



Central Valley LGP Update

A look at activities in the Madera, Fresno, Kern, Valley Innovative (VIEW), Central Valley Energy Tune Up, Valley Vision, and Valley EE Collaborative Local Government Partnership programs. July 14, 2017

Customers First

Customer benefits from Business Energy Tune-Up

Since the early part of this decade, the Business Energy Tune Up program (BETU), implemented by the City of Fresno, has helped medium to large business customers in Fresno County better manage their energy efficiency performance.

Upon completion of an ASHRAE Level 1 energy audit from the BETU program, the Fresno Napa Genuine Auto Parts distribution center quickly realized with the help BETU team that with a return-on-investment of only 3.6 years, it made sense to replace all of their outdated lighting.

Updating their lighting to efficient LEDs for their entire 153,000 square foot facility, Napa Auto was able to shave 58% off their annual lighting energy costs resulting in a 353,914 kWh reduction and an impressive \$65,000 savings in the annual energy costs.

Partnership Update

Madera Energy Watch

The partnership will meet Tuesday, July 18 at the new office of the Madera County Economic Development Commission, next door to their previous suite at 2425 West Cleveland Avenue in Madera. The team will begin looking into potential honorees for the second annual Madera County Energy Champion award, and view plans for the small community outreach event planned for later this summer or early fall.

Fresno Energy Watch

The program is sponsoring a Trade Pro workshop in the City of Fowler on July 27th. Program Implementer Fresno Economic Development Corporation (Fresno

EDC) is doing business outreach in hopes for a good response for this free opportunity A mailer campaign reaching nearly three-hundred businesses was sent out in late June. The team is doing follow up outreach in ten communities.

By developing more Trade Pro contractors, PGE benefits from an expanded network of companies who do incentive-focused energy efficiency work. Fresno EDC benefits by creating more business activity in Fresno County.

Kern Energy Watch

The Energy Watch will meet July 19 with representatives from the Bakersfield Downtown association and Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss program strategy to better serve local businesses

Valley Innovative Energy Watch (VIEW)

San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) Executive Director Courtney Kalashian participated as a panelist and/or facilitator for three sessions during the Statewide Energy Efficiency Coalition (SEEC) annual conference. Program staffers Samantha Doderer, Rochelle Thomas, and Sarah Farrell also participated in the SEEC conference held June 13-15 in Fresno.

Central Valley Energy Tune Up

Program Implementer Jose Gonzalez attended the Energy Auditing Tools and Techniques course held on June 22 & 23 in Santa Maria. The training was sponsored by PG & E and SoCalGas in collaboration with the Santa Barbara County Energy Watch and the San Luis Obispo Energy Watch.

Valley Vision

Meet two of our Energy Careers Experience Program (ECEP) interns; both work at Fresno City Hall under the supervision of program implementer Jose Gonzalez.



Arnold Santiago is a recent UC Merced graduate, Arnold has

extensive experience using quad-rotor unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to analyze the health of crops for local farms in Merced County. Arnold works in the Central Valley Energy Tune-up program (CVETU) to provide homeowners, as well as business owners, with the information they need to help them save money on their energy bill ultimately leading to savings in energy use. He enjoys completing home energy tune-up (HETU) and business energy tune-up (BETU) assessments where he gets to help PG&E customers better understand their energy consumption first-hand.



Barbara Amador is a recent Reedley College graduate who will go to Fresno State to earn her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Associated with Fresno's Green Incentive Program, Barbara's main focus is to provide citizens information regarding what CVETU has to offer their clients, such as supplying them with knowledge and recommendations to obtain sustainable energy in their home and businesses. She has a background in accounting, but she likes to explore opportunities beyond her expertise.

Valley EE Collaborative

The group met via conference call July 13. Participants SJVCEO (Courtney Kalashian and Samantha Doderer) and Fresno EDC (Juan Carranza) discussed their feedback from the recent Statewide Energy Efficiency Coalition conference held in Fresno. The 2017 conference had the second highest participation rate in SEEC's history, just behind last year's conference in Riverside.

The group also discussed upcoming fall small community outreach events each organization is planning.

Direct Install Implementer-Richard Heath & Associates (Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties)

RHA will install a project identified by the Business Energy Tune Up (BETU) program at Alliant University in Fresno. BETU performed an assessment at the customer site that proposed a direct install solution.

Direct install Implementer-Staples Energy (Kern, Kings, and Tulare Counties)

The Staples team met via conference call with representatives of the Custom Implementation Team and Senior Program Managers Steve Newvine and Lucas Patzek on July 10. The group wanted more clarity on recent reviewer findings regarding early retirement rules.

Free Trainings

A **3-day Energy Auditing for Small & Medium Commercial** Facilities class will be held July 26-28 at the Stockton Training Center. To register: http://usi.pge.com/event-details?EventID=17231&mc_cid=885b6634b1&mc_eid=%5bUNIQID%5d

Web Link of Interest

<http://valleyvision.org/resources/pathways-to-energy-sustainability-san-joaquin-valley>

Learn how the implementer for the ECEP program is taking steps to connect local governments in the northern San Joaquin Valley to energy efficiency programs offered by PGE. You will be able to download the *Pathways to Energy Sustainability* report prepared by Valley Vision through the PGE Government Partnerships Program.

Thank you for your efforts to promote energy efficiency.sn
