



**Western San Juan Community Energy Board
Meeting Agenda: June 12, 2012 @ 3:00 p.m.
Ridgway**

Call-in Option: 218-936-7979, access code 394137

Attendees: Kim Wheels, Nina Kothe, Karen Gugliemone, Ken Haynes, Bob Risch (left at 3:45)

EAC's (3:00-4:00)

1) EcoAction for Employees – Program Development (50 min)

Discussion regarding Program development DRAFT sent out by Kim. Reminder to all that program focus isn't just government GHG emissions, but also to get the actions to be taken home and thus affect residential GHG emissions.

Preferred timing of launch was discussed for each jurisdiction. SMC, TMV have already begun discussions with personnel committee. Nina shared that her meeting at SMC was supportive. Karen will discuss program concept with ToT personnel board (with Kim's help if desired). Ouray would like to wait until after Ameresco Energy Performance Contracting (next year). Kim will check with Ouray County and Ridgway.

Idea discussed that initial employee department meetings could be cross-jurisdictional, especially if split into SMC and Ouray Counties, if this makes sense.

Ken voiced that SMPA will not participate in the program, unless directed by SMPA board. Idea discussed that 2nd phase of program could focus on SMPA, schools, Telski, lodging, etc. but this Pilot could start with the governments that are ready.

2) Data Management Tool from Trident Energy Services (10 min)

This Excel workbook tool was emailed out to EAC's prior to meeting. It was developed by Trident for the GEO and is free to use. EAC's – please compare it to your current Energy Data Management tracking spreadsheets and use this version if you wish.

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The Board meeting convened at 4:05 PM

Board (4:00-5:00)

o Water Conservation Planning (30 min)

- o Current status based on 3 questions

Kim asked the group about the interest of regional governments on water conservation.

- o Discussion with Kevin Reidy recap
- o CWCB Grant Opportunities
- o Interest Level of regional governments



Kim met with Kevin from Colorado Water Conservation Board last week, this was the impetus behind the question to the Board on who is doing what with regard to water conservation. Ouray and Ophir do not use individual meters.

Kim reported that CWCB has not traditionally worked on water conservation plans for small communities. Larger cities are required to have water conservation plans and smaller jurisdictions are exempt. If the region is interested there is opportunity for CWCB grant funding to facilitate the process – similar to the Energy Action Plan as funded by the GEO.

Elaine recommended consulting with individual jurisdictions on a water conservation plan.

Karen expressed concern about the broad scope of water conservation.

The Board discussed the opportunities and challenges of water conservation planning as it applies to counties and to municipalities.

It was agreed that the Board would like for Kevin Reidy of CWCB to come discuss the opportunities for a water conservation plan for the region, with a focus on water conservation as it relates to energy efficiency.

- Board updates (15 min)

Telluride reported that the Town Council approved last week to offset 219 lbs at \$191k by investing in the SMPA solar farm. In negotiations for a new water plant the hydro is back up for discussion.

Ridgway/Ouray Technical Energy Audits will be completed and available for municipal review by mid-June. The opportunity for Ridgway is on the bubble, while Ouray looks a bit more promising. The consultant is working on the financial opportunities now.

- SMC Regional Transit Committee Update (Nina)

Nina reported a 27% electric reduction on 3rd floor of the administrative buildings, which is much better than expected and the County is realizing greater savings than they anticipated from the switch out.

Elaine reported on the transit committee update, including a recent presentation to the Town of Ridgway. The group is exploring opportunities with the gondola and funding sources for the gondola when funds expire in 2027. Transit funding in San Miguel County is currently reliant on a Real Estate Transfer Tax, which has diminished with the downturn in the economy. The committee is putting the plan together now to determine requirements and needs to define the structure, and then identify funding opportunities and alternatives for the region. San Miguel County is now focused on funding for current transportation system.

- SMPA Update

Ken reported that SMPA will be breaking ground on the SMPA solar array Friday. Extension line is on schedule to be finished. SMPA will likely not participate in the employee energy efficiency program unless Board direction is provided. Annual meeting is on Thursday in Norwood – raffle to win a solar panel and also bill credit.

- CEC Announcements (15 min)

- Region 10 ThinkTank Summary

Kim reported the event went well with twice as many attendees than were registered.

- Alliance for Sustainable Colorado –Sustainability Indicators



Alliance will continue to coordinate CEC network including grant applications on behalf of the CECs, and are seeking indicators of sustainability for a full statewide asset map (recycling, sustainability organizations, etc.). Input is needed by tomorrow. The resource will be web-based interactive tool.

- Ouray presentation – need a new venue to present GHG Inventory, MSEI program results

Coordination has been a challenge. Kim will continue to explore

- Partnership with Clean Energy Collective to promote SMPA's Solar Farm

Eco Action Partners will help promote SMPA's community farm with financial compensation. Outreach at festivals, booths, farmer's markets, etc.

- EcoAction Initiative
 - Update on 2012 program
 - San Miguel and Ouray County participants welcome!

- Zero Waste Task Force Update

Meeting every two weeks and making progress.

SMARTS Park information is now available for distribution.

- Next Meeting: July 10th in Placerville – until further notice

3 Top priorities:

Below are the 3 agreed-upon top areas WSJCEB has decided to focus on as priorities for regional efforts, and the projects that we've decided to focus on thus far.

- **Energy Efficiency** = Reduce overall building energy use. Since quite a few efforts are already underway to improve the efficiency of buildings themselves, WSJCEB has decided to focus on developing an employee behavior change program focused on government staff, SMPA employees, and others represented by the group. The goals of this program will be to reduce behavior-related energy consumption in the buildings as well as to develop habits that employees will carry into their personal lives, thus assisting the region with our residential energy use goals.

- **Landfill: Waste Reduction & Recycling** = increasing recycling / composting availability potentially through development of regional facilities/centers. Due to the Recycling Grant opportunity being pursued by several regional recycling providers, WSJCEB has for now narrowed down our efforts toward exploring possibilities for residential composting programs. The other action we will work toward is obtaining more accurate baseline data from the regional waste haulers.

- **Transportation** = Work together on incentivizing bicycling, on-foot in-town and public transit for commuting, and decrease single-occupancy vehicle traffic. Look at creative approaches to parking restrictions that might encourage bicycles and/or electric vehicles.

Note: this does not include or supercede the other efforts individual governments / EACs are already working on or have decided to prioritize. There will still be a lot of communication and sharing among the EAC's regarding other efforts they are undertaking, as this benefit of networking and learning from each other is one of the continued priorities of the WSJCEB process.



Future Meeting Topics / Ideas

- 1) Jurisdictional Benchmark Data Comparison – following completion of the following:
 - a) Residential Energy Use data per jurisdiction – update w/ Tride / TMV data?
 - b) Water Use per jurisdiction
 - c) Add SMC business SF data from Assessor
- 2) Energy Data Management Options
 - a) Nina offered to be the guinea pig to help determine costs.
 - b) Would smart meters be compatible with Energy Navigator? Brad will check on this
- 3) Regional Housing Assessment Report – relation to STRATEGY / Actions
- 4) Future Meeting idea: EAC – take turns to describe what each are doing and stating challenges; share data management strategies
- 5) “Watergy 101”