

SoCalREN Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Omni Hotel at California Plaza
251 S Olive St, Los Angeles, Bradbury Room
Tuesday, November 12
10:30-1:30

Confirmed Action Items

- SoCalREN to confirm date of February 26, 2020 for next Advisory Committee Meeting
 - SoCalREN looking for an Advisory Committee member to host
- SoCalREN will distribute a Regulatory matrix (in packet) to Advisory Committee members on a quarterly basis moving forward
- SoCalREN will follow-up with a survey re: public facing podcast topics for a 2020 launch

Potential Action Items

- SoCalREN can create customized reports for Advisory Committee member's region/territory
- SoCalREN is looking to Advisory Committee members to partner for future contracts/grants
 - Advisory Committee members are encouraged to see the Advisory Committee as a resource and to reach out as needed
 - SoCalREN can also set up working groups with Advisory Committee members to put bids together, depending on interest
- Advisory Committee members are welcome to reach out to the County and/or SoCalREN implementers (TEC, ICF, Emerald Cities) for any resources, questions, comments, or support as needed
- Advisory Committee members are also encouraged to reach out to the County and/or SoCalREN implementers if they encounter issues with the IOUs during this LGP transition
 - SoCalREN can help facilitate a response and provide the resources needed to help

Notes/Key Takeaways

- Welcome & Introductions (Laurel Rothschild, Facilitator)
- Advisory Committee Purpose (Minh Le)
 - The Advisory Committee's purpose is to help ensure SoCalREN is delivering maximum benefit to all of our communities
 - The Advisory Committee's inputs, feedback and guidance will help to continue to evolve SoCalREN's offerings, and increase overall impacts as Advisory Committee members are on the front line of the communities we serve
 - The guiding principles of the Advisory Committee are to:
 - Guide & advise
 - Collaborate & innovate
 - Be informed
 - Be an advocate

- The Committee will meet quarterly to provide advice, guidance, and support for SoCalREN's portfolio
 - The Committee will review program performance, receive regulatory updates, and offer an opportunity for feedback and discussion on topics critical to the ongoing success of the SoCalREN
- The Committee should provide feedback on the following:
 - What works in your community?
 - What can we learn from what exists?
 - Where are the gaps?
 - How can we amplify our successes even further?
- Overview of SoCalREN Programs (Lujana Medina)
 - Authorized Criteria for RENs
 - Activities that utilities or CCAs cannot or do not intend to undertake
 - Pilot activities where there is no current utility or CCA program offering, and where there is potential for scalability to a broader geographic reach, if successful
 - Activities serving hard-to-reach markets, whether or not there is another utility or CCA program that may overlap
 - Introductions of Current SoCalREN Portfolio
 - Governance structure
 - Program success is measured through metrics
 - Energy savings, financial savings, number of projects, number of events, number of jobs created, etc.
 - Annual CPUC annual report
 - Annual report for County Board of Supervisors
 - SoCalREN can create similar customized reports for Committee member's region/territory if desired
 - Public Agencies
 - Public agencies have the unique power to influence communities
 - SoCalREN sees the Public Agency Programs as a funnel to promote other SoCalREN programs, since public agencies are in a unique position to communicate to their constituents about the various opportunities and resources available
 - Programs include: Project Delivery Program, Revolving Loan Fund, Pathway to Zero, Metered Savings Program
 - Residential
 - Programs include: Multifamily Program, Residential Community Coordinator, Residential Loan Loss Reserve, and (coming 2020) Single Family Whole Building Hybrid
 - Workforce, Education & Training

- This program seeks to support workforce, education and training infrastructure to support underserved and disadvantaged workers
 - SoCalREN can provide workshops for public agencies
 - Financing
 - Cross-cutting programs
 - Other programs/additional community impacts
 - Healthy Refrigeration Program
 - SoCalREN is looking to Committee members to partner for future grants, like this one
 - Committee members are welcome to reach out to SoCalREN implementers (TEC, ICF, Emerald Cities) for any resources, questions, comments, support as needed
- 2020 ABAL
 - Submitted in September
 - Awaiting CPUC approval
- The Changing Landscape (Lujana Medina & Laurel Rothschild)
 - Regulatory Update
 - Proceedings
 - R.13-11-005, Rolling Portfolio
 - R.19-01-011, Building Decarb
 - A.19-08-013 SCE Increase in 2021 Revenues
 - Regulatory matrix (in packet) will be distributed to Committee members on a quarterly basis moving forward
 - Key Elements of REN Ruling
 - RENs are no longer “pilots” and will be treated the same as all other Program Administrators (IOUs)
 - LGs play a unique and appropriate role in oversight and delivery of EE programs
 - RENs are not held to a specific CE/TRC requirement and can propose performance metrics that demonstrate broader benefit and value to customers
 - RENs are not limited to delivering services to any specific program area or customer segment
 - This REN ruling is an affirmation of the REN’s success!
 - LGP Transitions
 - In SoCalREN territory, LGPs are ending
 - SCE eliminated all non-resource funding for public sector in 2020 with no plans to reestablish
 - SCE & SCG have no plans to continue any LGP funding in 2021
 - SCE & SCG to outsource public sector to 3rd parties as resource programs in 2020
 - SoCalREN Regional Reach Strategies

- SoCalREN working with regional groups (many former “LGP Implementers”) to support increased enrollment, peer-to-peer sharing and regional tailoring to maximize projects and energy savings
- There is a lot of opportunity to customize materials, strategies and pilots for regional needs across the 12 counties SoCalREN serves
- The CPUC Energy Division is aware of this strategy as is happy to see the collaboration
 - Value of Regional Partners
 - Local & regional knowledge
 - Existing relationships with agencies
 - Access to key decision makers
 - Planned Partnerships
 - SJVCEO (on contract under TEC)
 - Gateway Cities COG
 - High Sierra Energy Foundation
 - SGVCOG
 - Potential Partnerships
 - South Bay Cities COG
 - Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
 - SBCOG
 - WRCOG
 - CVAG
- Goal is to make sure that no one is left behind during this transition and changing landscape
- Committee members are welcome to reach out to TEC or the County with questions, comments, thoughts, ideas, etc.
- Planned Outages & Community Resiliency
 - SoCalREN believes in the power of public agencies to lead their communities toward a safe, secure, resilient, affordable, and sustainable clean energy future
 - We need to create programs that not only reduce GHG emissions but also meet the unique needs of our communities
 - Interest from Committee members in participating in the IOUs RFAs/RFPs and leveraging available funding?
 - SoCalREN can set up working groups with Committee members to put bids together
 - Committee members mentioned the challenges of working with some of the IOUs during this transition and asked for feedback on how to deal with this moving forward
 - TEC is currently working with business customer division to help fill gaps and provide resources where we can
 - The County is also working to mitigate any issues

- If Committee members have issues, they should bring them to this group so we can help support, help facilitate a response and provide the resources needed to help through this transition
 - SoCalREN's Public Agency Programs do have a monthly coordination call (facilitated by TEC) w/ SCE and SGC so if there are issues, keep us informed and we can help escalate if needed
 - New Funding & Collaboration Opportunities (Lujana Medina)
 - New funding opportunities
 - CEC
 - Advance Next Generation Heating, Cooling and Water-heating systems
 - Next EPIC Challenge: Zero Net Energy Mixed Development Grant
 - Phase II Electric Vehicle Transportation Electrification Grant
 - CA Strategic Growth Council
 - Transformative Climate Communities Program
 - County is planning on applying, looking for partners
 - Committee members should reach out if there is interest
 - Working Lunch & General Discussion (Laurel Rothschild, Facilitator)
 - Collaboration on New Ideas
 - What energy efficiency and/or other sustainability service gaps currently exist in your community or region?
 - EV charging stations, microgrids
 - Do we need a microgrids working group?
 - Are we designing programs to really meet the challenge of climate change?
 - What would you like to see enhanced in your region?
 - Turn-key project delivery, EV charging
 - What current barriers, if any, and there for these enhancements?
 - Financing, conflicting goals within LGs, crowded renewable market, lack of education and outreach
 - What specific community member needs are not being met or where do you see opportunity?
 - Schools and school districts, disadvantaged and underserved communities
 - What marketing channels would you propose leveraging to reach these groups?
 - Radio for in-language communities, community churches, schools, homeowners associations, etc. -- any trusted neighborhood voice
- Summary and Challenge (Laurel Rothschild)
 - SoCalREN will continue these discussions with the Advisory Committee

- This is just the beginning!
- Review of packet materials:
 - Welcome Letter
 - Advisory Committee Contact List
 - Share the News! One-pager with Social Media Information & SoCalREN Talking Points
 - Copies of SoCalREN Brochures and Introductory Information
 - SoCalREN Programs One-Pager
 - SoCalREN Public Agency Programs Summary
 - Project Delivery Program
 - Metered Savings Program
 - Revolving Loan Fund
 - Pathway to Zero Program
 - MultiFamily Overview
 - MultiFamily Incentive Overview
 - MultiFamily Financing Opportunities (DRAFT)
 - Workforce, Education & Training Overview (DRAFT)
 - 2018 Annual Report
 - Meeting Agenda
 - Regulatory Matrix
 - Planned Regional Partnerships
 - Questionnaire
- Materials can be customized for regional needs
 - Committee members can reach out to program implementers
- TEC will follow-up with a survey re: public facing podcast topics for a 2020 launch
- Meeting Schedule & Locations for 2020
 - Next Advisory Committee Meeting is proposed for 2/26/20
 - Need to confirm date
 - Looking for an Advisory Committee member to host
- Meeting Adjourned