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Hi, Len, Marilee and Cheryl!

Just a quick note to wish you all a happy new year ... and to pitch a great idea we should follow up on in 2007!

Earlier this month, Rudy Gonzales and I had the opportunity to meet with Don Rodriguez and Amanda Quintero from California State University -- Channel Islands and a few folks from the community to discuss CSU CI's plans to host a community forum on sustainable practices, including energy efficiency, solar, clean transportation, etc. The discussion we had absolutely convinced me that Don and Amanda from CSU (assisted by Lupe, Carmen and Dave from the local community) have the seeds of a great idea here. Knowing the three of you as well as I do, I know that you would not forgive me if I did not immediately loop you into this opportunity. Here's what I'm thinking ...

Marilee -- I told Don and Amanda about the great support that the Alliance to Save Energy's Green Campus program gives to universities/students seeking to educate and channel student energy into tangible events, activities and practices that make a difference. Please contact Don and Amanda and give them the complete scoop on ASE's program ... I'm sure they will want to sign on.

Len -- I told the group about the cutting edge work the CSU system is doing under the CSU/UC partnership ... At a minimum, we will want to spotlight CSU's energy leadership work at this conference ... However, I think that -- with you on board to assist this effort -- we can come up with even more that can be done ... For example, in my experience, the CSU facilities management conference is a best practice in EE conferences ... I'm wondering if there are ideas/experience/connections that could be leveraged by CSU CI?

Cheryl -- There is no-way-no-how that an energy conference in the backyard of our Ventura REA partnership should go a step further without your enthusiasm, expertise and connections to the community to lend a hand ... Can we count you in? (P.S. -- Marjorie insists that I owe you a nice lunch to thanks you for your tremendous work in 2006. This is one debt I'm willing to pay ... Let's make sure we schedule a lunch meeting early in the

year!)

Seth/Ed/Dave/Mark/John/Bob/Marjorie -- This is just a heads-up note that we on the SCE team will be helping get the word out on our programs, etc at this conference ... We'll assign resources and determine contributions as the planning moves ahead.

Don and Amanda -- Thanks again for letting SCE share in your vision to make this happen ... We'll leave it to you to call us together again early in the new year so that we can get all of these tremendous resources pulling together to put on a conference that will reflect positively on the campus and its students and, more importantly, serve the community well. The SCE team and I are looking forward to working with you to make this a great success!

Final thought ... Happy new year, everyone!

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