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SJV DAC PILOTS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Unprecedented Community Engagement
Over 25 Tours, 50 Meetings & Workshops, 100 Energy Trainings,
approximately 1000 residents

Community Based Approach
Community Residents Are Equal Partners Throughout
Process

Adequate Outreach and Engagement
Community Input Is Prioritized

Community Education
Provides Opportunity for Residents to Participate in
Decision Making Process

Listen To the Experts
Residents Know Their Community Better Than Anyone Else

Community Led Projects
Resident Supported and Vested



UNDERSTANDING SJV DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

Energy Needs

Low income people spend more on energy costs

Poor air quality and emissions

Residents health impacts

Resources are not reaching DACs

- *Renewable energy*
- *Efficiency*
- *Clean Transportation*

Unique Characteristics

Small, rural and unincorporated

Governance structures

Staff capacity - No staff

Budget limitations

CBO partnerships



EVALUATING OUR ENERGY PROGRAMS

Community Barriers

*Communities are unaware
Appropriate community
outreach
Education and capacity building
Technical assistance
Needs Assessments
Match Requirement*

Agency Barriers

*Staff many not value or
understand
community engagement
IOU mentality
Lack of understanding of
community conditions
Lack of resources and planning
for community outreach and
engagement*

Programmatic Barriers

*Startups, technology,
research is prioritized
Community partnership is
missing
CBO's are excluded
Funding for technical
assistance and community
outreach
Lacking human investment
Investments are made in
affluent communities*



RE-IMAGINING OUR ENERGY PROGRAMS

Programmatic Recommendations

Hire Community Outreach Staff and Develop a Plan

Build Community Partnerships

Leverage local, trusted CBOs and Resident Committees

Use Technical Assistance Providers

- *Develop DAC Project Concepts*
- *Write DAC Project Proposals*
- *Capacity Building*
- *Community Education*

Funding Recommendations

Future and existing energy funding

Provide technical assistance to DACs

Require community outreach and engagement

Require a CBO partnership

Require an identified community partner for technology and research projects

Minimum 35% set aside for DACs



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