

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

Energy Policy

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California's economy is dependent on reliable, affordable supplies of energy that provide for the state's growing population and increasing demand for energy. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) supports energy policy that spurs economic growth, protects public health, and maintains quality of life while minimizing our impact on natural resources and greenhouse gas emissions. The passage of AB 32, which requires the State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, focuses energy policy on mitigating the effect of energy consumption on the environment using a wide range of strategies. SGVCOG represents local governments that will lead their communities to support clean energy goals by increasing energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing overall energy usage in municipal facilities.

In addition, SGVCOG advocates and supports programs and legislation that will:

- 1) Make energy costs affordable and stabilized;
- 2) Ensure energy supply while limiting dependence on foreign sources of energy;
- 3) Employs diverse strategies for conserving energy including: energy efficiency, land use strategies, urban forest management, and infrastructure improvements (i.e. green building);
- 4) Develop innovative and affordable financing options for energy efficiency;
- 5) Move towards a "zero net energy" model where the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by a building;
- 6) Support advancement of technology that expands renewable energy generation;
- 7) Promote public education of energy efficiency and conservation opportunities;
- 8) Ensure local jurisdictions are not subject to duplicative or contradictory legislative requirements; and
- 9) Advocate for state and federal appropriations and/or loan programs for energy programs and initiatives