



Sustainability Summit 2009 Survey Results

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Local Government Commission



Survey Results

- Local Government Commission
- General Observations
- Highlights of 2009 Survey Questions



Local Government Commission

- Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition
- AB 32 workshops in 2008
- AB 32/SB 375 workshops in 2009



General Observations

- Fewer responders (42 in 2009 v. 137 in 2008)
- Survey designed so no one person could answer all the questions
- Most questions had more people not answer than people who did



Who Responded in 2009?

- 88% cities or County
- 12% school districts
- 1 water agency

In 2008, 75% were cities/County, more special districts, COGs and other types



Local Government Responders

Staff:

- mostly planning/community development
- followed by public works & city managers

Elected officials:

- 2 in 2009 v. 8 in 2008



Dedicated Sustainability Staff?

- Yes 33%
- No 66%
- Don't know 1%

If yes, at what level?

Majority said middle to upper level staff.



Any new programs since May 2008?

- Yes 55%
- No 35%
- Don't know 10%

If yes, what type?

- Green Team
- Recycling
- Water
- Planning/Building
- Other



Employee Transportation Programs?

- Carpool incentives 92%
- Transit incentives 58%
- Bike/walk incentives 58%
- Parking cash out 17%
- Flexible schedule 13%



Understanding of Issues

AB 32, SB 375, GHG reduction, carbon inventory, energy & water conservation, waste management, smart growth, green building, sustainable fleets

- 83% rated themselves average to high on the topics as a group
- Areas with the least understanding



CARB's Discrete Early Actions

- Only apply to local governments with landfills or ports.
- Majority answered didn't know or didn't apply.
- High percentage of survey responders were planning staff.



Understanding of SB 375

- Areas of least understanding:
 - Sustainable Communities Strategies vs. Alternative Planning Strategies
 - New exemptions for qualified projects
 - Changes to Regional Housing Needs Assessment timeline



GHG Inventory Plan?

- ICLEI Protocol 22%
- CCAR Protocol 6%
- Unknown 72%



Status of ICLEI Milestones

- Only 1 (of 20 responders) had completed all of the milestones, and one other had completed some.
- About 20% had started work.
- About 1/2 hadn't started or needed assistance.



Established Program Areas

- Programs that already exist or are planned:
 - Energy & Resource Conservation
 - Water Conservation
 - Smart Growth
 - Waste Management
- Also the areas where little assistance was requested.



Less Established Program Areas

- Fewer communities have or plan to have these programs:
 - Green Building
 - Green Transportation
 - Social Equity
- Also the areas where the most help was requested, although not overwhelming numbers



Workshop Topic Importance

- Most important:
 - Technical guidance
 - Interagency coordination, information sharing
 - Funding for mitigation & adaptation
 - AB 32 guidance
 - Regional performance indicators
 - Regional clearinghouse of BMPs
 - Training for local government staff
 - Regulation monitoring
- Least important: change state & federal objectives