

Contra Costa County Climate Leaders (4CL) presents:



Environmental Purchasing Policies (EPP)
City Procurement of Goods & Services with Less Impact on Health & the Environment
November 14, 2018; 8 to noon
525 Henrietta, Martinez, CA 94553

Note: spots just in front of City Hall are 2 hrs only. But plenty of parking along adjacent streets.

- 8:00** **Check-in**, Networking, complimentary coffee & pastries
- 8:15** **Introductions** (Lynda Deschambault, Executive Director, 4CL)
Welcome (Mayor Rob Schroder, Martinez, CA)
- 8:30** **Background and Big Picture:** In the State of California, the Department of General Services (DGS) Procurement Division, serves as the lead agency for EPP. A review of Waste and Climate Legislation and policies that drive the need for local governments to buy green goods and services. And how to use Government Contracts to purchase green products at a discount!
Daniel Garza, State of California Department of General Services.
- 9:05** **How Cities Can Protect Communities from Toxic Chemicals with Purchasing Practices**
- Judy Levin, Center for Environmental Health (CEH)
- 9:40** **Bridging Guidance to Local Policy and Implementation** with Model EPP Policies and Guidelines.
Ecolabels such as Energy Star, EPEAT, WaterSense, SNAP, Smart Way, and using the Climate Friendly Purchasing Toolkit.
John Katz, USEPA Region 9
- 10:05** **Increase your City's Green Purchasing Power** by going Deep Green
Alexandra McGee- MCE
- 10:15** Break
- 10:35** **Local Government Perspectives and Case Studies**
Working with Local Governments for Green Purchasing in Alameda County
Sarah Church, Alameda County
- 11:00** **Opportunity for general discussion and sharing EPP lessons learned**, tips, challenges and best practices for cities to consider
(Contra Costa County, Martinez, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa Water District, etc.)
- 11:45** Wrap Up, Action Items, Networking Opportunities

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RSVP and Your ideas and questions are always welcome! (925) 631-0597 or info@cccclimateleaders.org



ABSTRACTS AND BIOS

Background and Big Picture.

- **ABSTRACT:** In the State of California, the Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division, serves as the lead agency for EPP. Daniel Garza with DGS will review existing and pending California Waste and Climate Legislation that drive the need for local governments to buy green goods and services. He will review the Buying Green Guide as a single source of up-to-date green contracts, DGS purchasing standards, bid specifications, and buying tips. And highlight how cities can purchase green goods thru state contracts. <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/buyinggreen/>
- **BIO:** Daniel Garza, Procurement Engineer for the Department of General Services Procurement Division (DGS PD), is responsible for direct support of major corporate centralized procurement functions including development of purchasing policy, standards/specifications, expansion of California's environmentally preferable purchasing program (EPP). Daniel has >30 yrs. of state service with extensive experience in environmental management including source reduction, pollution prevention and environmentally preferably purchasing. Previous to state service Daniel was a United States Air Force Officer in charge of hazardous waste management for Mather Air Force Base. Daniel has a Bachelor of Science - Civil Engineering from California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo and is a registered Civil Engineer in California. Daniel Q. Garza, P.E., EPP unit, Engineering Branch, Procurement Division, Department of General Services (916) 375.4529, Daniel.garza@dgs.ca.gov

Cities Can Protect Communities from Toxic Chemicals with purchasing practices

- **ABSTRACT:** Cities should not have to be detectives to find out what is in products; and spend a lot of money for buying "green" alternatives. The Center for Environmental Health works every day to protect us from toxic chemicals that cause reproductive difficulties, cancer, learning disabilities and many other health problems. Local Government purchasing and contracts can go a long way to ensure the health of your employees, visitors and communities. We will discuss some case study examples, such as city furniture and single use foodware purchasing choices.
- **BIO:** Judy Levin is the Pollution Prevention Director at the Center for Environmental Health. For the past 10 years, Judy has led the Center for Environmental Health's campaign to assist large purchasers, including government, higher education, healthcare and private corporations on how to identify and select safer products without toxic chemicals. Judy's Corporate Engagement program consolidates the significant purchasing power of large purchasers to move the market towards safer products. She is the author of numerous purchaser guides and has generated close to \$1 Billion in organizational purchasing power to prefer healthier furniture without key chemicals of concern. In 2015, Judy received the International Interior Design Association Leadership Award of Excellence for her work in the area of reducing the use of harmful flame retardant chemicals. Judy Levin, Judy@ceh.org, (510) 594-9874, <https://www.ceh.org>

Bridging State Policy to Local Implementation: Model EPP Ordinances, Ecolabels and Purchasing Tool Kit

- **ABSTRACT:** John Katz of US EPA will provide information on [USEPA's EPP program](#), including work to assess and approve ecolabels such as Energy Star, EPEAT, WaterSense, SNAP, Smart Way, and others! John will also review standards for Federal procurement and provide an overview of the Climate Friendly Purchasing Toolkit, developed by the West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum. <https://westcoastclimateforum.com/>
- **BIO:** John Katz is a Pollution Prevention Coordinator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Southwest Regional Office. He specializes in reducing toxics in products and environmentally preferable purchasing, with a focus on electronics. He has contributed to the development of five sustainability standards for electronics under IEEE, UL and NSF. John Katz, Pollution Prevention Coordinator, USEPA Region 9, (415) 972-3283 Katz.john@epa.gov

Lead by Example: Purchase 100% Renewable Energy

- **ABSTRACT:** Cities have the power to change the amount of renewable energy that is put on the grid. When you select to purchase "Deep Green", all of the power your city buys comes from 100% non-polluting, Green-e Energy certified, wind and solar power produced in California.
- **BIO:** Alexandra McGee, Community Power Organizer, MCE, is responsible for representing and advocating for customers in MCE's service area who have been traditionally underrepresented in the renewable energy narrative. As the main point of contact for the Community Power Coalition and MCE Latino, her role is sensitive to the issues which affect low-income communities and Spanish-speakers, in particular. She received her MA from UC Berkeley in 2014, after completing her thesis on small-scale, decentralized, renewable energy systems for rural electrification in Nicaragua. Alexandra joined MCE in late 2015. (415) 464.6019, amcgee@mceCleanEnergy.org, mceCleanEnergy.org

Sharing Best Practices: Alameda County

- **ABSTRACT:** Alameda county representatives will share examples of strategies used by Alameda County cities to "green" key product and service categories, through purchasing offices and also in the context of decentralized purchasing. They will Present piggybacking, bid specifications and other resources available through the Green Purchasing Roundtable website and Alameda County StopWaste.org
- **BIO:** Sarah Church, Sustainability Project Manager, leads climate change mitigation, resource conservation and waste prevention at California's Alameda County by facilitating behavior change among employees and helping to green its multi-million-dollar contracts. She has advised seven U.S. states and numerous local governments and businesses on the cutting edge of sustainable procurement over a decade, as staff at Responsible Purchasing Network and as a technical advisor to the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council. Sarah has co-authored several national guides and reports to facilitate sustainable purchasing, with a focus on food, food service ware, and furniture. She currently coordinates the County's Green Purchasing Roundtable, a resource and network for local institutions. Alameda County Office of Sustainability, Sarah.Church@acgov.org, www.acsustain.org For resources related to green purchasing: <http://www.acsustain.org/what/purchasing/>

