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**Community Workshop for Energy Efficiency in Solano County to be Held in Fairfield**

<b>Who</b>	Solano City County Coordinating Council
<b>What</b>	Community Workshop
<b>When</b>	6 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2012
<b>Where</b>	Solano County Government Center, Fairfield, CA
<b>Why</b>	Voluntary actions for reducing energy consumption and GHG emissions in the cities of Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista and Suisun City
<b>How</b>	Opportunity to provide public comments and ask questions about the program

**FAIRFIELD, CA** –The first Community Workshop for the Energy Efficiency Climate Action Plans (EECAPs) for the Cities of Fairfield, Suisun, Dixon and Rio Vista, will be held on Thursday, July 12 at 6 p.m.

In Solano County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is working with the City County Coordinating Council (CCCC), the Solano Transportation Authority and the County of Solano to bring Climate Action Plans (CAPs) tied to energy efficiency to five cities – Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City, Dixon and Rio Vista. The cities of Benicia, Vallejo and the County of Solano already have adopted CAPs. This first workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, at the Solano County Administration Center Multi-Purpose Room, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.

A CAP is a set of strategies intended to guide community efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Each participating city will develop a customized CAP relevant to their community’s specific energy profile and, while coordinating regionally, will outreach to residents and businesses for public feedback and participation. In a comprehensive CAP all sectors that are potential sources for GHG emissions are analyzed, including transportation, waste, water and energy. The EECAPs will focus on electrical and natural gas use in businesses and homes, presenting voluntary actions to reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions. Many of the anticipated strategies will focus on how businesses and residents can use less energy while maintaining their business and standard of living.

“These plans will help community members find ways to reduce their energy consumption” said Robert Macaulay, Planning Director for the Solano Transportation Authority. “Now all of the people who work and live in Solano County can get ahead of the coming State mandates, find ways to save money, and reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases.”

Funding for the Solano County jurisdiction’s Climate Action Plans is provided through support from both PG&E’s Green Communities Program as well as the California Strategic Growth Council. PG&E’s Green Communities program makes data available to local governments to support Climate Planning Activities and strategic energy management, helping them to reduce energy costs and GHG emissions. In addition to funding provided to Solano County jurisdictions, PG&E will also provide project management support and relevant data to guide local communities in determining which strategies and tactics are most effective in meeting energy efficiency goals.

The public is encouraged to attend the workshop to learn more about how they and their cities can benefit from the program, and to provide feedback. More information can be viewed on STA’s website: <http://www.sta.ca.gov>.

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