



Sonoma County Efficiency Financing Program Newsletter April 2013

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Strength in Numbers

We are delighted that 54 schools, 2 cities, 2 government agencies, a water district and a hospital are participating in the program.

Questions?

If you have any questions or comments about the Sonoma County Efficiency Financing Program, please contact Dale Roberts at (707) 547 1979 or Dale.Roberts@scwa.ca.gov. We are available to answer any questions you may have and assist you through this process.



Foundation for
Renewable Energy & Environment

The Sustainable Energy Utility Program was designed and is being implemented with the assistance of Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment (FREE). www.freefutures.org

Welcome to the Sonoma County Efficiency Financing (SCEF) Program Newsletter. This newsletter is intended as a vehicle to keep the public informed of the program as it progresses. We thank you for your interest in the program and look forward to hearing your questions and comments.

Preliminary Audit Results Complete

Most participants have completed their preliminary audits and are now evaluating moving ahead to the next program phase, investment grade energy and water audits. Investment grade audits are a very thorough process which outlines energy and water saving measures that the energy service companies guarantee will achieve a set amount of financial savings. These audits must be at least within 90% of the savings identified through the preliminary audit.

SCEF Highlighted at OPR Roundtable

On March 18th, the SCEF Program was featured on the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Local Government Roundtable conference call. This bimonthly conference call is a dynamic way for governments to interact and discuss important issues. We are honored to have been included in the energy efficiency financing discussion and to have the chance to educate others about our program.

Program Sparks Interest in Other Counties

Other counties around California have started to indicate interest in this financial model. If your county, city or school district would like more information please contact us and we would be happy to connect you with our team.

What is the SCEF Program?

The Sonoma County Water Agency has launched a program to finance energy efficiency and water conservation retrofits for public and non-profit institutions. The Sonoma County Efficiency Financing (SCEF) program is a scaled down version of a Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) model which was developed by Dr. John Byrne and his colleagues at the Center for Energy & Environmental Policy at the University of Delaware. The first SEU model was adopted by the State of Delaware and is currently implementing nearly \$73M in energy and water retrofit projects at public facilities in the State.

Under the SCEF Program, participating organizations will contract with an Energy Service Company to complete energy and water conservation measures using standardized contract language that protects the owner. Improvements could include: street lighting; building lighting; pumps; HVAC; system controls; boilers; chillers; ducting; windows; partial roofing; toilets; and others.

The participating organizations will receive substantial utility cost savings, including a contractual guarantee sufficient to cover the full cost of all retrofit work. The Program intends to use tax-exempt bonds to finance the projects.

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