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Metro Board Member Pam O'Connor addresses first Sustainability Summit held May 28, 2008, at Metro Headquarters. The group reconvenes at MWD Headquarters on Wednesday to develop protocol for complying with climate change regulations.

## Sustainability Summit to tackle application of environmental requirements, regulations

- How should local government and agencies address climate change regulations and initiatives?
- Download [Second Annual Sustainability Summit program](#): Employees may attend sessions if space is available.
- More on Thursday: MWD presents the [Spring Green Fair](#) with 70 exhibits showcasing green products and services plus one-hour how-to workshops throughout the day.

(May 5, 2009) Metro will host the region's second annual Sustainability Summit for local city officials, government agencies and other key stakeholders on Wednesday, May 6. The day-long summit will be held at the MWD Headquarters from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The summit will consist of morning and afternoon concurrent breakout sessions providing legislation overview, requirements and tools for regional implementation of sustainable practices to assist in reaching regulatory compliance to fight global warming.

## AB32 and SB375 top the agenda

Specifically, the summit will offer focused presentations on AB32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and SB375, a Smart Growth initiative. Six breakout sessions are designed to assist participants in developing and improving sustainability practices within their organization.

AB 32 requires California to reduce statewide greenhouse gas (GHG)

emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. This is 13 percent below today's emissions and 28 percent below 2020 projected emissions. By 2050, emissions must be reduced percent below 1990 levels.

SB 375, also known as the Smart Growth Bill, focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through reducing the number of miles that residential vehicles are driven from a given geographical point to another, and also through land use planning. An example of this is transit-oriented development projects at Metro Rail stations.

At 9 a.m., CEO Art Leahy and MWD Asst. General Manager Gilbert Ivey will give welcoming remarks at the opening session, followed by 'big picture' overview of water conservation and sustainability goals for the region. Metro Board Member Pam O'Connor, who chairs Metro's Sustainability Ad-hoc Committee, will present an overview of Metro's sustainability programs.

**First steps lead to region-wide policy**

Convened by Director O'Connor, a legion of stakeholders took first steps May 28, 2008, at the first Sustainability Summit in a collaborative effort to develop a region-wide sustainability policy.

"We've heard from many different voices offering best practices in sustainability and climate action," said O'Connor in her closing remarks. "We will reconvene to collaborate, to learn together, and to put into action the best thinking in the region."

At the first summit, the group developed a sustainability survey that was distributed to all local government and agencies throughout the county to measure regional sustainability efforts and identify 'best practices' that would serve as guidelines for implementation.

Patrick Stoner, director of the Resource Conservation Programs, will present the results of that survey in an afternoon session at 1:45 p.m.

Sustainability practices are designed to preserve scarce resources today for the benefit of future generations. The practices encompass a wide variety of efforts from construction techniques that reduce energy consumption to recycling to water conservation to rideshare programs that also improve air quality and fight global warming. -- *from Gayle Anderson*