

Statewide Administration of EE Programs
LGSEC Board Call
Monday, June 6, 2016

Staff: Irene Moosen (LGSEC), Jenny Woods and Kate Meis (LGC)

Board Members: Jenny Berg, ABAG (standing in for Jerry); Howard Choy, County of Los Angeles; Trevor Keith, County of San Luis Obispo; Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency; Kevin Armstrong, Santa Clara County

Votes

Yes: 6 (5 on call, one via email)

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: 2

Five board members attended on the call and voted in favor of filing comments at the CPUC in response to the May 24, 2016 ALJ Ruling (due 6-17-16) on various aspects of statewide administration of EE programs that present a new proposal to establish LGC as the statewide program administrator/implementer for all LG EE programs. The Board voted to support the following actions:

- 1) Establish local government EE as a separate Program Area for which one IOU will coordinate funding as proposed by the May 24 ruling. Our proposal is that the IOU would centralize funding and otherwise function only on a ministerial basis. That is, the IOU would not design programs, allocate funding to individual LGs or otherwise provide program administration.
- 2) Establish LGC as the third party, statewide Program Administrator/Implementer for all local government EE programs.
- 3) Grandfather and otherwise maintain current LGPs for a transition period.
- 4) LGC would take on the duties of moving to a statewide, uniform baseline program design, funding allocation and administration of LG EE programs.
- 5) A phased-in implementation strategy would be needed but could begin early in 2017 with CPUC authorization this year.

The Board vote recognized these key advantages:

- 1) LGC is uniquely qualified to oversee and improve the interface between IOU funding, CPUC and statewide EE goals and local government programs.
- 2) Local Governments would have their program dollars administered by non-profit entity of representative local governments rather than the local IOU allowing for greater innovation, flexibility in program design and implementation and fairness in allocation of dollars (some local governments currently do not receive any funding for EE through IOU programs.)
- 3) LGC would provide the resources and responsive mediation for program administration issues with the objective of relieving the current, common

delays and backlog of unresolved questions and reimbursements that occur with the IOUs and consequently burden the CPUC.

There is broad support for this proposal and likely these comments will be filed jointly with individual LGs, RENs and MCE, possibly other CCAs as well.