Background

Local governments are essential partners in meeting State greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions and energy efficiency. Local governments have influence over land uses, planning and permitting, outreach, and municipal operations. The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) has been working with its member agencies to develop GHG emissions inventories and assist in implementing energy efficiency programs. The Energy Efficiency Climate Action Plan (EECAP) project represents the next step in developing goals and implementing strategies in member cities.

Why should my City participate?

- Gain local control on issues concerning energy-efficiency and GHG emissions
- Understand your city's energy consumption and GHG emissions and develop locally-relevant strategies to be more energy efficient
- Implement locally-relevant strategies in a business-friendly fashion that keeps your City economically competitive for new development and/or redevelopment of land uses.
- Continue sub-regional collaboration
- Utilize resources being provided through this project
- This is the next step toward developing a qualified Climate Action Plan (CAP) that can be used in CEQA Tiering

Is it mandatory to develop an EECAP or CAP?

No, but there are advantages. By developing a plan, cities take local control of energy and emissions reductions, allowing them to choose the most feasible approaches to reducing energy consumption and GHG emissions. CEQA requires cities undergoing a General Plan update to evaluate GHG emissions through their EIR and a CAP is one way to mitigate emissions anticipated over time in the community. Finally, CEQA requires individual projects to evaluate GHG emissions. If a city has a qualified CAP, new projects can tier from the city's CAP, streamlining CEQA review of GHGs and providing project-level flexibility in achieving reduction goals.

What if my City already has a CAP? Can I still participate?

Yes! All jurisdictions are encouraged to participate. Even if you have a CAP, your City will benefit from revised and new emissions inventories, which will make the inventories consistent with current methodologies across the sub-region and allow you to evaluate progress toward your CAP goal. Cities will also receive a reporting tool as part of participation, which will help your City evaluate emissions over time. Finally, by participating at a subregional level, all cities are in a better position to identify subregional strategies for energy efficiency that may be administered by a group of cities or the SBCCOG or could receive funding through Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and other sources that may be identified through this process.

How is the project being funded?

SBCCOG received a grant from Southern California Edison (SCE) to implement activities to achieve statewide energy efficiency goals.

What is the project timeline and how am I being asked to participate?

See the other side of this Fact Sheet for the schedule. Cities are asked to participate in the meetings and at critical points in the process to make sure each city's local context is accurately reflected in their EECAP.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Energy Efficiency Climate Action Plan Schedule

SOUTH BAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Proposed EECAP Meeting Dates
Third Wednesday every other month except December 2014

	2014												2015							
	J	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
0. Kickoff		☗ 2/19: Introduction to the Project																		
1. Assessment and Planning Report		■	■	☗ 4/16: Present A+P Report																
2. EECAP Template			■	■ and EECAP Template																
3. Inventories Forecasts, and Targets				■	■	☗ 6/18: Present IFT Report														
4. Measures Report and Tool Framework							■	☗ ■	■	☗ ■	■	■								
								8/20: Present Reduction Strategies and Tool Framework		10/15: Present Reduction Strategies Progress										
5. Draft EECAP and Tool													■	☗ ■	■	☗ 4/15: Present Reduction Strategies Initial Findings				
														2/18: Present Reduction Strategies Initial Findings						
6. Final EECAP and Tool																■	■			
7. EECAP Adoption																	6/18: Present Final Report and Tool ☗	■	☗	
																		8/20: Project Report and Wrap-up		