

Summary of 2016 Activities and Accomplishments

Connecting Local Energy Leaders

- Gained 4 new members
- Held 4 Quarterly Energy Networking Meetings, engaging over 150 stakeholders. Topics included:
 - Energy storage and community-scale renewables
 - How to move Community Choice Energy forward in CA
 - PACE standardization
 - Shaping resilient and decentralized electric systems
 - Timely climate and energy regulatory updates
- Established 3 Regulatory Engagement Committees and monthly calls to discuss issues around Energy Efficiency, Community Choice Energy, and Distributed Energy Resources



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Shaping the Regulatory Agenda

- Commented on the scope of rulemaking for AB 802 building benchmarking
- Supported continuation of RENs through comments on the REN evaluation studies
- Commented on the new Net Energy Metering tariff
- Filed joint comments with SoCalREN on Integrated Distributed Energy Resources
- Participated on the CA Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee (CAEECC)
- Were granted the opportunity to develop and file a business plan for creating a statewide administrative framework for local government energy efficiency programs
- Monitored and informed members about proceedings through quarterly newsletters

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Member Survey Rankings of 2017 Priorities

There is no issue or group of issues that really stand out. There are a few groupings which are confirmed by later results.

Issues Scoring 7 and above in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd priority rank:

- Energy Data: Access, Sharing, Utilization, etc. = 10
- Local/Regional renewable energy generation = 8
- Community Choice = 7
- 10 year rolling portfolio = 11
- Climate Legislation (8) (If combined with Cap & Trade Revenues (6) = 14
- Buildings: ZNE/ZNC, AB802, etc. = 8



Survey Asked: Please list up to four things LGSEC could do, or do more of, that would help you.

Condensing and summarizing responses, they fall into two broad categories:

- Tools for Members:
 - Information in layman's terms, communications tools, sharing best practices, professional development opportunities, networking opportunities, white papers and policy briefs.
 - **ACTION: Incorporating these into 2017 Workplan**
- Advocacy and Collaborations Beyond the CPUC:
 - Regulatory and Legislative updates (CPUC, and more)
 - Agencies: CEC, ARB, And other organizations: CASA, ACWA, CSAC, etc.,
 - Legislative engagement
 - Collaborative or regional funding opportunities
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What is **#1** Priority for LGSEC members in 2017

There isn't a clear trend, but there are some groups:

- Funding
- Energy data issues
- Implementing Community Choice
- Electric Vehicles and EV infrastructure
- Regulatory compliance and policy issues
- Continue and expand effective energy efficiency programs
- Increasing the amount of local renewable energy generation



ACTION: 2017 workplan will incorporate these topics into quarterly forums, webinars and other resources for members



What is greatest concern related to member's energy programs?

- Funding, Funding Stability & Program Continuity were the most common concerns

Additional concerns were:

- LGP Issues (contracts, continuing stable relationships, potential impacts (positive and negative) of Statewide plan)
- Access to energy data
- Technical issues: grid resilience, integration of EVs
- Policy issues: PCIA, rolling portfolio, engaging electeds, continued availability of DOE/EPA tools



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Statewide Local Government Energy Efficiency Partnership Administration Business Plan – Some Context

- The CPUC has indicated that they want to see program and funding changes:
 - Greater efficiency
 - Innovation
 - Consistency (metrics, reporting, administration...)
- Other changes are happening at the Utilities
- Local Government Partnerships have had both positive and negative experiences with their respective Utility partners. The Business Plan envisions:
 - Replicating best practices/lessons learned
 - Phasing-in programs to minimize disruption
 - Leveraging more non-rate-payer resources
 - Respecting local programs and local priorities



Statewide Local Government Energy Efficiency Partnership Administration Business Plan – Where we are and what's next.

- In August the CPUC opened the door to proposals for a non-Utility entity to administer the state's local government EE partnerships
- The LGSEC/LGC, with the assistance of the SoCalREN, have completed a first draft of a Business Plan
- The initial round of comments on the first draft were collected, a second draft is forthcoming
- Over the coming weeks, the second draft, with responses to comments, will be released with additional stakeholder engagement
- The final Business Plan will be submitted on January 23, 2017.



Statewide Local Government Energy Efficiency Partnership Administration Business Plan

- The members of the LGSEC have been instrumental in making Local Government Partnerships, RENs, and CCAs possible
- The Business Plan pushes the envelope
- Not everyone is comfortable with the proposal
- In the end, our goal is to deliver more opportunity for local governments.
- When the second draft is released, please be at the table:
 - Participate in webinars
 - Submit comments
- If you are not an LGSEC member, we encourage you to consider joining and participating in the process.