

Work Group: Energy
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Description of Activity

Priorities of the Energy Work Group (EWG):

- Conduct marketing and outreach to increase the depth and breadth of stakeholder awareness and involvement and awareness and involvement in EWG and its activities;
- Support efforts to successfully establish the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) as a vehicle and focal point through which the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) will implement the energy provisions of its Strategic Action Proposal; and,
- Continue work to implement EWG recommendations not directly related to the creation of the SJVCEO.

Specific accomplishments during the quarter include the following. Relevant EWG objectives are noted in ***Bold Italics***.

- Continued progress under the seed grant to develop the SJVCEO and continue operation. See the SJVCEO seed grant report. (***1A***)
- SJVCEO and EWG held the Farming Clean Energy at AGTAC in Tulare on November 5-6 (3A, B, C, D and E). This conference, which more than 200 participants attended, explored actions needs to significantly increase clean energy investments in the agricultural sector in the San Joaquin Valley (Valley). SJVCEO is pursuing financial assistance from numerous sources to carry out the recommendations for moving forward as a result of the conference.
- SJVCEO Board met on Nov. 6 after the Farming Clean Energy Conference in Tulare. (***1, 2, and 3***) The primary topics of discussion were a financial review of the organization, messages coming out of the conference, and the views of the board on the energy provisions of the Farm Bill. Based on this conversation, SJVCEO executive director sent a letter to the California Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture offering comments on the best way to implement these provisions.
- SJVCEO continued efforts to secure sustainable funding for the organization. PG&E and Chevron and numerous individuals gave financial sponsorships to the organization during the quarter (***1A***)
- GVC held a meeting with Southern California Edison (SCE) representatives to present our outreach efforts for Climate Action Plans in the San Joaquin Valley, Oct. 6.
- GVC made a presentation at the Green San Joaquin conference regarding the need to move to efficiency and renewable energy sources and jobs. (***5B***)
- GVC conducted Partnership's Work Group Consultant meeting, Oct. 20.
- EWG staff participated in the Mapping Our Future Land Use /Energy Workshop in Chico, Oct. 23.
- EWG staff met with California Energy Commission (CEC) regarding ag-bio sources, Oct 27.
- Paul Johnson/Tim Fisher met at GVC to determine elements of SAP not yet completed, Oct. 29.
- EWG staff met with Stockton Economic Development Team regarding "green" jobs, Oct. 31.
- GVC conducted Partnership's Work Group Consultant meeting, Nov. 17.
- Staff presented "AB 32: Impacts on Local Governments" in Stockton, Nov. 18.
- EWG staff presented break-out session at Partnership Summit, Stockton, Dec. 11.
- Continued work on EWG recommendations not directly related to the creation of SJVCEO. This includes:
 - EWG staff met with PG&E to discuss climate change actions in cities, Nov. 21. (***2A***)
 - EWG staff met with the Stockton Economic Development team to discuss Ag Center potentials, Dec. 1 (***5B***)
 - EWG staff conferred with ClimatePlan to discuss AB 32 SCOPING BY ARB, Dec. 2. (***3A***)
 - EWG staff met with PG&E staff to discuss energy savings potentials in local governments and the Ag sector of the San Joaquin Valley, Dec. 8. (***2B***)
 - Staff met with BIA and B-I-G to discuss roll-out of stretch ordinances for new construction in the Valley in Modesto, Dec. 9. (***2D***)
 - EWG staff continues to meet with Water Group Advisory Committee to discuss recommendation from group to Partnership Board. GVC continued its efforts to: develop web links informing the public about clean vehicles (***2A***); document Energy Star residences in the region (***2C***); inventory model green building ordinances (***2D***); and begin development of energy policy primer for local governments (***5C***).

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

Over the next quarter we expect to:

- Continue efforts to market and expand the membership of EWG.
- Hold at least one EWG/SJVCEO Board meeting (January 8).
- Continue progress on EWG objectives initiated; date and firm up priorities for tackling all EWG objectives.

Specific planned activities include:

- Continue the set development of the SJVCEO **(1A)**. During the next quarter, we expect to continue support to SJVCEO. Focus of SJVCEO over the next quarter will be to:
 - Add content to the SJVCEO Web site
 - Continue efforts to develop work plan to create a Regional Energy Plan **(1B)**. We plan to do this in conjunction with our efforts to carry out the 25x'25 Initiative in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Continue development of Energy Primer for local government officials **(2D)**.
- Expand efforts to green communities throughout the Valley and market opportunities for SJVCEO assistance through the energy block grant program. **(2B)**
- **Continue search for public** buildings and Ag processors in the San Joaquin Valley for energy efficiency through GVC / PG&E **(5C)**.
- Convene Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and City of Modesto for a small pilot project funded by CEC for tertiary treatment via methane production.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

Our greatest challenge is not finding opportunities or support, but rather sustainable funding.

If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.

- Energy Work Group Staff (GVC) presented an ICLEI outreach to Stockton & vicinity in November for electeds and main staff.
- Energy Work Group (GVC) coordinated with PG&E on energy efficiency training offered in Stockton.
- We expect to coordinate future outreach with other regions for Climate Action Planning.