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COLLABORATION PAYS OFF FOR PALOS VERDES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palos Verdes Estates - At the January 16, 2013 Board of Education meeting of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD) South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board Member and Rancho Palos Verdes Council Member Jim Knight and The Gas Company representative Amy Vulin presented a rebate check in the amount of \$21,514.85 for the school district's important energy saving work this past year. The rebate funds can be spent as the District chooses. These funds came through the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), a program of SBCCOG, which provides critical energy and water saving information and assistance to businesses, residents, municipal governments, school districts and other special agencies through its Local Government Partnership with The Gas Company.

During the coming year the SBCCOG/SBESC hopes to share resources including their energy engineer to assist the PVPUSD and other South Bay School Districts with SCE, SCG and West Basin Municipal Water District programs, identifying projects as well as facilitating rebates and incentives. All this is done at no cost to the school districts.

In the coming year the SBESC will be offering various guest lecturer topics to the teachers of Environmental Science classes as well as brown bag information sessions for teachers.

Pictured from left to right: PVPUSD Board Members – Larry Vanden Bos, Erin LaMonte (PVPUSD Board Vice President), Anthony Collatos (PVPUSD School Board President), Barbara Lucky, Malcolm Sharp; Amy Vulin, SCG; Marilyn Lyon, SBCCOG/SBESC; Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes Councilmember and SBCCOG Board of Directors; Greg Stevens, SBCCOG/SBESC Engineer. Photo by Grace Farwell-Granger, SBESC

SBESC

The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy and water efficiency training, materials and other environmental information. SBESC works closely with the sixteen South Bay cities and County Unincorporated Areas of the South Bay on the implementation of energy and water saving projects that reduce greenhouse gases as well as costs. SBESC provides resources and tools to assist residents, businesses, and public agencies in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and participates in many community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. The SBESC is a program of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas CompanySM, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and County of Los Angeles. Visit www.sbesc.com for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.

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