## **Purchasing Strategies for Energy & Water Savings**

### Alameda County Green Purchasing Roundtable May 16, 2017



## Agenda

- Introduction
- Case Study: A Comprehensive Upgrade Rachel DiFranco & Dan Schoenholz, City of Fremont
- Elements of Success

Brendan Havenar-Daughton, PG&E Sarah Church, Alameda County Meredith Owens, AMP

- Case Study: Building-by-Building Kerry Parker, City of Alameda
- Workshop: Applying It



# **Promoting Efficiency**



## A Win-Win-Win

- Save energy & water
  - Conservation
  - Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
  - Avoid mercury, etc.
- Save money
  Utility costs
- Save staff time
  Reduced maintenance needs





## ...that you can build on

- Demonstrate benefits of greening
- Build relationships
- Share the credit





## Case Study: A Comprehensive Upgrade Rachel DiFranco & Dan Schoenholz, City of Fremont



# Implementing Comprehensive Energy & Water Savings Upgrades

**Case Study** 





### **\$9.1M in Energy & Water Upgrades**

- LED streetlights & park lights.
- LED facility lighting & occupancy controls.
- High-efficiency facility plumbing fixtures.
- Weather-based irrigation controls.
- Variable speed pool pumps at water park.

## Key Project Details:

- **1. Energy Services "ESCO" Project** 
  - Leverages savings of some measures to help pay for others

### 2. CA Government Code

- Section 4217.10 4217.18
- Allows public facilities to sole source for energy services contracts
- 3. OBF & Low Interest Finance
  - Allows project to be paid over time through utility & maintenance savings







### Streetlight & Park Lighting:





### Facilities Lighting:



### Facilities Plumbing:



### Irrigation Controls:









### Variable Speed Pumps:







### **Project Considerations:**

- 1. May fall outside of comfort zone
- 2. Leverages department champions
- 3. Requires minimal extra budget
- 4. Requires minimal additional resources
- 5. Provides multiple added values
- 6. Requires patience & persistence

### 1. Falls Outside of Comfort Zone

#### OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED ...

"Public Works" type project

- + Managed by Community Development Department
- = Achieve sustainability goals:

976 MTCO<sub>2</sub>
 4.7M kWh
 8.7M gal H<sub>2</sub>O
 12K therms



## 2. Leverages Champions

#### **RECOGNIZING ALLIES AS ENABLERS**

- City Attorney
- Finance Director
- Building Maintenance Manager
- Street Maintenance Manager
- Park Maintenance Supervisor
- Public Works Director
- Economic Development Director
- Community Services Director
- Police & Fire Chiefs



## 3. Requires Minimal Budget

### JUST ADD SAVINGS!

- General Fund \$\$\$ untouched
- Utility bill & maintenance savings pay for upfront costs over time
- Financing arrangements:
  - Power Purchase Agreements
  - 0% On-Bill Financing
  - 2% Lease Financing
- Cash flow positive from Year 1



### 4. Requires Minimal Add'l Resources

### WE DO THE HEAVY LIFTING

- Sustainability as project manager:
  - RFQ/RFP / Contract / SOW
  - Staff Report / Resolution
  - Day-to-day Coordination
  - Change Orders / Inspections
  - Invoicing / Tracking
- Utilize regional technical assistance
- Rely on best practices from previous projects and programs



## 5. Provides Multiple Added Values

#### WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN

- Utility bill savings
- Longer equipment life
- Reduced maintenance
- Improved resilience of critical facilities
- Support of public-private partnerships



### 6. Requires Patience & Perseverance

### IT'S A LONG AND WINDING ROAD...

- Projects can take LONG TIME
- At any time, you may experience:
  - City staff &/or contractor transitions
  - Increases or decreases in project costs
  - Technology advancements
  - Grant/financing availability
  - Challenges with designs & permits
  - Priority shifts from key departments
  - Council turnover
  - Budget constraints





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# **Elements of Success**







## **Financing Opportunities** Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Pacific Gas & Electric



### On-Bill Financing Energy Efficiency Financing from PG&E

**Program Overview** 



### Agenda

- What is On-Bill Financing (OBF)?
- How does it work?
- Who is Eligible?
- What is Eligible?
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Additional Resources

### What is On-Bill Financing?

- On-Bill Financing is a \$80M revolving loan fund (RLF), used to finance energy efficiency projects for PG&E non-residential customers.
  - The RLF uses ratepayer funds and is loaned at 0%
  - As customers repay their loans, those funds can be loaned out again
  - Loan payments are intended to be 'bill-neutral,' meaning they are based on the estimated energy cost savings from the EE project



### What is On-Bill Financing?

Loan Terms	Business	Government Agency*
Interest	0%	0%
Minimum Loan Amount	\$5,000	\$5,000
Maximum Loan Amount	<b>\$100,000</b> per premises	<b>\$250,000</b> per premises <sup>1</sup>
Maximum Funding Available per Customer	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Maximum Loan Term, not to exceed the Expected Useful Life (EUL) of the measures	60 months	120 months

\*Government Agency Customer is defined as a tax-payer funded agency of federal, state, county, or local government that uses tax revenue to pay its PG&E energy bills. Such Customers may include, but are not limited to, public schools, state of California colleges and universities, public libraries, and government offices.

<sup>1</sup> Government customers may combine premises in a single loan, so this may be considered a per project cap. Exceptions may be made where unique opportunities to capture large energy savings exist and all other OBF loan program terms will be met, up to a maximum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

### What is On-Bill Financing?

OBF Loan Pool (as of 12/31/16)							
Status	#	\$					
Requested	239	\$16,389,830					
Reserved	295	\$21,687,785					
Loaned	1,736	\$75,930,557					
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(Repayments)		(\$39,282,859)					
Net Loaned		\$36,647,698					
Loan Pool		\$70,500,000					
Subscribed (Reserved + Net Loaned)	1	(\$58,335,483)					
Net Interest and Write-Offs		\$198,265					
Remaining		\$12,362,781					

#### **Key Stats**

- \$76M loaned to date!
- 17% increase in SMB customers served year over year (8% overall loan volume increase)
- 52% of loaned amounts have been repaid
- December monthly repayments: \$1.2M
- Average Loan: \$44k (SMB \$28k, Gov't Agency \$133k)

Loaned							
Cust. Type	#	%	\$	%	Avg. \$	Final KWHs	<b>Final THERMS</b>
SMB	1,296	75%	\$36,035,946	47%	\$27,806	80,650,661	461,924
Gov't Agency	233	13%	\$31,078,710	41%	\$133,385	45,665,286	306,136
LCIA	207	12%	\$8,815,900	12%	\$42,589	31,554,637	105,573
Total	1,736	100%	\$75,930,557	100%	\$43,739	157,870,583	873,633

### How does it work?

Project cost for measures	\$10,000
Rebates or incentives	\$1,000
Customer total loan amount	\$9,000
Customer average rate (per kWh)	\$ 0.180
Estimated annual energy savings (kWh)	12,000
Estimated annual energy cost savings	\$2,160
Simple payback in years (loan amount divided by estimated annual energy cost savings)	4.17
Payback in months based on expected energy savings	50
Loan term (months) (1 month added for bill neutrality)	51
Estimated monthly energy cost savings	\$180
Customer fixed monthly loan payment	\$176.47

### How does it work?



the Customer or PG&E added to the Customer's bill in the following billing cycle.

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### How does it work?



### Who is eligible?

OBF is available to non-residential PG&E customers that meet the following conditions throughout the duration of the EE retrofit project:

- Customer currently receives service at the retrofit location and pays PPP charges;
- Active PG&E account for the previous **24 months**;
- Good credit standing for the past **12 months** (no 24-hour disconnection notices).

### What is eligible?

OBF is available for energy efficiency retrofit projects.

Eligible costs include:

- EE Measures (net of rebates)
- Labor, taxes, and other directly related costs
- O&M, M&V

OBF may not be used to finance:

- New construction/new load;
- Basic lighting (non-LED) exceeding 20% project costs
- In-house labor or project management
- Distributed generation
# What is eligible?

- Only rebated/incentivized measures
- Loan only funded after all rebates/incentives approved
- Can combine deemed, customer, up/midstream
- Can accept claimable or site-specific savings calculations

# **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### Trade Professional/Contractor

#### **OBF Role: Installer**

- Submits pre- and post-installation applications for review
- Completes retrofit project to Customer satisfaction

#### PG&E Account Representative

#### **OBF Role: Customer Liaison**

- Educate the Customer on OBF and respond to Customer inquiries
- Request Payment History Screening and submit PHS appeals on the Customer's behalf



#### **OBF Role: Review and Approval**

- Communicate PHS results to PG&E Account Representative
- Create and distribute loan agreements
- Disburse loan payments and set up billing on Customer's account

# **Additional Resources**

www.pge.com/OBF

- <u>Customer and Contractor Handbook</u>
- Fact Sheet
- Energy Insight On-Bill Finance Chatter Group
- Frequently Asked Questions

# **THANK YOU**







# Water Conservation Product Spotlight Sarah Church, Alameda County



# **Standards and Eco-Labels**



- EPA Program: WaterSense
- LEED for Existing Buildings, v4
- CALGreen: Green Building Standard Code





- Flow limiters: aerator or laminar
- Flow control: permanent under-sink valves
- Time control: electronic sensors







# **Toilets**

Standard: 1.6 gpf High-efficiency: 1.28 gpf

- HE saves 20%
- Performance testing:



- WaterSense aligned with
   Uniform North American Requirements (UNAR)
- Maximum Performance (MaP) lists for tankless



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# **Toilets**



#### Flush-valve retrofit for dual flush



Image source: www.Fastenal.com

# Urinals

### Waterless

- No valves to install or maintain (cartridges require initial training)
- High-efficiency



Standard: 1.0 gpf

# High-efficiency: .5 gpf



# **Microfiber mops**

- 10-20 times less liquid than cotton mops
- Reduces the amount of water and chemicals used to clean
- Lightweight design reduces risk of worker injury





# **Foaming Hand Soap**

- Spreads more easily, so less soap and water used
- Look for Green Seal products

**CASE STUDY: Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

"Over \$300,000 in water conservation-related savings from the use of microfiber mops and foaming hand soap (replacing cotton mops and lotion hand soaps)." Results from FAC85 contract, since award in 2015 www.responsiblepurchasing.org







# Energy Conservation Products Spotlight

### Meredith Owens, Alameda Municipal Power



# Alameda Municipal Power Green Purchasing Roundtable

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# Alameda Municipal Power Background

- Community-owned electric utility serving the City of Alameda since 1887
- Governed by the City of Alameda Public Utilities Board
- AMP rates average 16 percent lower than PG&E
- Certified Alameda County Green Business
- Installing smart meters through December 2017



# Easy, Low Cost Efficiency for Cities

- Light Emitting Diode lighting, LED
- Lifetime of 12 to 35 years, significant maintenance savings
- Reduce energy use by 60 to 80 percent
- Exterior lights and some interior LEDs are very competively priced
- Utility rebates PG&E
- Improved lighting quality & low burnout rate



## **How Can I Purchase the Best**?

- Energy Star awarded to fixtures that meet strict efficiency, quality, lifetime criteria www.energyStar.gov/products/lighting.....
   commercial light fixtures
- Design Lights Consortium largest database of LED lighting products www.designlights.org
- DOE Municipal Solid-State Street Lighting Consortium



## **Some Considerations - LED Color**

 Color is measured on the CCT scale (Correlated Color Temperature) in degrees Kelvin



# **Light Color & Health**

- You can buy and turn on different lights for different times of day
  - Cool white or "daylight" for mid-day rooms
  - Warm white for evening rooms
- Use controls
  - Tunable LEDs
  - Computer app "f.lux"





# **LED Controls**

- Dimmers (read the fine print) LEDs are great at dimming, lots of energy savings
- Photocells interior and exterior
- -Occupancy sensors







# **High Tech Lighting Controls**

- <u>Prism</u> LED Desk Lamp
- ZigBee with remote or computer control
- <u>Philips Hue</u> uses phone or tablet App
- <u>Amazon Echo</u> is voice controlled



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## **City of Alameda Parking Garage** LEDs and Controls

- Cost \$80,978
- Energy Cost savings

   \$38,172,75%
   reduction
- AMP rebate -\$50,879
- Net cost \$30,099
- Payback 9 months
- Lifetime 15 + years





# **City of Alameda Parking Garage**

- Daylight sensor with dusk/dawn dimming for areas with daylight
- Occupancy sensors

   off if no motion >
   2.5 minutes
- Controlled remotely at Public Works office





### Alameda Point Piers Consider Operations & Maintenance

- Poles 63' high, 67 lights
- Cost \$204,527
- Energy Cost savings -\$37,011/year
- AMP rebate \$49,319
- Net cost \$155,208
- Payback 4.2 years
- Lifetime 35 years





## What are your resources?

- PG&E Account Representative
- City Public Works Department
- Department of Energy municipal solid state lighting website, https://energy.gov/eere/ssl/solid-statelighting
- Energy Star website
- Design Lights Consortium



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# Case Study: Building-by-Building Kerry Parker, City of Alameda



# City of Alameda's **Green Business Operations**

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### Why the Green Business Program?

- GB Inspector for Solid Waste since 2011
- Tough Question in 2013
- Public Works' Response







#### Assumptions

- This will be more work 😕
- Green products cost more ☺
- Recycled paper towels are scratchy ☺
- Composting food scraps draws flies ☺
- Only greenie tree huggers and hippies do this, Kerry!







### City of Alameda Public Works Department

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## City of Alameda Public Works Department








# What is a Green Business?

#### **Reduce your use!**

- Water
- Electricity
- Landfill
- Purchase thoughtfully
- Use less toxic alternatives









### **Green Business Vision**

### Certify Public Works

# Certify all city departments













# Time for an office remodel!









# Green remodel

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**GREEN BUSINESS** 

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# **Refurbished cubicles**









# The Green Certified Tail Wagging the Dog

- City Operations are not perfect!
- Green certified culture helps set expectations in all decisions
  - Purchasing
  - Materials use and recycling
  - Remodeling
  - Reuse/refurbish/repair







## **Peer Recognition**

#### 2016 Sustainability Award

 American Public Works Association (APWA) "Walking the Talk – Green Certifying the City of Alameda"









### THANKS to AMP...



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#### Critical energy piece (Read: \$\$\$) ALREADY COMPLETE









#### **Central Equipment Garage, Public Works** GB Certified - December, 2013

- First GB Auto Repair Garage in Alameda
- First GB division of Alameda Public Works
- Reduced water consumption by 37%
- Next: electric pool car fleet?
- **Bonus:** Awarded WaterSmart Certification by EBMUD (October, 2014)









# Water Conservation

&EBMUD

- Toilets
  - 3.5+gpf vs 1.6gpf vs 1.28gpf
- Urinals
  - 2.0+gpf VS. 1.0gpf VS. .5gpf
    - Waterless?
- Faucet Aerators
  - Kitchen 2.2+gpm vs 1.8gpm vs 1.0gpm
  - Lavatory 1.5gpm vs .5gpm (public)
  - Shower 2.5gpm
- Irrigation

**2015:** Jerry Brown signs EO for strict water efficiency standards for CA

BUSINES

2006:









# May 2017: 90% Complete

AMP
City Hall
Public Works (3 facilities)
Admin
Corp Yard
Fleet Garage

Main Library

☑ Police

Senior Center











# **Questions?**

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GREEN BUSINESS

# Workshop

### Your next steps for conservation in your agency



# Worksheet

- Sit on your own or with others from your agency/jurisdiction
- Fill out worksheet
- Worksheet will be scanned and emailed to you





# **Report-back**

### Your next steps for conservation in your agency



# **Thank You!**

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