

SDRCC Energy Efficiency Network Meeting October 2nd, 2019 | 10.30 AM - 1.30 PM

Highlighting research and programs that connect energy efficiency, communication and behavior change



FALL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- Energy Efficiency
- Adaptation Needs Assessment
- Sea Level Rise and Credit Risk
- ARCCA meeting Dec 13
- Engaging new members and leaders

For more information <u>http://sdclimatecollaborative.org</u>







https://www.energyefficiencyday.org





Energy Conservation and Behavior

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How to better achieve energy conservation through messaging?

- Traditional approach to environmental conservation
 Knowledge deficit model
- Limitations of model
 - No direct causal change
 - Individuals considered as independent actors

- Social science-based approaches
- Social influence and social context are important
- Used in advertising

Testing Energy Conservation Behavior with Social Science

- **Theoretical Basis**
- A. Witnessing the actions of other people affects behavior
- B. Direct observation of others is not required for social influence to have an effect
- C. Communicating how people behave in a given situation can induce conformity

2 Studies 2008 – Nolan, Schultz et al.

Study 1: Through surveys, what are stated reasons for energy conservation?

"In deciding to conserve energy, how important is it to you

- a) That using less energy saves money
- b) That it protects the environment
- c) That it benefits society (future generations)
- d) That a lot of other people are trying to conserve energy

Sample stated as follows:

b) > c) > a) > d)

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Study 2: Experiment with messages based on same items, but with appeals (using door hangers) to conserve energy, and monitored actual metered (meters) electricity use:

- a) Conserve because it protects the environment
- b) Conserve because it benefits society (future generations)
- c) Conserve because it saves money
- d) Most of your neighbors conserve energy
- e) Control group use information only

Study 2 2008 – Nolan, Schultz et al.





Study 2015 Can we use lessons of 2008 and smart meters with In-Home Displays to achieve energy conservation?

Experimental Conditions	Display Only	Display + Educational
Feedback (real-time kWh)	N=65	N=65
Feedback + cost	N=65	N=65
Feedback + norm	N=65	N=65
Control (no IHD)	N=65	N=65



Stock device, unaltered



Simple FEEDBACK



- RED- Using more than in the past 3 minutes
- YELLOW- Using the same as in the past 3 minutes
- GREEN- Using less than in the past 3 minutes

FEEDBACK + COST



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- YELLOW- Using the same as in the past 3 minutes
- GREEN- Using less than in the past 3 minutes

FEEDBACK + communicate what similar households are using



Information in the "Similar Households" is collected from the eagle devices deployed for the pilot (N=128). Calculated in "real time"

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- RED- Using more than others in similar households
- YELLOW- Using the same as similar households
- GREEN- Using less than similar households

Results 2015 Using smart meters with IHDs to message conservation



Lessons on communicating about energy conservation using smart meters

- **Control**: Energy use rose during the first month, likely due to weather effects
- **Simple Feedback**: Energy use stayed low initially, **novelty effects** from device wore off by second week
- **Cost**: Energy use was high initially. Display showed hourly cost, often < \$1. Participants may have interpreted consumption as inexpensive
- **Social Influence**: No significant increase in use, especially initially, despite possible weather effects.
- **Other**: Participants with the social influence message less likely to trust the device and came back to check. Effective in keeping use relatively low, but devices perceived as inaccurate

Thank you!

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Strategic Communication

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Research

- Less is more in energy conservation and efficiency messaging.
- Energy Policy 2018
- Theories of behavior change
 - Theory of planned behavior (Fishbein & Ajzen)
 - Theory of reasoned action (Fishbein & Ajzen)

Behavior



Results

- Emphasizing the prevalence of undesirable behavior
 - If it is wide spread then I can do it too
- Identifying a victim more persuasive and relevant
- Less is more
 - Specific one reason



Communication Strategies

- Step One: SWOT Analysis
 - Strengths
 - Weakness
 - Opportunities
 - Threats
- Step Two: A Strategy
 - Goals
 - Objectives
 - Strategies
 - Tactics



Communication Strategies

Know where you're going

If you don't know where you're going, any tool will get you there





Tactics & Messages

- Tactics How?
 - Communication Tactics
 - How does your message use verbal communication?
 - How does your message use nonverbal communication?
 - How can either be made stronger?
 - Message Structure
 - Clarity
 - Power Words
 - Ethical Language
 - Nonverbal Communication



Tactics & Messages

- Interpersonal Communication Tactics
 - Personal Involvement
 - Information Exchange
 - Special Events
- Organizational Media Tactics
 - General Publications
 - Direct Mail
 - Print Media
 - Audio-visual Media
 - Digital Media
- The Tactics of Social Media
 - Social Networks
 - Blogs
 - Podcast
 - Websites

Example

- **Objective:** To increase the Hispanic community's knowledge of the museum's programs
- **Strategy:** Seek face-to-face opportunities to inform Hispanic community opinion leaders about our museum.
- **Tactic 1:** Address the January meeting of the city's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- Brief Description:
- Deadline:
- Budget:
- Special Requirements:



Brainstorm Tactics & Messages

- Brainstorm
- Questions









Energy Efficiency and Behavior Change

Kellie Carlson and Rachel Stern

Climate Collaborative Meeting, October 2, 2019

Climate Action Plan





- Port employee and tenant employee campaigns support our Climate Action
 Plan
- Energy usage Port-wide accounts for almost 50% of our GHG emissions
- 97% of our Port-wide energy use is from tenant operations



Why Sustainability Engagement Campaigns?





Gamification programs have resulted in energy usage reductions anywhere from 3 to 20%



Energy Goals Campaign

A sustainability employee engagement and education strategy









Energy Goals Campaign



Energy Goals Campaign-Modules





Energy Goals Campaign-Modules

- Module 1: Energy Sources
- Module 2: Energy Use
- Module 3: Energy Efficiency & Conservation
- Bonus Points

Let's earn some Bonus Points

Actions for Work

Earning extra #WaterGoals points is easy. Just choose an activity, upload your photo, and add a caption. Every activity is worth 1 point!

Actions for Home

#1	#2	#3
Get Your Succulents On	Consider Composting	Scrap Single-Use
1 point #4	1 point	1 point
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Speak Up	Snack	

Energy Goals Campaign

Lesson Activity

San Diego's Energy Mix

The electricity for the San Diego area is provided to customers by San Diego Gas & Electric. SDG&E is a pu provides energy to 3.6 million people across San Diego County and southern Orange County. Its parent com which also owns Southern California Gas Co.

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Lesson Concept

Energy Sources



Energy is everything – it's in each step we take, phone call we make, and every light we flip on – powering our lives each and every day. Where does this massive amount of energy we're all using at home, at work, and in our communities come from, and how do we "make" energy work for us? What does it mean for energy to be renewable or nonrenewable, anyway? What are the pros and cons of different energy sources and what does it mean for our individual lives and our communities? Let's find out!

What is energy?

So, you already know that you need energy to power your electronics (you're likely reading this on a computer or phone right now). But if energy is everything – then what is it, exactly? **Energy** is the ability to do work, and there are lots of different forms energy takes in order to get the job done. All living things need a constant source of energy in order to live – your body is always "doing work" to keep you alive!) This presents itself through food, water, oxygen, and a whole lot more. The Sun is constantly radiating energy that reaches the Earth, and plants, for example, use this solar energy to make their food – which we and other living organisms rely on to keep on living. Humans have figured out ways to control energy – and we are able





Energy Goals Campaign Highlights

Over 800 energy saving actions reported!

37% employee participation rate

Every department had at least 14% participation rate















Green Employee Engagement Campaign (GEEC)





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GEEC Participating Businesses



San Diego Yacht Club

12 participants Maintenance and housekeeping



San Diego Convention Center

77 participants DIEGO ntion center Various departments



Sun Harbor Marina

14 participants Boat owners and commercial tenants



Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Marina

n 17 participants Various departments



66 participants Environmental, IT, engineering, and lab staff



GEEC Program





Program by the Numbers





Activity



Use the Kill A Watt meter to measure the energy use of an electronic device- take a selfie and email to <u>rstern@portofsandiego.org</u>



Think of and list the different **types** of lighting fixtures at your home. Use the LED Bulb Purchasing Guide for reference



Find out the solar potential of your home, Visit Google's Project Sunroof at **google.com/get/sunroof**. How much money can you save?