



Climate Transformation April Quarterly Meeting

April 14th, 2023 from 9-11am

Truckee Tahoe Airport Community Room
10356 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA

Meeting Minutes

I. Project Updates

- A. Meagan Montalto, Placer County CivicSpark Fellow: Placer County is about to launch outreach efforts for its EV readiness guide; Placer County would like feedback from the community on where to site EV chargers; can sign up for the distribution list for updates.
- B. John Sorenson, 100% Renewable Truckee, North Tahoe CCL: 100% Renewable Truckee is putting together a slide deck for electrification which will include IRA resources.
- C. Ariel Lovett, Nevada County: Nevada County is looking for feedback on its Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan.
- D. Justin Broglio, North Tahoe Public Utility District: The Tahoe Water Fire Suppression Partnership will address wildfire, water pipes, water mains, fire hydrants, etc. They requested money from Rep. Kiley through AB 411. This will open up more grant funding.
- E. Robb Etnyre, Truckee Tahoe Airport District: The Airport is installing two public Level 2 dual-port EV charging stations. The Airport is selling 50% sustainable Jet A fuel and will be switching to 75% in June.
- F. Mike Staudenmayer, Northstar Community Services District: Finalizing CEQA document for the Northstar biomass district heating system.
- G. Kathleen Eagan, Friends of Truckee Library: They are hoping to build a new library in Truckee. They want to build a model building for sustainability.

- H. Nevada County Energy Action Plan Working Group: The NC EAP WG is working on a variety of planning and implementation efforts to assist the County with its goals related to energy efficiency and electrification.
 - I. Sam Ruderman, Sierra Nevada Energy Watch / Sierra Business Council: SNEW can provide free energy efficiency services to Sierra Nevada small- and medium-sized businesses and public agencies in PG&E territory. If you are a business owner or a public agency staff person, or if you have direct contacts with anyone that might be interested, please reach out to snew@sierrabusiness.org.
 - J. Matt Newberry, Liberty Utilities: Liberty Utilities provides similar energy-related services in the Truckee-Tahoe region (e.g., free energy audits, equipment rebates).
 - K. Erin Brewster, Town of Truckee: The Town is applying for Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding. The minimum award is \$200,000. They will potentially be reaching out for partners, as collaboration is recommended. There is a forthcoming proposal.
- II. OPR ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant Update
- A. The joint Nevada County/CTA application made it to the next round - inter-agency panel review.
 - B. We will hear back in mid- to late-May.
 - C. \$365,000 ask for June 2023 to June 2025
 - D. Funds are being dispersed in three phases
 - 1. If not selected this time around, the application will roll over and could be selected in future round.
- III. Truckee Tahoe Building Decarbonization Pilot Program Update
- A. Awarded \$500,000 to support building decarbonization efforts in the region.
 - B. This program will support the California side of the Tahoe Basin and Truckee.

C. Program Model:

1. Workforce Education & Training
 - a) Working with Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe; met with Executive Director.
2. Public Communications
 - a) Will address the benefits of weatherization, energy efficiency, and building electrification.
 - b) Will showcase successful case studies of early adopters.
3. Concierge Service
 - a) One-on-one support for building owners interested in electrification.

D. Goals

1. 30 contractors trained
2. 20 homes and commercial buildings served

E. Data tracking

F. Currently convening contractor stakeholder group and beginning external marketing.

G. Budget

1. \$250,000 - Workforce Education & Training
2. \$175,000 - Public Communications & Partnership with Building Decarbonization Coalition
 - a) BDC already has programs they operate; resources are available.
 - b) Partnering with BDC to leverage what they already have.
3. \$75,000 - Concierge

H. CTA Subcommittee

1. Assist with program development.
2. Looking for utility, local government, CBO, and business representatives.

I. Goal to collect real-world, on-the-ground data (costs, savings, etc.)

J. Goal to identify all different funding/financing opportunities.

1. Then secure incentives/grants/etc. for our region.
 2. Want to avoid everyone having to track funding.
 - K. Important to upskill the local workforce
 - L. Suggestion: replace the word “concierge” with “coaches”
 1. More accessible and approachable
 - M. Timeline - consider potential new development on the horizon (like Library)
 - N. Any thoughts on fast-tracking local funding to be repaid by grants/incentives?
 1. RuralREN
 - a) Will help “coaches” identify all funding and identify the gap
 - b) Then will need to plug that gap
 2. Liberty is interested in finding a way to access funds.
 3. Town is looking at reach codes; incentives would be a part of that. Town wants to find the funding gap locally; could design programs to help.
 4. Project Go - federal program; Town reached out.
 - O. Suggestion: have western Nevada County contractors participate in TTBDP.
 1. CATT has members all over that can contribute.
 - P. Suggestion: reach out to California Statewide Codes and Standards Team
 1. <https://localenergycodes.com/>
 2. Sam can make this introduction.
- IV. Climate Transformation Accelerator
- A. Goal: by October, we have 5 solid projects we can go out and fundraise for and implement.
 - B. SBC has the resources (funding); needs the projects.
 1. Prizes available - direct financial investment in project implementation.

- C. Need list of all team members.
 - D. Need date to follow-up with team for SBC to start coaching.
 - E. Star exercise: What, Where, When, Why, How, Who
- V. Updates
- A. Angel Green, Placer County: The Placer County Air District is holding a biomass technology symposium in Roseville on May 1st at 1pm.
 - B. Deirdre Henderson, 100% Renewable Truckee and CCL North Tahoe: Tahoe Youth Action Committee has a resolution to TTUSD to electrify. They are working with Rewiring America, City of Denver, and others. They will be presenting at the April 25th School Board meeting. It would be great to have adults attend and support. Deirdre will send resolution to CTA.