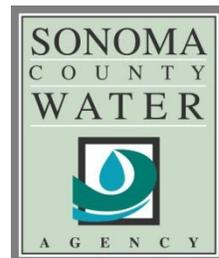


Sonoma Clean Power Update

Welcome to the Second Sonoma Clean Power Update!

The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to provide a regular stream of information regarding the community choice aggregation (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.



16 Responses Received to the Request for Information:

A Request for Information (RFI) from potential power suppliers for Sonoma Clean Power was released in June. The RFI requested information from companies on experience, efficiency programs, financing mechanisms and other services that would be required to help shape the SCP program design and implementation plan. 16 responses were received from potential suppliers.

Exploring a Joint Powers Authority:

In order to allow collective participation in a community choice aggregation program a separate legal entity would need to be formed. One such structure would be a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and would have the additional benefit of allowing participating jurisdictions to protect their general funds from any contractual liability or debt incurred through the CCA program. A draft JPA structure has been circulated to sonoma county city managers for their review.

Local CCA News:

Larkspur municipality opts to buy power from Marin Energy Authority

Larkspur City Council voted 4-0-1 on Wednesday, July 18th, to purchase the city's power from MEA's "light green" program. "Choosing (Marin Clean Energy) supports local community programs and projects," Mayor Len Rifkind said in an email. "As a customer of Marin Clean Energy, a portion of the money spent by Larkspur on its electric bills will be redirected to stay in Marin" Rifkind also cited the program's ability to help Larkspur reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and the need to set an example so new renewable energy initiatives move forward in California. The move will cost Larkspur an estimated \$1,500 a year more than going with PG&E, City Manager Dan Schwarz said in a report prepared for the meeting. (Marin Independent Journal, July 21, 2012)

Upcoming Public Presentations

August 8 at 7pm - City of Cotati

August 14 at 5pm - City of Rohnert Park

August 15 at 6pm - Town of Windsor

August 20 at 5pm - City of Sonoma

August 21 at 6pm - City of Sebastopol

August 28 at 10:30am - City of Cloverdale

September 17 at 7pm - City of Petaluma

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

Local CCA News:

City of Novato opts out of MEA

In June the Novato City Council voted 4-1-0 to opt out of Marin Energy Authority (MEA). By opting out of MEA, Novato will continue to buy power for the city's various municipal services from Pacific Gas and Electric Co. Novato's reason for opting out was connected to the costs associated with buying power from MCE. Officials cited projections that electricity from the authority's renewable energy program, Marin Clean Energy, would cost \$7,800 a year more than PG&E's power, a premium of about 2 percent. (Marin Independent Journal, June 13, 2012)

CCA's Around the Country:

San Diego Energy District Foundation

In 2011, the San Diego Energy District (SDED) Foundation was formed to bring together and organize the citizens of San Diego who saw the benefits in the establishment of a Local Energy Cooperative under Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). As part of the SDED Foundation's efforts, it educates citizens and elected officials of San Diego County about energy choice, competitive rates, innovation, financing, and greater economic development from local energy projects focused on energy efficiency, solar, and other forms of local renewable generation. Currently the SDED Foundation is seeking funding to create a CCA Formation Roadmap which will assess the interest of CCA formation throughout multiple Southern California communities including San Diego County, Riverside County, Orange County, Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County.

Follow-up Links

[AB 117](#)
[SB 790](#)
[Feasibility study](#)
[Residential market survey](#)
[Commercial market survey](#)

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 perform residential and commercial opinion surveys, prepare an implementation plan and pursue the formation of a JPA

July, 2012 - Draft JPA to cities and county for approval and formation

Projected

September, 2012 - Potential power providers interviewed and selected

October, 2012 - Draft implementation Plan received

March, 2013 - RFP for power supply issued

June, 2013 - Begin opt-out period

August, 2013 - Begin power supply to customers