
**Rosemead, CA**

**MINUTES (Draft)**

**1. Call to Order by Art Cisneros**  
**Self-Introductions:**

The President, Art Cisneros, called the regular meeting of the Southern California Forum for Energy Efficiency, Environmental and Human Service Providers to order on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006 at 12:29 P M, at the Double Tree Hotel, in Rosemead, California.

**Self-Introductions:**

In attendance were: Art Cisneros (*VICS*), William Warren (*San Bernardino CSD*), Jim Lucas (*SCG*), 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*), Ron Garcia (*Reliable Energy*), Deo Tinana (*Vasquez and Co.*), Darryl Johnson (*San Bernardino*), Godwin Aimua (*Riverside*), Adam Knowles (*SCG/SDG&E*), Monte Winegar (*Winegard Energy*), Kathy Kifaya, (*CAP Orange Co.*), Alex Sotomayor (*Maravilla*), Jack Parkhill (*SCE*), Gregg Lawless (*SCG*), Vic Grassington (*Delta Q, Inc.*), Zigmund Vays (*CES*), Arleen Novotney (*SCF*).

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**2. Welcome- Art Cisneros**

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

**Art announced that Wendy Wohl could not be here today.**

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

The minutes for the July 20, 2005 meeting were previously distributed and also made available at the meeting. It was moved by Kathy and seconded by David Gonzalez to approve the minutes. They were approved.

**4. Budget Committee Report –Ed Ocampo**

Deo Tinana handed out last financial statement as of December 31, 2005. He explained the report, revenue etc. It was moved to accept the report by Richard seconded by Kathy. It was accepted.

**5. Elections-**

The election was held electronically in February 2006. There was a majority of paid members casting their votes. It was unanimous vote of 19 members to elect the slate of officers.

**Slate of Officers:**

- President-Richard Shaw
- Vice President-Zigmund Vays
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Kathy Kifaya
- Secretary-Cynthia Llana
- Treasurer-Ed Ocampo
- Admin-Art Cisneros
- Legislative-Richard Villasenor
- Budget-David Valdez
- Policy-Bill Warren
- Tech-Saul Leal
- Vendor to be determined by vendors

Art thanked the members for their support during his term. He congratulated the new officers and handed the gavel over to Richard Shaw. Richard Shaw thanked all for their votes.

**6. Presentations-**

**Richard Introduced Jack Parkhill from Southern California Edison.**

SCE stated that an estimated \$4.7 million is expected to be carried-over from 2005. A final decision that was not issued until May 2005 along with a jump in funding from 2004 of \$15.8 million to \$28.4 million in 2005, were reasons given for the carry-over amount. This amount increases SCE's 2006 budget to \$33.5 million.

In reporting on the Winter Initiative that began in November 2006, SCE stated that over one million customers are currently on the CARE rate. Concern was raised about the possible affect of the 50% bill payment option offer during the winter months. With the cooling season beginning in May customers with deferred payments due to SCE will be starting the cooling season under financial hardship to pay current and deferred payments. Although customers will be able to negotiate a nine month payment plan, the need for HEAP will be probable.

In the other area of the Winter Initiative SCE has installed 4,500 refrigerators and expects to exceed its goal of 5,000 with the installation of 9,000 over the winter period. SCE requested and was granted the use of a declaration to be used by customers to declare their ownership of the refrigerator. This change will now avoid tenants having to have landlords sign a waiver when the tenant in fact owns the refrigerator.

LIOBs meeting is next Tuesday, Standardization was last Friday. Ron asked if the Carryover is going to be above the asked for dollars or will SCE fill in the amount that the Winter Initiative (WI) cost. SCE stated they would be evaluating the 2004/05 winter costs with the 2005/06 winter costs to determine the amount of funds expended for the same calendar period, however, carry-over funds could be available to fill any void. The Commission approved SCE's proposal to automatically enroll CARE customers onto EMA and Richard asked what impact this policy has had on the program. Jack stated it was too soon to come to any conclusions but that this policy is expected to increase enrollment. Utility applications for PY2007-2008 are due July 1, 2006. Jack stated that funding is expected to increase marginally. Finally, in discussions on how SCE customers can leveraged LIHEAP payments for their deferred utility bills, Kathy mentioned that it would be beneficial to have some information on the number of customers and amounts past due so planning can be completed.

Richard thanked Jack for his report.

### **Richard introduced Gregg Lawless from SCG/SDG&E**

In 2005, 40,500 homes were Weatherized. The carryover is 6.3M, much more than SCG would have liked. SCG had 30% of 40,500 units submitted by contractors in November and December. SCG will issue contracts sometime between 3-1-06 to 4-30-06 depending on when the CPUC approves the 2006 P&P/WIS manuals. SCG will be targeting 48,000-49,000 units for the 2006 program year. The winter initiative was at 200% and it did impact CARE. The ALJ has utilities going in 4 different directions during the Winter Initiative. SCG has a self-cert process as does SDGE. The other utilities are different. Contractors will receive the eligible customer information now. Question is what will be continued form the Winter Initiative and what will not. They do not know what they will request yet. They polled contractors to ask what they expect to do. Based on their input, 45,000 - 46,000 looks like the possible number. Richard added that many of the winter initiatives are good and should continue.

Jack added, we don't know if there will be a comment period for the winter initiatives. Look out for this opportunity. Gregg commented that a large focus of the Winter Initiative was CARE participation and the bill collection policies. Alex asked, is there a summary of the FRR program and how it did in 2005 on the goals projections. Gregg answered that it was close to on track. Approximately, 1 in 5 furnaces were replaced. There were 8000 repairs or replacements on all appliances.

Richard asked if we could get an overall view of what was done at the next meeting from the utilities? Gregg said, that pulling these types of figures together is a very manual process and takes a lot of time. Gregg added that updated figures would be available at the next workshop planned by ALJ Weissman.. Jack said, he would let Arleen know when the next workshop is so we can provide comments there. Gregg said that any presentation prepared for the workshop could be made available to SCF members. Materials from the February workshop can be found at the following link <http://www.liob.org/resultsmt.cfm?meetingtype=Public%20Meeting>, Richard asked, if there will be a time for comments at workshop. Hopefully there will be some time set aside.

Richard thanked Gregg for his report

### **CSD Auto update by Arleen**

Richard asked Kathy to report on the Automation team in the future. Energy savings will be an issue for the network. CSD does want all measures calculated. The ultimate is to see the whole picture. The Utilities or CSD programs cannot stand alone when calculating savings. Gregg added that the measurement folks are having a difficult time finding the numbers. Ed added that, the state wanted to host an automation system with the state and utilities on the same system. Agencies cannot give that information. Gregg said it seems that this would be useful to the agencies.

Richard said, the customer is first and the goal is to maximize the savings to them. If the effort is going to be a success, control needs to be at the local level. This all needs work. Utilities and CSD do not have compatible systems.

## **7. Old Business –**

-WX Automation- The team is now the same as the WX task force. It will be meeting this next Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. This team will meet twice a month for two day meetings. The plan is to have the WX automation by 2007.

There are concerns with the tracking and reporting of leveraged measures. We will have reports on the progress during the year.

-The Solar Pilot has not started yet. CSD promised to have the pilot contracts out before the end of the month. Arleen had Don Smith research several different units for installation. There is the traditional heavy unit and a newer unit that is lighter and has other features that may be good for this project. There are 11 agencies that will install 1-2 units in their areas according to the climate zones. They will track the units for one year for any change in energy usage. Arleen and Saul Leal are working on the training for this project. The hope is that

the CPUC million solar roofs will have the low-income component and SCF can provide training for installation of these units.

Arleen will meet with the advocate of the Million Solar Roofs initiative, Bernadette Del Chiaro to discuss either their support for solar low-income programs or how the members can be involved in the CPUC rebate program.

Zigmund, suggested that the real outcome of this pilot to reinstate this as a measure in the State programs. They have authority on the LIHEAP side to include it as a measure. The intent is not only to save energy but produce clean energy. It was moved by Zigmund and seconded by David, to have an adhoc Solar committee. The purpose of an adhoc committee on solar is to look into this

as a program with CSD, CPUC, SCE, DWP. We need to coordinate these possibilities. The motion passed. Zigmund Saul, Cynthia, Ed David, Kathy, Godwin, Bill Art, Jack will be on the solar committee

## **9. New and Other Business**

Arleen will try and get a calendar of meeting dates. There are many meetings throughout the state, so she will coordinate with CSD and the other possible conflicts. GAS Co. is flexible and will coordinate.

Arleen will distribute names and numbers of officers.

There was no other business.

## **10. Announcements –**

-The Energy Ed Workshop Bags are starting to be distributed. If you need some for an early start up date please contact ACCES.

-The EOW conference starts April 10<sup>th</sup> in Portland Oregon. They are still signing up vendors. SCF is a sponsor as they have been in past years.

## **11. Adjournment -**

Cynthia Llana moved to adjourn, seconded by David C. Gonzalez. Adjourned at 2:00 pm.