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**Date:** November 9, 2009

**TO:** Sustainability Committee

**FROM:** Gordon R. Anderson, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: Sustainability Committee Proposed Work Program for 2010-2012**

**Recommended Action:**

It is recommended that the Governing Board review and approve the Sustainability Committee Proposed Work Program for 2010-2012.

**Background**

At its October meeting, the Sustainability Committee reviewed and approved the following proposed work program for 2010-2012.

**Environmental Issues**

- Explore joint actions to effectively deal with green building regulations and other issues of sustainability
  - Method: In order to insure cohesion among the COG jurisdictions, current policies and programs of each jurisdiction will be compiled and opportunities for joint action will be identified
- Collaborate with member jurisdictions on AB 811 solar energy program for residents and businesses
  - Method: Participate on the stakeholder committee on the development of the Los Angeles County AB 811 Municipal Green Building Financing Program
  - Method: Insure that the COG and member jurisdictions provide advocacy, adoption and outreach for the financing program
- Work with Southern California Edison and LADWP on a regional energy conservation rebate and solar energy programs for residents and businesses.
  - Method: Participate to the extent possible in the ongoing development and evolution of such programs to respond to the needs of COG jurisdictions communities
  - Method: Insure that the COG and member jurisdictions provide advocacy, adoption and outreach for any such programs
- Conduct joint actions to effectively deal with water quality protections, urban runoff solutions
  - Method: This is an item where there may be mandates with which each jurisdiction must comply; however, collaboration opportunities will be a goal.

- Review and respond to South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and air quality actions of the federal, state and regional entities.
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- Compare solid waste diversion and conversion technology programs for each member jurisdiction and share latest programs such as zero waste policies and efforts to divert more solid waste.
- Continue environmental education and public health programs, relative to stormwater runoff
  - Method: Insure that educational material is compiled, updated and circulated to all COG jurisdictions
  - Continue collaboration with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission ([SMBRC](#)) on stormwater matters.
- Develop joint programs for “Smart Gardening” programs for composting and other efforts.
- Additional items for review and recommendation:
  - Food Sustainability
  - Development of a Regional Media Strategy
  - [The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006](#) (AB 1881), adoption of landscape water conservation ordinances by January 1, 2010.