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### **SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**South Bay** - The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), a program of South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), is joining forces with Southern California Edison (SCE) promoting the SmartConnect™ program to residents in the South Bay. The SBESC is proud to be a part of this program which will transform the electric system to a smart grid by providing meters that communicate electricity usage up-to-the minute for customers.

“We are pleased to be part of the announcement of the 1,000,000<sup>th</sup> Smart Meter installed by our SCE Partner and are pleased to see South Bay residents provided with yet another tool in order that they can be better informed about their energy usage through the Smart Meter”, stated Judy Mitchell, Councilwoman for Rolling Hills Estates and Chair of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Open to the public Monday through Friday, the SBESC will promote SmartConnect along with its other programs providing South Bay residents, businesses, and public agencies with energy efficiency, water conservation, and recycling education and information as well as vanpool formation. Through the SBESC, individuals are informed on how they can Save Water, Energy, Money and the Environment through rebates and financial incentives. The SBESC also functions as the call center for the new Los Angeles County Energy Program which will help residents make energy efficiency improvements to their homes as well as provide jobs for contractors.

SBESC and its program offerings are funded by California utility customers and administered by Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. Additional funding provided by WBMWD, LACSD, Metro and County of Los Angeles.

SBESC partners include Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, West Basin Municipal Water District, Torrance Water, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, LA Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Los Angeles County Energy Program.

Free workshops and information on partner programs are made available by SBESC technical staff. Staff also assists municipalities and schools with energy efficiency project implementation. With the help of a team of volunteers, SBESC staff brings information to the entire South Bay at over 100 community events a year. Speakers are available at no cost for organizations and associations. The SBESC also conducts programs for South Bay Workforce Investment Board on workforce training for the green economy.

Visit the center at 15901 Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite 400, Lawndale, CA or [www.sbesc.com](http://www.sbesc.com) where applications to volunteer are also available.

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