

10th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum

Session Block #4 – Tale of Two Cities

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Level: All– Track: Stakeholder Engagement

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1:30 – 2:45 PM

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Speakers:

Samantha Meza, The Energy Coalition
Jake Anderson, The Energy Coalition
Robyn Eason, City of West Hollywood
Joshua Soliz, City of Orange
Scot Mann, Southern California Edison

Session Summary:

Exploring differences and similarities between public agencies Local Government Partnerships seek to achieve energy efficiency equity by working together and exchanging ideas and experiences. The program focuses on having individual cities work together through different practices but ultimately reaching the same goal of progressing towards a more energy efficient future across California. The Westside Energy Partnership and the NOCC Energy partnership are two of the partnerships that have been working in conjunction with Southern California Edison and The Energy Coalition through different projects in their cities. The end goal for the partnership is to collaborate in finding ways to improve practices and overcome barriers that cities face when taking on their project on their own. These are cities that have been actively working taking on various projects including pilot projects to test the public perception of the changes that are made throughout the cities. By gathering data and setting benchmarks the LGP can properly measure the progress made towards energy efficiency equity. Each city has an energy champion that would be the point of contact for the partnership group and works on identifying the needs and obstacles that each city faces within the partnership.

LGP overview:

- Collaborations between utilities and local governments
- Focus: develop long term energy efficiency
- 60 counties/360 cities participating

The conversation about the LGP was able to describe the way that the partnership is able to help cities better work towards energy efficiency equity and sustainability. By engaging cities to participate in the local government partnerships they can prevent issues that may arise when cities end up taking on projects and enduring the burden by themselves. As Scot Mann mentioned, things become harder when you are the lone wolf. By working together these partnerships can work towards a common goal, even if they do not take the same steps to reach that goal. The wonderful thing about the partnership is the exchange of ideas that can spur insight to overcome obstacles that cities face while still maintaining their own way of taking on projects.

