



Quarter 3 Regional Workforce Alliance (RWA)

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 26th 2024 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Location: CA Endowment Center for Healthy Communities, 1000 N Alameda St / ZOOM

Meeting Objectives:

1. Partner Spotlight: LA Clean Tech Incubator Builds Green Jobs Pathways
2. Expert Panel: Opportunities and Impact of the LA28 Olympic Games
3. Program Overview: CA Energy Commission Equitable Decarbonization Program

Partners In Attendance:

CSULB Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship; Monique Palmera*
CDTech; Luis Morales*
City of Los Angeles Personnel Department; Vincent Cordero
City of Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department; Carolyn Hull
Cumming Group; Rosemarie Ampil*
Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO); Amy Srey
Green Wealth Energy; Nicole Landers
HUB Cities Consortium; Jose Martinez*
HUB Cities Consortium; Ofelia Gomez*
HUB Cities Consortium; Judith Ruiz*
Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator (LACI); Kauleen Menard
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation; Jose Pelayo*
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation; Alicia Nyein*
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust; Mireya Valencia*
Los Angeles Unified School District; Carla Barrera-Ortiz
Los Angeles Unified School District; Matthew Oberlander
Los Angeles World Airports; Anabel Barragan
Metropolitan Water District; Brenda Martinez
National Association of Minority Contractors So Cal (NAMC-SC) / Max Out Inc.; Rod Edison
Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance; Charlynn Moyer
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Kelsey Sato
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Tanya Pineda
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Cinthia Fletes
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Nicole Bawa
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Lizzeth Rosales
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Bernadette Kirkwood
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Wendy Quintanilla
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Marina Quinonez-Rueda
Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Caroline Palacios



South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z); Tyresa Jackson
Swinerton Builders; Rick Vaughn*
The Bedford Group; Starlett Quarles
The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC); Christian Fonseca*
U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) California; Ben Stapleton*
UCLA; Nurit Katz*
USC Credit Union; Rocio Flores
Ventura County Workforce & Economic Development Board; Rebecca Evans*

Los Angeles County Supervisorial Representatives In Attendance:

Los Angeles County Supervisors Office, First District; Annette Trejo*
Los Angeles County Supervisors Office, Second District; Caroline Torosis*
Los Angeles County Supervisors Office, Third District; Aaron Ordower
Los Angeles County Supervisors Office, Fourth District; Lauren Yokomizo*
Los Angeles County Supervisors Office, Fifth District; Monica Banken
Los Angeles County Supervisors Office, Fifth District; Maya Turun

Administrators In Attendance:

County of Los Angeles ISD Environmental & Energy Services; Minh Le
County of Los Angeles ISD Environmental & Energy Services; Lujana Medina
County of Los Angeles ISD Environmental & Energy Services; Tessa Charnofsky
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Shanette Anderson
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Raygena Smith-Winfrey
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Diego Cocon*
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Anthony Borunda*
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Jessymar Gallaga
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Francisco Parra-Camacho
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Carlos Paez
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Sarah Reyes
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Joseph Warner*
Emerald Cities Collaborative, SoCalREN WE&T Sector; Lekha Ajit
3D Networks Corp.; Ann D'Amato
3D Networks Corp.; Kristi Villegas

**attended via Zoom.*



Quarter 3 Regional Workforce Alliance (RWA)

Agenda Items/ Meeting Notes

Welcome / Opening Remarks

Minh Le, General Manager, ISD Energy and Environmental Services, County of Los Angeles

Key Takeaways:

- Announced \$329M grant awarded to County of LA to administer Equitable Decarbonization Program
 - Includes greater Southern California region—key is to focus on coordinating outside of LA County
 - Large workforce development component
- An additional large award is coming soon to LA County
- Commended ISD team for pursuing and bringing available funding to LA County
 - SoCal region is a net donor in terms of taxes paid and grant money received

Green Jobs Regional Partnership: Inclusive Pathways for Emerging Cleantech Careers

Kaileen Menard, Director, Green Job Regional Partnership, LA Clean Tech Incubator (LACI)

Key Takeaways:

- Background on org: LACI's mission is to build an inclusive green economy in So Cal
 - Priorities include transportation, clean energy, and smart sustainable cities
 - All achieved through partnerships; LACI is a convener
- LACI's Green Jobs Regional Partnership has targets related to LA28 Olympics and a goal of 600,000 green jobs by 2050
 - How? Create a road map, strong visible career pathways, include underrepresented communities, track metrics, spur public and private investments in the creation of these jobs
 - Currently developing road map for direct & indirect emerging cleantech jobs
 - Utilizing cross sector leadership group and a diverse research group
 - Next research group meetings 9/18 and 10/23
 - Implementation set to begin February 2025
 - Will develop an Advisory Group at this stage
 - How do we go from roadmap to implementation?
 - Encourage partners to utilize LACI's roadmap in their own execution, ask partners for resources, collaborate in pursuit of funding
 - Focus on workforce from both ends: workers and businesses



LA 2028 Olympics Green Workforce Opportunities, Anticipation, Planning & Impact

LA 28 Organizing Committee Panelists:

Carolyn Hull, General Manager, Economic & Workforce Development Dept, City of Los Angeles

Kelly LoBianco, Director, County of Los Angeles DEO

Vincent Cordero, Chief Personnel Analyst, CERS Workforce Development, City of Los Angeles

Key Takeaways/ Panel Questions + Responses:

- Can you discuss some of the sustainable initiatives that are being implemented in preparation for the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, and how these efforts are creating new green workforce opportunities?
 - Hull: The upcoming LA28 is fast tracking capital projects that have been moving at a slower pace (ie. LAWA, Port of LA) and initiating those that were stagnant at conception. Sustainable materials/practices are integral to these projects.
 - Cordero: Note trickle-down impact of capital project execution and the positive impact on workforce development for underrepresented groups.
 - CBOs, work source centers, and labor have been and will continue to direct jobs (including LA28 jobs) to local, underrepresented workers
 - LoBianco: LA28 is a catalyst. Current funding, particularly in our region, comes with built-in sustainability and workforce goals, naturally leading to the green workforce elements we are currently striving for in SoCal.
 - Nov 2024, DEO set to launch high road training partnership grant program to contribute alongside other programs and funding currently available through LA County
- How do you see the 2028 Olympics shaping the future of Los Angeles, both in terms of infrastructure development and community engagement? What legacy do you hope the event will leave behind for the city and its residents?
 - Cordero: Hopes to highlight City jobs, promote these to underserved groups, train applicants to pass civil service exams, and make access to City jobs easier
 - Hull: Let's focus on supporting LA's legacy businesses and small businesses so they can grow and thrive through LA28 and beyond (ie. Provide tech support, education, resources). Let's take advantage of the youth interest and investment in LA28 on the workforce development front.
 - LoBianco: The goal is to see economic, workforce and sustainability impact beyond the two-week event that is LA28. Focus on regional engagement with the world starting now.
- In terms of workforce diversity and inclusion, what efforts are being made to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the 2028 Olympics? How are equity and access being prioritized in the planning process?
 - Hull: Businesses need support today to compete for contracts and benefit from LA28-generated work (ie. Unbundle contracts, add small business incentives, modify KPIs now).
 - LoBianco: County pledged to triple number of certified businesses and pursue reciprocity programs. Let's bring gaps for diverse suppliers.
 - Cordero: We have programs and pathways in place and now is the time to clearly define and enhance those.



- Are all populations being included in equity consideration for hire (ie. Veterans, Foster youth, local hire)?
 - Hull: We will set those equity intentions for hire and monitor. Note Advantage LA, intentional use of older workers. The regional nature of LA28 encourages collaboration.
 - Cordero: Bridge to Jobs Program successfully includes this tracking; this serve a good model for LA28.
- Caroline Torosis, Second District: LA County Supervisors Office is creating a Regional Table to discuss residual impact on communities; RWA partner participation is welcome and encouraged.
 - LoBianco: Let's add SoCalREN as a stakeholder group to the Regional Table.
- Nicole Landers, Green Wealth: Consider LA28's impact on hospitality industry and transportation
 - Lujana Medina, Internal Services Division, LA County: Consider E-Bike Program for use during and after LA28
- Luis Morales, CDTech: Remember to address inevitable environmental impact of infrastructure projects on compromised communities and residents.
- Hull: Portals are essential for job seekers and employers; this is critical for LA28 to develop in conjunction with Worksource Centers.

California Energy Commission Equitable Decarbonization Direct Install Program

Lujana Medina, Division Manager, Environmental Initiatives, County of Los Angeles

- \$329M grant awarded to County of LA to administer Equitable Decarbonization Program (EBD Program)
 - Provides no cost decarbonization measures to low income households
 - ISD has generated a coalition of CBOs, local governments, and critical partners to uniquely serve community sub regions with 9 sub programs and ensure success
 - Implementation plan includes comprehensive project support to ease the burden of transition on residents (ie. One assigned single point of contact)
 - Workforce opportunities abound; including Area Coordinators, Decarb Concierge, and Small Business Contractors completing the work (plumbers, construction managers, electricians, etc.)
 - Emerald Cities Collaborative is supporting with workforce

Closing Remarks

Shanette Anderson, Senior Program Manager, Emerald Cities Collaborative

- Thank you for joining and please share feedback in post event survey
- Upcoming events: 9/11 4-week E-Contractor Program with Metropolitan Water District and 10/24 Future Green Leaders youth Summit.