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

<b>Who</b>	Solano City County Coordinating Council
<b>What</b>	Community Workshop
<b>When</b>	Thursday, June 27, 2013, 6 p.m.
<b>Where</b>	Solano County Events Center, Fairfield, CA
<b>Why</b>	Regional Climate Action Planning – Presentation of voluntary actions for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the cities of Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista and Suisun City, and review of regional implementation opportunities with the cities of Benicia and Vallejo and Solano County
<b>How</b>	Opportunity to provide public comment and ask questions about the program

**FAIRFIELD, CA** –The third Climate Action Plan Community Workshop for the cities of Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, and Suisun City, will be held Thursday, June 27 at 6 p.m. at the Solano County Events Center, 601 Texas Street, Fairfield,, CA.

The Solano Transportation Authority and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) have been working with the City County Coordinating Council (CCCC) of Solano to develop Climate Action Plans (CAPs) for four Solano County cities – Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, and Suisun City,. The cities of Benicia, Vallejo, and the County of Solano have already adopted CAPs and are providing technical support to this regional effort, and the City of Vacaville is developing a CAP as part of its General Plan update.

This public workshop provides residents the opportunity to identify ways to use resources more efficiently, reduce utility and fuel costs for their homes and businesses, and support regional implementation of the county’s seven CAPs. The CAPs will then go before the Planning Commissions and City Councils of each of the four cities for adoption.

A CAP is a set of strategies intended to guide community efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from energy use, transportation, water consumption, and solid waste and wastewater generation. Each participating city will develop a customized CAP relevant to their community’s specific emissions profile, while coordinating regionally on outreach to residents and businesses for their feedback and participation.

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

Funding for the jurisdictions’ Climate Action Plans is provided through support from both by PG&E’s Green Communities Program and the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). PG&E’s Green Communities program makes data available to local governments to support climate planning activities and strategic energy management, helping to reduce energy costs and GHG emissions. In addition to CAP development funding, PG&E will also provide project management support and relevant energy data to help local communities choose strategies and tactics that are most effective in achieving local energy efficiency goals. A grant from SGC is providing additional resources for the cities to develop GHG reduction strategies that address transportation, water use, and waste reduction. The SGC grant also stipulates exploration of regional implementation opportunities.

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>.