



**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)  
San Miguel and Ouray Counties  
Community Advisory Board Meeting Notes  
February 23, 2010  
1:00 p.m.  
Ridgway Town Hall**

EECBG Advisory Board Present:

Ouray County – Commissioner - Keith Meinert  
Town of Telluride – Mayor – Stu Fraser  
Town of Mountain Village – Mayor - Bob Delves (by phone)  
Town of Ouray – Mayor - Bob Risch  
Town of Ridgway – Manager - Greg Clifton  
Town of Ridgway – Councilman – John Clark  
Town of Ridgway – Planner – Jen Coates (alternate)  
San Miguel Power – Brad Zaporski  
Source Gas – Cameron Bingham (late)  
Public – Energy Consultant – Kurt Johnson (Telluride Energy)  
Public – Solar Energy Expert - Leif Juell (Alternative Power Enterprises)

EECBG Advisory Board Absent:

San Miguel County – Commissioner - Elaine Fisher  
San Miguel Power – Board Representative – Rube Felicelli  
Source Gas - Natalie Shelbourn (alternate)  
TNCC Board – Business Expert -Todd Brown  
Town of Ridgway – Debra Hynes (alternate)

TNCC Staff: Kris Holstrom, Kim Wheels  
Public: none

**Meeting began 1:10 PM**

- 1) General Regional Program Update
  - a) Science Explorers School Program
  - b) ESNH – upcoming activities

**(Cameron Bingham arrived)**

- 2) Discussion of Make-Up of Advisory Board - discussion of formality needs for official appointment of board members



- a) West End representative needed
  - b) Kim to find out if we need a Board Chair or other official positions
  - c) Community Energy Board – new selected name
  - d) Communication – wikipage idea, mass emails
  - e) Update by each on projects is needed
  - f) Kurt's report needs to be sent to new board members, he's looking for feedback ASAP, Greg has feedback to send
  - g) Joani on email list? Kim will email her to ask
  - h) Kurt brought up GHG emissions goal of SMC entities
- 3) Funding Opportunities
- a) HUD – Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program
    - i) Not much comment. Kim will put it on next meeting agenda to discuss and will email out to group again
  - b) "Property Assessed Clean Energy" (PACE) program. Other funding mechanisms for residential/agricultural/small business clean energy investments – with utilities?
    - i) GEO training – April 8 in Eagle County – geared toward gov't reps
    - ii) Tri-county meeting – May 18 – Lynn Black is working to have representative of PACE county to come speak
    - iii) Who/how will administer program, if implemented in region
    - iv) Long-time planning needed because of voter approval requirement
    - v) This could be a tool for achieving goals, part of a larger package
  - c) QECBs – one-time opportunity from federal govt. If available again, we'll discuss.
  - d) Kurt – Colorado Water Resources Authority – Micro-hydro feasibility study grant package
    - i) Ridgway interested – will talk further with Kurt
  - e) One-stop shop for RE/EE funding opportunities is needed. Who will provide info for GEO's site? Kim will ask GEO. TNCC website will develop page that is comprehensive and references other websites with opportunities
- 4) Wall Street Journal Article – Boulder's Challenges with Going Green – discussed briefly
- 5) Discuss SOW process



- i) Review of SOW Deliverables
  - ii) STRATEGY – discuss development of Strategic Sustainability Plan
  - iii) Communication Methods
  - iv) Determine next Action Items
  - v) Other
- Kurt brought up GHG emissions goal again – Keith responded with explaining that GHG goals vs. Energy goals creates a different political environment, and thus EECBG method of focusing on energy is better-received
  - Quantifiable, trackable number needed as a baseline and a goal; needs to be easily-identified by users
  - Education needs to be a focus!
  - PLP - Biomass usage study for Uncomp Plateau exists
  - Review / studies of Energy Action Plans and Sustainability Plans – Kim will email out some ideal models to group for review and development of familiarity
  - Discussion about need for outside contracted help for specific areas of expertise, use of volunteer help? Not enough funds to hire all expertise that is needed
  - Part of process is to figure out financial sustainability of CEC position
  - Hands-on advisory board suggestion – if each could volunteer assistance with an area of their expertise, related to STRATEGY or PLAN
  - Every website represented by group needs to have info about what’s available to community – common webpage – TNCC site – referenced by others – or GEO site?
  - Aggregated projects for applying to CCF or other opportunities
  - Aspen Canary Tags – do they compete with CCF? Yes, but since they are a local opportunity, should be investigated
  - Send GEO grant opportunities list out, & announcements as they come available
- 6) Schedule Next Meeting
    - a) March 17 @ 1:00 in Ridgway - (Kris will Doodle)

**Meeting end 2:45 PM**