



Climate & Air Quality Committee

Item #09-08-6
Information

July 29, 2009

Update on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding Programs

Issue: Local programs are focusing on renewable energy and energy efficiency funding programs.

Recommendation: None, this item is for information only.

Discussion: Valley Vision, through the Green Capital Alliance, hosted a meeting on July 30, 2009 to discuss AB 811 programs. A report of that meeting will be given. SB 279, the sister bill to AB 811, passed through the Assembly Committee on Local Governments and is awaiting a vote by the Assembly floor. An update of the bill will be given.

The agenda for the Green Capital Alliance meeting is attached and an update and outcomes of the meeting will be discussed. New language in SB 279 proposes an alternative method for establishing a community facilities district. The amended language is attached.

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Attachment

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AB 811 Working Group
July 30, 2009
9:30 – 11:00 am
Valley Vision
2320 Broadway, Sacramento

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions (*5 min*)
2. Financing options discussion (*15 min*)
3. California Energy Commission draft SEP guidelines (*20 min*)
4. Update on resolutions/legislative process (*15 min*)
5. How regional do we want to be? (*30 min*)
 - Benefits & barriers to a regional AB 811 program
 - How can we mitigate the barriers?
6. Next steps and next meeting (*5 min*)

SB 279, as amended, Hancock. Local Government: Community Facilities Districts

(1) The Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 authorizes a community facilities district to finance the purchase, construction, expansion, improvement, or rehabilitation of certain facilities, including, among others, child care facilities, undergrounding of water transmission and distribution facilities, and the cleanup of hazardous materials.

This bill would also authorize a community facilities district to finance and refinance the acquisition, installation, and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy improvements to or on real property and in buildings, as specified.

(2) Existing law specifies the requirements for the establishment of a community facilities district, including, among other things, a petition, a hearing, establishment of the boundaries of the community facilities district, and an election on the question of establishment.

This bill would authorize a separate procedure for establishing a community facilities district where the district initially consists solely of territory proposed for annexation to the community facilities district in the future, as specified, and would provide an alternate procedure for incurring bonded indebtedness for community facility districts established in this manner.