STRATEGIC ENERGY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Program Overview

GOALS

• Establishment of a Comprehensive Tribal Energy Policy

• Incorporate Energy Efficiency, Renewable Resources into Tribal Economic Development Framework

• Capture Economic and Environmental Benefits While Maintaining Respect for Tribal Culture and Traditions
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Goals

• Create a Living Document That Will Be Responsive to the Planning Needs of the Tribe

• Insure that the Strategic Plan is Sensitive to Changes in Market Forces
How Did We Get Here?

• BIA Mineral Assessment Program Grant Phase 1 and 2 – what types of resources exist on the Reservation and what does it mean?

• Unsolicited Business Proposals to Develop Renewable Energy Projects (wind, solar, biodiesel)

• Lack of Coordinated Information Flow From Tribal Staff to Tribal Council

• The “I don’t know” answer was getting old for the Tribal Council
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

• Create a Vision for the Energy Future of the Tribe
• Build Tribal Capacity regarding Energy Issues especially Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
• Understand Tribal Energy Consumption
• Identify Tribal Energy Opportunities and Advantages