



Local Government Partnership (LGP) funding for the San Mateo County Energy Watch program

**Presentation to the RMCP
Committee**

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Agenda

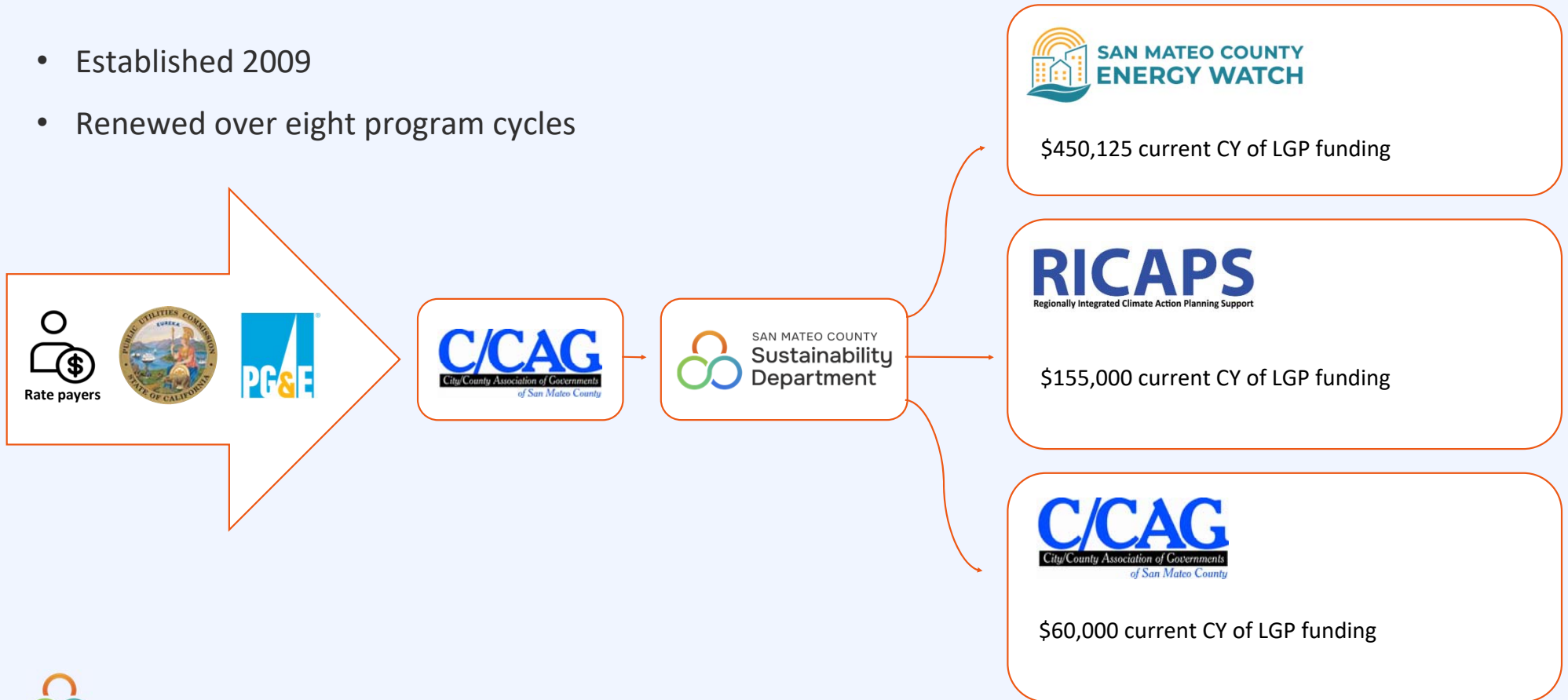
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- Summary of LGP and funding structure
- Programs
- **Funding gap**
- Strategy
- Feedback and questions



Local Government Partnership (LGP) Funding

- Established 2009
- Renewed over eight program cycles





LGP funding sunseting at start of CY2028

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- PG&E is shifting focus to align with the goal of advancing and scaling building electrification and focusing on zonal electrification (SB 1221)
- Reimagined LGP funded pilot programs anticipated 2nd half of 2027 are not expected to align with existing suite of programs
- **Loss of \$665,125 annually in financial support**



Importance of SMCEW work to C/CAG



- Non-statutory
- Supports C/CAG Strategic Plan goals
- Supports member agency goals
- Supports State goals

SMC Energy Watch Program

Advancing energy efficiency and emissions reductions actions countywide



**Local Governments
& Special Districts**



**K-12 Public
School Districts**



**Small
Businesses**



- **Impel Project Implementation**
 - Help customers identify opportunities to save energy and money.
 - Make referrals to get customers to participate in PG&E programs to implement decarbonization projects.
 - Connect customers to financing structures to bridge gaps in funding
- **Build “Pipeline” of Future Projects**
 - Stimulate demand for future projects and provide input to PG&E to inform program offerings.
 - Increase community and industry understanding and awareness about efficiency and decarbonization.
 - Host working groups
 - Support policy development
 - Conduct research
 - Implement pilots



Program Accomplishments



Local Governments & Special Districts

82 projects installed in 13 jurisdictions:

- Over 906,731 net kWh saved
- Over 206,277 net therms saved
- Over \$1,022,410 total incentives used

Support Services Provided:

- Heat pump water heater direct install for local governments
- Methane gas catalogs developed for 14 jurisdictions, including SamTrans
- Benchmarking reports developed for 3 jurisdictions



K-12 Public School Districts

- Collaboration with San Mateo County Office of Education
- Projects have been completed or are in development at 11 different districts
- Methane gas catalogs developed for 15 school districts, over 70% of schools cataloged
- Benchmarking reports developed for 75 schools



Small Businesses

- Multilingual business outreach
- 500+ in-person visits with hard-to-reach small businesses to share program information

KW1

Special Projects:

- El Concilio HQ HVAC upgrade
- Commercial Kitchen Electrification Cost Study



KW1 Is there an equity multi-lingual component to this? If so, please highlight.

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RICAPS Climate Collaborative

- Brings agency staff countywide together to develop and implement climate action programs, policies, and projects
- Monthly meetings with 21 jurisdictions
- Comprehensive technical climate action planning support
- Implementation groups – building electrification, mode shift, EV charging, Prop 4 grant applications



Key Partners:



Leverages Program Resources:





What does it mean to lose LGP funding?



- **SMCEW**

- 100% of annual budget
- Small Businesses, Municipalities, and School Districts lose partners that help them find and apply for energy efficiency and electrification incentive/finance programs
- Communities lose partners that communicate the urgency of electrification/energy efficiency and may not make operational changes anymore due to a lack of knowledge of various programs

- **RICAPS**

- 56% of annual budget
- RICAPS loses capacity to offer the full suite of technical assistance and convening of local governments

- **C/CAG staff time**

- 20% of a single staff member, plus associated executive and administrative time
- C/CAG draws from other sources to cover staff time, necessitating a shift in attention to other priorities



Strategy



- Partner and stakeholder engagement
- Meet with PG&E to inform future partnership opportunities
- Consider advocacy to the CPUC
- Explore long-term alternative funding strategies
- Begin development of program and funding strategy for CY2028 and beyond



RMCP Feedback and Questions



Presentation next going to the Finance Committee – August 27th

- What are other short-term strategies that should be explored and who are related stakeholders that might be able to contribute?
- What do you find most valuable about the SMCEW and RICAPS programs?
- What emerging electrification and decarbonization needs do you have, and what countywide energy, electrification and climate strategy support work should C/CAG and its member agencies prioritize going forward?



Thank you!

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