What We Can Do Today

Enduring Understandings:

Innovative technologies and policies will address the serious problem of excessive carbon dioxide emissions and our dangerous dependence on fossil fuel.

Essential Questions:

• To what extent should energy efficiency be a part of the solution? Will we need to suffer to become energy efficient? What does this mean to you and how might it affect others?

• Which measures can families, schools and communities start right now to live efficiently and to move toward sustainability? How realistic is this?

• What about the carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere?

• Are there guiding principles embraced by the model green communities of Samso, Denmark, and Greensburg, Kansas, that should be followed by others?

• What could be the ecological-economic consequences of ignoring the dangers of climate change and not developing renewable, energy efficient technologies?

• What should be done next at the City, State and Federal levels?

“As individuals we need to make sure the homes that we live in and the places that we work are efficient and we’re using renewable energy.”

Dian Grueneich, Commissioner
California Public Utilities Commission