



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 25, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Facilities Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Adoption Of Resolution For The Ongoing Participation In The South County Energy Efficiency Partnership

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Declaring Support for an Energy Partnership between Southern California Edison Company and Southern California Gas Company to be Known as "Energy Partnership."

### DISCUSSION:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission have made energy conservation a major goal for public utilities in the State of California. In 2006, the CPUC directed public utilities to develop energy partnerships with local governments to help achieve this goal. Through Southern California Edison's Energy Leadership Partnership Program, the South Coast Energy Efficiency Partnership (SCEEP) was formed.

The SCEEP Program is a partnership between the Cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara, the County of Santa Barbara, Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and Southern California Gas Company (SCG). SCEEP was designed to assist local governments in leading their communities in increased energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and the protection of air quality.

By participating in SCEEP, the City gains access to all SCE and SCG core programs, as well as additional enhanced incentives for energy saved via energy efficiency projects. As part of its core programs, SCE offers a \$0.05 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) incentive for projects with quantifiable energy savings from energy retrofit projects. To SCEEP partners, it offers an enhanced incentive depending on Partner Energy Leader level. The City is currently at the Gold Level, so Santa Barbara receives an additional \$0.09 per kWh for a total of \$0.14 per kWh of electricity reduced and an additional \$0.50 per therm (thm) for a total of \$1.50 per thm of gas conserved.

Through SCEEP, the City has received over \$550,000 in incentive dollars since 2006, making it possible to pursue a greater number of energy efficiency projects throughout the

City's facilities. Examples of projects completed in the last cycle are listed in the table below.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Incentive Funding</b>	<b>Annual Energy Saved</b>	<b>Annual City Savings</b>
Direct Install Lighting Upgrades Throughout City Buildings	\$249,395.00	358,347 kWh	\$48,751.00
El Estero Outdoor Lighting Upgrade	\$36,041.65	307,781 kWh	\$32,411.00
Los Baños Pool Light Upgrade	\$1,690.00	12,074 kWh	\$1,690.00

SCEEP also provides an array of other benefits including the opportunity for the partners to share best practices and technologies; have direct access to utility representatives, who provide project support and access to technical assistance; have access to Strategic Planning Funds to fund energy policy and code-related projects; have the potential for regional collaborative bidding on items such as solar panels.

In previous years, an agreement would be executed between the City and the administrating partners, SCE and SCG, to cover a three-year cycle. Historically, these agreements would be extended one to two years at a time due to delays on CPUC decision making to get a new cycle approved. For example, the 2010-2012 partnership cycle was previously extended to cover 2013-2015 and then extended one more year, to cover 2016. In order to eliminate unnecessary burden and to simplify the process for participation, the partnership administrators put together a resolution that authorizes the ongoing participation in the partnership.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There is no cost to the City for participating in the partnership. The City does receive access to additional funding, through the increased incentives for energy efficiency projects, as well as access to California Long Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan funds for the development of policies and energy management strategies.

The annual budgets are prepared by SCE and SCG and submitted to the CPUC for approval. These budgets includes incentive dollars for planned projects, technical assistance funds and utility overhead costs.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

By continuing its participation in SCEEP, the City will continue the services currently provided to the community in the form of energy education and outreach programs to residences, businesses, and schools as well as other energy incentive programs.

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Furthermore, continued participation in SCEEP will allow the City to further accrue electricity savings in the City of Santa Barbara, and take advantage of enhanced incentives for municipal energy conservation retrofits.

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