

## **THREE SOUTH BAY CITIES REACH HIGHEST LEVEL FOR ENERGY LEADER PROGRAM**

The cities of Lomita, Lawndale, and Manhattan Beach obtained the Platinum level status in the Energy Leader Partnership (ELP) program collectively achieving 1,540,689 kWh saving at their municipal buildings reaching well above the 20% energy savings required to become Platinum. They each saved 39.62%, 34.66%, and 23.33% respectively above their 2006 baseline usage!

Working with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and Southern California Edison (SCE), these three cities led by example providing information to residents in unique ways on how they can save energy including special mailings, community forums, and even making use of their very large freeway electronic signage boards for energy efficiency and demand response messaging.

With this Platinum level status, these cities will enjoy an additional 12 cents per kWh on top of the regular SCE rebate on all future energy efficiency projects and will also continue to save on their energy bills for several years to come.

The ELP program of the SBCCOG and SCE is a framework that offers enhanced rebates and incentives to cities that achieve measurable energy savings, reduce peak-time electricity demand, and plan for energy efficiency.

Out of all of SCE's territory, there are only seven Platinum cities and three of those are members of the SBCCOG!

Other South Bay cities participating in the energy savings program are being financially rewarded for their energy efficiency actions as well achieving Valued, Silver, and Gold levels and benefiting from 3, 6, and 9 cents per kWh savings on top of their normal SCE

rebate/incentive. Current cities at Valued Level are Gardena, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates; Silver Level cities are: Carson, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance; and Gold Level cities are: El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Rancho Palos Verdes.

Overall energy savings by all 15 cities in the SBCCOG/SCE Energy Leader Partnership program for 2010 to the present are 5,254,067 kWh which reduced 4,727 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. The cities have received incentives totaling \$1,048,295 and continue to have *annual* cost savings of \$810,681.

Leading by example, other energy efficiency activities South Bay cities have participated in include the SCE Demand Reduction programs which reward cities which reduce electricity use on hot days and help prevent power outages. The cities also encouraged local businesses and residents to save energy and money through marketing, education, and outreach activities. For more information contact Marilyn Lyon at [marilyn@southbaycities.org](mailto:marilyn@southbaycities.org) or 310-371-7222.

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