

ENERGY & WATER CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Energy & Water Conservation Subcommittee was called to order by Chair Steve Pougnet at 8:03 a.m. on October 15, 2009.

In Attendance

Jurisdiction/Agency

Tom Davis
Deanna Pressgrove
Gabriel Perez
Karl Baker
Susan Weisbart
Bret Plumlee
Steve Pougnet
Gary Ambach
Connor Limont
Kay Hazen
Jane Udall
Michele Mician
Anne Leach

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Springs
Imperial Irrigation District
Member at Large
Member at Large
Member at Large
City of Palm Springs
Sun City Palm Desert HOA

CVAG Staff Present

Katie Barrows
Linda Rogers

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Steve Pougnet led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

No additions or revisions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. **FURTHER DISCUSSION OF GRAYWATER STANDARDS**

- a. Questions arose about how graywater standards will interface with existing code.
- b. Questions about what will be seen in planning and building departments.
- c. Discussion about a product using graywater that could help in water conservation
- d. Do cities have any graywater standards?
- e. Michelle Mician indicated that she has some materials on graywater standards
- f. Katie Barrows indicated that there will be a follow up on potential meeting with the water agencies.

Karl Baker indicated that he will now be attending the meeting on behalf of the City of Desert Hot Springs.

8. **REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF 2009/2010 SUBCOMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

- 8A. Report on Subcommittee Goals and Objectives
- a. Background of subcommittee and name change from Energy Conservation to Energy & Water Conservation Subcommittee
 - b. Subcommittee reports to E&E and moves things along through consensus
 - c. Technical Planning Subcommittee has been dealing with SB 375, focusing on land use and integrating transportation planning and regional housing needs assessment
 - d. Suggestion that subcommittee coordinate with transportation issues
 - e. The recommendation was made to explore the possibility of having a meeting with the water districts.

Discussion of future direction for the subcommittee

- 8B. Meeting Schedule
- a. It was the consensus of the subcommittee to move the meeting to every other month. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be January 21, 2010 at 8:00 a.m., as CVAG committees go dark in December.
 - b. Meeting every other month also helps with staffing and provides more time for the working groups to meet and work on issues.
 - Baseline Energy Use Group – it is time for this working group to meet and take a look at where we are.
 - The Baseline Energy Use Group put together the 2005 electricity use data for all of our jurisdictions as a baseline for our 10% by 2012 energy use reduction goal.
 - The electricity use data is also being used in the Greenhouse Gas (GhG) inventory.
 - c. Katie Barrows summarized the status of the Greenhouse Gas (GhG) inventory
 - AQMD prepared GhG inventory for the County of San Bernardino
 - AQMD is preparing a Coachella Valley Regional GhG inventory. We are still in the data gathering and analysis part of the project.
 - We are using the South Coast air district boundary and the CVAG boundary
 - Discussion of schedule with AQMD. Their technical report will be done in a few months. The technical report will present the GhG inventory for the entire Coachella Valley. It will also break out emissions for each jurisdiction. Reports on all emissions categories, including transportation, landfills, golf courses (fertilizers used), airport data.
 - GhG inventory to be added to the work plan

- Mayor Pougnet requested that GHG inventory be agendaized for the Executive Committee meeting in November
- d. Katie Barrows stated that there also needs to be a meeting of the Energy Summit Working Group before January. Katie will be sending out an e-mail regarding this meeting.
- e. Mayor Pougnet added if anyone wants to join the planning of the summit, we will need a meeting before January of that working group. Mayor Pro Tem Karl Baker volunteered to serve on that working group.
- f. Goals and objectives - the committee was asked for their input.
 - Action Plan – getting involved with schools and outreach
 - Curiosity Quest will produce a local program on green at home, to encourage energy efficiency etc.; cost is approx. \$5,000 per city or entity. This program could be used in schools and outreach
 - Katie Barrows will update the action plan to incorporate water goals
 - Subcommittee involved in getting letters of support for legislation at the federal level for tax exempt capacity for the AB 811 Program.
 - Subcommittee can help to bring other legislative opportunities forward.
 - Have pulled information together on energy use, but haven't pulled information on water use; need water agencies to help do this.
 - Remind the water agencies to come and participate in the meetings
 - Potential for subcommittee to work on ordinances:
 - 1) What are cities doing in terms of ordinances related to energy
 - 2) City of La Quinta would be interested in working and collaborating with other cities on an energy ordinance
 - 3) Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is in progress right now
 - Suggestions of having various cities come and describe how they are handling issues.
 - Looking at Action Plan #3 – Local governments adopt model energy efficiency projects, showcase new energy conservation, and alternative technologies -- some cities have already jumped to do this. Discussion of the cities being on board in terms of sustainability programs.
 - Discussion of a report card in terms of taking the next steps in programs and getting a report card on their status
 - Opportunity to come together for regional grants. CVAG submitted a Climate Showcase Grant request to the EPA. An application for climate action planning/ greenhouse gas reduction is being prepared.

9. DESERT CITIES ENERGY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Katie Barrows reported on the Desert Cities Energy Partnership (DCEP):

- Logo: Green4Life.
- On Monday, we will have the first meeting of a Working Group for the DCEP, to include one staff representative from every city.

9A. Pool Pump Program

Katie Barrows gave a brief update on the pool pump program. SCE put together a pool pump rebate program that launched on October 23, 2009. There are now 260 reservations for pool pumps. Each pool pump saves 2800 kilowatt hours. This was a special allocation of money for a pilot program by SCE for the Coachella Valley only.

We will likely meet our Desert Cities Energy Partnership energy savings goal for 2009 significantly because of the Pool Pump Program. The goal is to get more money so that SCE can keep doing the program. There was a huge amount of effort on the part of Tony Coonce in getting the Pool Pump Program implemented.

10. STATUS OF WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

The committee will meet next week and Katie Barrows stated that cities should be starting to put this item on their agendas in November. The cities may add to the model ordinance, if they choose to. There are a few cities that have already done strong ordinances and have been participating in our committees making suggestions on ways to make it stronger. Katie Barrows added that the City of Indio through the Indio Water Authority has already adopted an ordinance. Mission Springs Water District has adopted their ordinance applying to Desert Hot Springs. None of the other cities have yet adopted the model Coachella Valley Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance; i.e., the CVWD based ordinance but will likely do so over the next few months.

11. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL REGIONAL FUNDING APPLICATION FOR STIMULUS PACKAGE FUNDS

Katie Barrows indicated that recently there has been a release at the state level, the California State Energy Program through the California Energy Commission, the first package of competitive funding, additional to the funding that is available to the individual cities. That is funding that focuses on three areas:

- 1) AB 811 Municipal Financing
- 2) Retrofits for Commercial Facilities
- 3) Residential Retrofit Program

Regional applications can be much stronger than a local or individual entity. The deadline is November 30, 2009. The subcommittee was asked to provide some input. There was some discussion and the comment was made that rather than having individual cities compete against each other, is there way we can get individual cities to all throw in together in one valley wide application and not submit individual applications.

Gary Ambach indicated that IID is putting together an AB 811 financing type program for their service territory. Gary noted that there have been some discussions with cities in Riverside and Imperial Counties. IID has been working with cities in their service territory. IID will be asking for \$15 Million from the state and IID will be putting up \$25 Million to do A/C retrofits for residents. There was some discussion about Riverside County putting together an AB 811 Program. The County through the Economic Development Agency and Dan Martinez are working on the AB 811 Program. Their model, much like Sonoma County, is to develop a county wide district and then cities could participate in that district by resolution. The League of Cities and the California Association of Counties has a state wide program that they are working on. Chair Pougnet indicated that he would like to be involved in this discussion with Riverside County and Dan Martinez. There was discussion that the subcommittee has made progress on a regional basis, and now it is a matter of finding financing. Gary Ambach

discussed the possibility for the County to apply for some bridge funding to get the program going.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12A Approve Minutes of the September 17, 2009 Energy and Water Conservation Subcommittee.

It was the consensus of the subcommittee to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2009 Energy and Water Conservation Subcommittee.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next meeting of the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee is scheduled for November 12, 2009 at noon.
- The next meeting of the Energy and Water Conservation Subcommittee is scheduled for January 21, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers
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