

Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition



Be Clean, Green & Sustainable!

Recent Coalition Activities:

Annual Report — Displacing 113,016,660 GGEs

The Coalition submitted its Annual Report to the U.S. Department of Energy on March 31, 2009. Thanks to everyone's efforts in making clean fuel and energy efficiency a top priority for the region, the Coalition was able to displace 113,016,660 Gasoline Gallon Equivalents (GGEs)—more than double that of last years!

Riverside Becomes CA's First "Emerald City"

The California Department of Conservation recently launched its Emerald City Pilot Project and designated the City of Riverside as the first city in the state to be an "Emerald City". This recognition is for Riverside's sustainable green initiatives and commitment to help the state achieve multiple state environmental priorities. The City of Riverside adopted a resolution and presented a proclamation to join the program at its City Council meeting on February 3, 2009.



Bridgette Luther, Director of Dept. of Conservation and Mayor Loveridge
Photo by Michael J. Elderman

The County Presents Proclamation at Advancing the Choice

The County of Riverside Transportation and Fleet Services Department presented a proclamation on February 26, 2009, recognizing the Coalition and the county's recent fuel efficiency policy, requiring any new vehicles purchased to have at least a 25 mile per gallon fuel standard. A monumental achievement in energy efficiency compared to their current 19 miles per gallon average as the county replaces any of their 4,200 vehicles!



Supervisor Jeff Stone, Robert Howdysshell,
and Rick Bishop

Clean Cities Grant Funding Opportunities

The Coalition will be submitting a regional proposal for several of the upcoming grant opportunities including the U.S. Department of Energy, Area of Interest #4 solicitation, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act funding, and solicitations through the California Energy Commission and South Coast Air Quality Management District. Please attend the next stakeholder meeting with your prepared proposals on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Energy Independence Days (EID) in D.C.

The Coalition participated in this year's EID event on March 1st - 4th and met with staff from Speaker Pelosi, Senator Feinstein, Congressman Calvert, Congressman Issa, Congresswoman Bono-Mack, and Governor Schwarzenegger's D.C. offices. The meetings were to inform our leaders of the Coalition's efforts and issues that the region faces. The Coalition also participated in the 15th Year Clean Cities Anniversary celebration with U.S. Department of Energy directors and staff, and several other coalitions from across the nation.

For more information and to view/print additional pictures from the Advancing the Choice Expo, please visit our website at www.wrcog.cog.ca.us.

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SAVE TREES!



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Articles of Interest

10th Annual Advancing the Choice Expo:

“Why wait for oil to run out, biofuel advocate asks”

http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_altfuels27.453665c.html



Riverside County Proclamation and Fuel Efficiency Standard:

“Supervisors tighten fuel guidelines”

http://www.pe.com/localnews/transportation/stories/PE_News_Local_S_fleet28.3821eed.html

City of Riverside Emerald City and Renewable Energy:

“State Declares Riverside an ‘Emerald City’”

<http://www.instantriverside.com/riverside-ca-news/emerald-city-riverside-department-conservation-ca/2009/02/05/>

http://www.imakenews.com/priorityfocus/e_article001339623.cfm?x=bf6bRNH.bbnQVjyk.w

“Riverside buys more renewable energy”

http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_W_renewable10.48786ba.html

Largest Solar Project and LEED Certified Building Coming to Region:



Highland Fairview wants to build the largest LEED certified building in the US with the largest solar power generation in the US, here in Moreno Valley. The Sketchers company would also be bring new

jobs to Riverside County at a time when the unemployment rate is just over 13%.

<http://www.highlandfairviewcorporatemark.com/Sustainability.html>

Other existing solar projects include Fresh & Easy, City National Bank, and Arco in Riverside. These are all examples of responsible businesses in the region.



Solar

Clean Cities Coalition 2009 Meetings and Events

SAVE THE DATES

Below please find the Coalition's
2009 Meetings and important dates.

Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 - 1:30 p.m.
Riverside County Admin. Ctr.,
4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501
First Floor, Conference Room #2A

Carl Moyer/SOON Program Workshop

Thursday, April 9, 2009 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Riverside County Admin. Ctr.,
4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501
1st Floor, Board Room

Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)

Application Deadline - May 29, 2009

Thank you for your support, we look
forward to seeing you at the
meetings/events in 2009.