

# Sonoma Clean Power Update

## Welcome to the Sonoma Clean Power Monthly Update

Sonoma Clean Power is a community choice aggregation (CCA) program currently undergoing investigation and development through the Sonoma County Water Agency. CCA programs allow cities and counties to form a service area to purchase and deliver electricity to their residents. Sonoma Clean Power is being studied because it may provide multiple benefits including offering a cleaner electricity supply as well as developing local renewable energy projects.

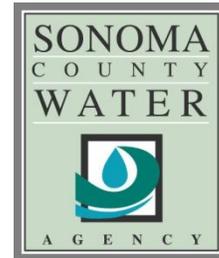
The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to provide a regular stream of information regarding the CCA effort to the public and interested parties. We thank you for your interest in this project and please let us know if you have any feedback.

## Revised Joint Powers Authority Structure Proposed

In an effort to obtain necessary information needed to estimate Sonoma Clean Power electricity rates, an initial joint powers authority is being proposed comprised of the Sonoma County Water Agency and the County of Sonoma. Until a formal entity for Sonoma Clean Power is established, there is no way to solicit pricing from electricity providers, therefore it is necessary to form Sonoma Clean Power to undergo this process. Sonoma County cities have been requesting an estimate of likely power rates as a key factor in determining if they will participate and they can join the joint powers authority as a participant or a full members at any time. For more information on the revised joint powers authority click [here](#).

## Draft Implementation Plan Under Review

A draft Implementation Plan was completed in October and has been circulated to Steering Committee members for review.



## Upcoming Public Forum Presentations

December 4 - Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

For more information, contact [Amy Bolten](#).

## Upcoming Non-Public Presentations (Private Organizations)

November 27 - Ukiah Rotary Club

For more information, contact [Amy Bolten](#).

## Follow-up Links

- [AB 117](#)
- [SB 790](#)
- [Feasibility study](#)
- [Residential market survey](#)
- [Commercial market survey](#)
- [August Newsletter](#)
- [July Newsletter](#)
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## *Local CCA News:* **Central Coast Grassroots Movement Underway**

A coalition of citizens in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties have been exploring potential benefits of community choice aggregation. We will be keeping an eye on these efforts over the coming months as they develop.

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## *CCAs Around the Country:* **Chicago Voters Approve Community Choice Aggregation**

Continuing the trend underway in Illinois on Tuesday, November 6, voters in Chicago voted to allow municipal aggregation to allow the city to purchase electricity on behalf of nearly one million residents. Since 2009 more than 250 Illinois communities have voted to approve municipal aggregation. On November 6, 221 communities had municipal aggregation on the ballot. For the full story on Chicago's historic vote please visit this [link](#).

## **Project Timeline**

March 22, 2011 - Board of Directors directs staff to investigate the creation of a CCA

October 13, 2011 - Feasibility Study Completed

April 10, 2012 - Board of Directors directs Water Agency to prepare an implementation plan and pursue the formation of a JPA

July, 2012 - Draft JPA to cities and county for review

September 2012 - Potential power providers interviewed

October 2012 - Draft Implementation Plan received

## **Projected Milestone Dates:**

December 2012 - Form JPA