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Another Green Shoot:

Metro joins the LA Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability



Board member Pam O'Connor hosts first meeting of the LA Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability at Metro in January. The group is gearing up to develop a framework for regional action. *Photos by Gayle Anderson*

(March 12, 2009) The LA Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability held its hallmark meeting in January to begin the discussion on the future of climate change planning for Los Angeles. In the meeting, members discussed a collaborative-style funding and next steps in implementing a framework plan.

The Collaborative is made up of public, private and community stakeholders, including the County of Los Angeles, Metro, the Southern California Association of Governments and the sub-regional council of governments and cities, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Metropolitan Water District, the Community Redevelopment Agency and environmental and community groups. The meetings are coordinated by Jennifer Smith Crubb of NEXT 10, a non-profit organization dedicated to a sustainable California.

The next meeting of the LA Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability Vision Team will be held April 17. On the agenda are progress reports on potential partnerships, formalized structure, short- and long-term strategies, sponsorships and membership opportunities.

The collaborative of local public agencies, businesses and utilities is a culmination of efforts spurred by state mandates to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 25 percent by 2020. Through the collaborative, agencies and organizations can join together to develop, share and communicate best practices in reaching sustainability goals.

The Metro Board of Directors passed a motion by directors Yvonne Burke,

Pam O'Connor and Zev Yaroslavsky to join the LA Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability in the Board meeting held Dec. 4.
--from Gayle Anderson



Tim Papandreou, formerly of Metro planning, presented a framework on how to implement the Los Angeles Region Climate Change Action Plan.