



MINUTES
Energy Efficiency Policy Committee
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Operating Protocols for this Subcommittee

- ❖ Monthly calls - does this time work on a monthly basis? Yes. This committee will meet the first Thursday of each month at 3:30.
- ❖ E-mail exchange - use the list Jody has used for this call.
- ❖ Developing documents – We will try to use a process whereby committee members work in groups on an ad hoc basis on specific issues, with staff support, editing, etc. from Jody.
- ❖ Other

Issues

Before we discuss specific issues, the group discussed non-resource programs, and the CPUC request to treat financing as a resource program.

The group discussed the issues that it recommends be priorities for the LGSEC. We decided to focus on energy usage data and cost-effectiveness, with evergreening of programs and overall 2015 program cycle issues as a Q3 2013 priority.

(see also attached longer issue statements)

❖ Energy Usage Data

Jody describes process that is coming at CPUC. She offers to coordinate LGSEC members who are interested in this issue to shape LGSEC participation in working group on energy usage data. Demetra will research examples, models on which we might draw.

❖ Cost-effectiveness

March 12 EM&V stakeholder meeting. Everyone agrees we may collectively lack the resources to get into great detail on larger cost-effectiveness issues. There is very little consensus among the parties on this topic. Question is around what do you build consensus? So many facets of the conversation. Discussion re: what's driving this? Everybody wants accountability. Example of ARRA, lots of reporting. Jody will gather more information, coordinate with Charlie, and report back. Jody will attend meetings on 3/12 and 3/20-21.

❖ 2015 Program Cycle

Think about transition. It's difficult to launch a project because there are so many issues being carried over from the prior cycle. Continuity and consistency – anticipating ahead of time what

needs to be concluded. Tendency to put off major decisions, and uncertainty that creates for consumers, contractors, and implementers. Allies could include Efficiency Council, others. Don't see being able to release projects in current cycle to market until October. Energy Division will not have calculator ready until June. Needs to apply to any program out there.

Group that will start to work on this: Demetra, Wendy, Elisabeth, Charlie

❖ AB 758 Implementation

We're good for now. LGSEC provided data to CEC this week. CEC expects to have a draft order in April or May.

❖ Other

Nothing.

Additional Topics

Next Meeting/Regular Meeting Date/Time

See above. Will meet first Thursday, 3:30.

Action Items

See above.

Jody will set up meeting as a reoccurring appointment.

LGSEC Energy Efficiency Committee
Issues/Topics to Track
As of 2/19/2013

Energy Usage Data

Issue:

Local governments need electronic access to energy usage data. Utilities refuse to provide, citing various concerns, notwithstanding CPUC direction in July 2011.

Status:

CPUC has proposed establishing an Energy Data Center that would serve as a central clearinghouse for requests from a range of entities. In informal communication with LGSEC, CPUC President Peevey's office has indicated they will take the local government information needs on a faster track while they consider establishing an Energy Data Center on a different track. Barry Hooper from San Francisco and Neal DeSnoo from Berkeley have been following this more closely. Howard Choy and Lauren Rank (LA County), and Meredith Reynolds (Irvine) participated in a workshop in January on the Energy Data Center. CEC Commissioner McAllister has told the LGSEC that the CEC also needs energy usage data for AB 758 implementation; CEC could be another ally here.

Cost-effectiveness

Issue:

The cost-effectiveness tests the CPUC uses are highly technical and detailed, and expensive to administer. We would like to see a more streamlined test in place for 2015.

Status:

Jody has had initial conversations with other stakeholders (CA Energy Efficiency Industry Council, NRDC) regarding interest in a different method. Two formal vehicles are in play right now.

(1) A working group convened by CPUC staff (Katie Wu) on "comprehensiveness." They are putting together a white paper that will likely propose that all Energy Upgrade CA projects must include three measures. Craig Perkins is part of the working group and has offered to provide outline of what we can offer in rebuttal.

(2) The CPUC will convene at the end of March a workshop on cost-effectiveness in the context of the water-energy nexus. The CPUC staff will publish a white paper in advance. The LGSEC should ensure we have at least one, if not more, members present.

Informally, NRDC participates in some advisory group spearheaded by Peter Lai of the CPUC Energy Division. There is a meeting on March 12 to which they are hoping to get greater participation from stakeholders. Jody and Charlie Buck are meeting with them Friday to get more information. Does LGSEC want Jody to attend, or does one of the members want to attend?

In addition to the above, the LGSEC may want to put together its own proposal/thinking on cost-effectiveness and/or EM&V, or at least better articulate our goals. This could be the work of the committee.

2015 Program Cycle

Issue:

For the cycle that will presumably start in 2015, the LGSEC will want to articulate goals for local government programs. These may be separate from goals the RENs might articulate, or they may be presented jointly. Regardless, the goals should align and may include issues such as: rolling/evergreen program cycles, local government role in partnership programs, cost-effectiveness (see above), and others (subcommittee should identify).

Status:

CPUC is expected to call for applications for 2015 in Q1 2014. LGSEC should be ready with its position well in advance, and work with other parties to align interests.

AB 758 Implementation

Issue:

The CEC is implementing this legislation, which calls for all buildings – residential and commercial – to be benchmarked. This presents big opportunities for local governments, as well as potential new mandates.

Status:

The CEC is still in rule development phase. The LGSEC should be in better contact with the key CEC staff people to ensure local government interests are reflected in draft documents and also identify opportunities for local governments to pilot or otherwise assist in “real world” vetting.

Others