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## **COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT YIELDS SOUTH BAY CITIES FUNDING**

TORRANCE – South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) announces the award of \$771,630 to the SBCCOG from Southern California Edison (SCE) to accelerate and enhance climate action planning work that is being done on behalf of the cities of the South Bay. “The South Bay Environmental Services Center staff will be using these funds to work with our members in developing more technically rigorous Climate Action Plans. Energy efficiency specifically will receive special attention and expert analysis,” stated Ralph L. Franklin, Chairman of the SBCCOG and Inglewood City Councilmember.

These funds will not support climate action planning work for transportation, solid waste, and water use strategies, which account for over 50% of the greenhouse gas emissions in most of the South Bay cities. That portion will be made up by the continuation of a special assessment that SBCCOG members are paying to ensure that the South Bay cities’ Climate Action Plans be comprehensive in addressing these critical issues.

The South Bay cities working on climate action planning through the SBCCOG demonstrated to SCE that they are committed to taking actions that lead to energy efficiency and meaningful greenhouse gas emissions reductions. This collaboration is an investment in the future of the South Bay serving generations to come.



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### **SBCCOG**

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is a joint powers authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity throughout the South Bay and surrounding communities. Members are Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and the Harbor City/San Pedro communities of the City of Los Angeles, along with the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4. The SBCCOG values what makes its cities unique and independent, and realizes there are times when collective endeavors get better results. This vision of what it can do for its communities drives SBCCOG efforts and motivates its members. It can best be described three ways: Partnership, Persuasion and Performance. Since its inception in 1994 the SBCCOG has been successful in achieving goals toward that end. Visit us at [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org).

### **SBESC**

The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) is the South Bay's resource center for residents, businesses and municipalities to access information and best practices related to energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling and transportation alternatives and the environment. SBESC staff is working with the South Bay cities to develop Climate Action Plans that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions through local actions. Materials and tools are provided to assist in better understanding the potential for energy efficiency and water savings within homes and businesses that may very well reduce costs. A wide variety of educational seminars and practical training sessions are hosted by SBESC. In addition, staff and volunteers participate year-round in community events to assist consumers in making informed decisions about their personal use of natural resources. The SBESC is a major program of the SBCCOG which partners with The Gas Company<sup>SM</sup>, 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](http://www.sbesc.com) for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.

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