

## Welcome and Call to Order

## Roll Call



## Land Acknowledgement

## Special Presentations and Introductions

#### Welcome Staff









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# Items to be Withdrawn or Reordered on the Agenda

## Public Comment on non-Agenda Items

## Consent Calendar

- 1. Approve September 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- 2. Receive and File Treasurer's Report for Period Ending July 31, 2025
- 3. Receive and File Update on Programs
- 4. Receive and File Update on Power Services
- 5. Receive and File Update on Customer Operations
- 6. Receive and File Update on IT and Data Analytics
- 7. Receive and File Update on Human Resources
- 8. Receive and File Community Advisory Committee Monthly Update
- 9. Receive and File Update on Marketing, Public Relations, and Local Government Affairs
- 10. Receive and File Update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs
- 11. Approve Annual Energy Usage and Voting Shares Update
- 12. Approve Amendment No. 5 to Agreement with Neyenesch Printers for Printing, Mailing and Postage Services to Extend the Term to December 31, 2026 and Increase the Contract Not-to-Exceed amount by \$900,000 for a total Contract Not-To-Exceed amount of \$2,128,218
- Approve Non-Material Revisions to FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget, the FY 2025-2026 Capital Budget, and the FY 2026-2030 Capital Investment Plan
- 14. Approve Updated 2026 Board Meeting Schedule
- 15. Receive and File Update on Pilot Projects



## **Public Comment on Consent Calendar**

## Regular Agenda

- 16. San Diego Regional Energy Academy Update
- 17. Fiscal Year End 2024-25 Financial Audit Progress Report Presentation
- 18. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-20, Approving a Third Revision to the Financial Reserves Policy
- 19. Approve Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group for Long-Term Load Forecasting
- 20. Approve Master Agreement with Yes Energy, LLC for Short-term Load Forecasting Services
- 21. Approve First Amendment to the Voluntary Allocation Market Offer confirmation with San Diego Gas and Electric Company
- 22. Approve Amended and Restated Energy Storage Service Agreement for the Chula Vista Energy Center 2
- 23. San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) Update



#### Item No. 16

## San Diego Regional Energy Academy Update

#### Recommendation:

Receive and file an update on the San Diego Regional Energy Academy.



Presenters:

Lee Friedman, Senior Manager Strategic Partnerships Darbi Berry, San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative

# The San Diego Regional Energy Academy

October 2025



## **Program Administrators**



The Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) is a research center of the USD School of Law that studies energy policy issues affecting California and the San Diego region. EPIC's mission is to increase awareness and understanding of energy- and climate-related policy issues by conducting research and analysis to inform decision-makers and educating law students.



The San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative (SDRCC) was established in 2011 as a network for public agencies to advance comprehensive solutions to facilitate climate change planning. SDRCC serves as a resilience hub and a catalyst for collaborative, cross-jurisdictional work to share expertise and leverages resources in the San Diego region.

# Inaugural Funding & Foundational Program Partners



San Diego Community Power (Community Power)



San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

**Program Sponsors** 



## **Program Overview**

The San Diego Regional Energy Academy is an in-person, multi-day program that aims to elevate the "Energy IQ" of San Diego's community leaders. Program content is designed to increase participants knowledge and literacy of our region's complex energy landscape.





## **Program Goals**

#### During the course, participants:

- Explore core energy principles and their application on the ground
- Understand the San Diego region's power and energy system
- Assess and explore the intersections between energy, climate impacts, and equity
- Gain insights on how electrification and decarbonization can help build community resilience
- Participate in field trips to engage with key learning concepts directly



## Providing Multiple Benefits to the Region

- Networking and Collaboration: The Academy is open to multi-sectoral community leaders and aims to support participant collaboration and networking. Graduates of the program will also have the opportunity to join the Energy Academy Alumni Network.
- <u>Capacity Building:</u> The Academy will fill knowledge gaps regarding the complexities of the energy landscape to equip participants to support and implement energy programs.
- A Just Transition: The Academy will provide access to resources free of charge to promote diverse participation in the energy sector to ensure a more just transition.
- Advancing Climate Action: The Academy will support the ability of community leaders to influence energy policies and promote equitable climate solutions.



## **Expanding Impact: Energy Academy Alumni Network**

- Ongoing & Sustained Engagement: Graduates of the Energy Academy join a growing network of leaders who remain connected to one another through professional development opportunities, regional events, and peer learning.
- <u>Cross-Sector Collaboration:</u> Alumni represent a wide range of sectors including local and state agencies, nonprofits, tribal-serving organizations, and private industry—enabling diverse cross-sector partnerships.
- <u>Continued Learning:</u> Future phases of the program will include alumni mixers, issue-specific workshops, and a dedicated LinkedIn group to support knowledge sharing and career growth.
- Regional Impact: The alumni network strengthens regional leadership capacity and helps sustain momentum toward San Diego's clean energy and climate resilience goals.



### **Launching the Alumni Network**

- The <u>Energy Academy Alumni Network was</u> <u>launched this Fall</u> for program graduates
- Programming will include:
  - Sustained Engagement & Learning
  - Intentional & Targeted Networking
     Opportunities
  - Deeper Learning & Expanded Content Coverage
- Our first event on October 1st included guest speakers from San Diego Community Power, EDF Renewables, and PowerFlex discussing federal impacts



## By the Numbers

- Past participants reported an average increase of 40% in their "Energy IQ"
- After completion of the program and 100% of past participants would recommend the Energy Academy to a colleague
- The first three cohorts have provided energy education programming to 90+ diverse regional leaders across a broad range of sectors
- We received 300+ applications across the first three cohorts, showing high demand and broad interest in the program; each cohort has ~30-35 students



## **Looking Ahead**

- Cohort 3 was completed in October 2025, we received <u>nearly 100 applications</u> this cycle, with 34 graduates
- This Cohort featured four full days of engagement, curriculum, and field trips, creating more time for:
  - Content Development & Classroom Learning
  - Network & Relationship Building
  - Cross Pollination & Guest Speakers
- We will launch Cohort 4 in Spring of 2026



## Program at a Glance

#### **Day 1:**

 Energy Foundations 101 Core Curriculum & Procurement Group Activities at San Diego Community Power

#### <u>Day 2:</u>

- Field Trip to Mission Control Center Understanding Grid Operations at SDG&E
- Navigating Energy Costs & Exploring Complex Issues Battery Storage

#### <u>Day 3:</u>

- Energy Equity & Environmental Justice Guest Speakers
- Field Trip to San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

#### Day 4:

- Field Trip to UCSD Decarbonization & Innovations
- Climate Change & Resilience SDG&E Emergency Operations



### **Participant Testimonials**

"The San Diego Regional Academy is an incredible opportunity to not only deepen your knowledge of the energy industry, but also to build meaningful connections with professionals from across the region. The content and value packed into this program is better than what you get at many industry conferences."



### **Participant Testimonials**

"The Energy Academy is a powerful experience for energy novices and experts alike. You are immersed in the complex energy world around us and the classroom learning is masterfully blended with field trips to give you a complete perspective. The program is perfectly planned and organized and it really helps foster new relationships between the diverse crowd of participants, for me multiple of those connections have led to new business opportunities."



## Thank You!



Questions: Energyacademy@sandiego.edu

# Public Comment on Item No. 16

#### Item No. 16

# Board Members Comments or Questions

San Diego Regional Energy Academy Update

#### **Recommendation:**

Receive and file an update on the San Diego Regional Energy Academy.



#### Item No. 17

Fiscal Year End 2024-25 Financial Audit Progress Report Presentation



#### Recommendation:

Receive and File Fiscal Year End 2024-25 Financial Audit Progress Report Presentation.

Presenters:

Dr. Eric Washington, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Kellin Gilbert and Alauna Rico, Sorren



### San Diego Community Power Board of Directors Meeting October 23, 2025



#### Introduction



#### Kellin Gilbert, CPA

**Audit Partner** 

17 years in public accounting and performing audits of government entities Currently working with several CCA's throughout California

#### Alauna Rico

**Audit Senior Associate** 

4 years in public accounting and performing audits of governments (CCA's)

#### **Transition to Sorren CPAs P.C.**



As of May 2025, legacy Pisenti & Brinker combined practices with several other like-sized firms and rebranded as one unified firm "Sorren."

By combining resources with the strategic merger, we can make even greater investments in technology as well as our greatest assets, our people and clients.

Sorren is a new national top 50 firm and currently has over twenty office locations and almost a thousand employees.

The Santa Rosa office will continue to be the lead office for San Diego Community Power. No changes to the current engagement team, costs or timing of the services we provide to SDCP.

#### **Results of Current Year Audit**



The 2025 audit is near completion. We plan on reporting the following:

- Unmodified opinion Based on our audit, the financial statements are materially accurate.
- No significant deficiencies or material weakness in internal control noted.

## Audit of the year ended June 30, 2025 Financial Statements



#### Relative Roles & Responsibilities

- Management is responsible for preparing the Financial Statements and establishing a system of internal control.
- Auditor is responsible for auditing the Financial Statements
  - Considering risks of material misstatement in the Financial Statements
  - Considering internal controls relevant to the Financial Statements
  - Performing tests of year-end balances based on risk assessment
  - Evaluating adequacy of disclosures

## Risk Assessment for the year ended June 30, 2025



Our audit is a risk-based audit. Risk assessment procedures include:

- Gain an understanding of the entity's operating characteristics, practices, and procedures.
- Compare to our knowledge of similar entities, industry, and professional guidance.
- Review procedures and controls surrounding significant transaction cycles and business processes.

## Risk Assessment for the year ended June 30, 2025



Significant areas of focus for the audit:

- Revenue recognition
  - Accounts receivable and accrued revenue
    - Test a sample of customer billings
    - Relate total cash received during the year to revenue
    - Review revenue recognition through year-end and method for determining (accrued revenue)
- Cash & Investments
  - Confirmations sent to financial institutions
- Accrued Cost of Electricity
  - Review subsequent bills from electricity providers and cash payments
- Financial Statement Note Disclosures Complete and without bias

### **Required Board Communications**



- There were no new material accounting policies adopted by San Diego Community Power throughout the period audited.
- No alternative treatments of accounting principles for material items in the financial statements have been discussed with management.
- We are not expecting to propose any adjustments to the financial statements.
- We have not identified any significant or unusual transactions or applications of accounting principles where a lack of authoritative guidance exists.
- There have been no disagreements with management concerning the scope of our audit, the application of accounting principles, or the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters.
- We have not encountered any difficulties in dealing with management during the performance of our audit.



## Public Comment on Item No. 17

## Board Members Comments or Questions



### Recommendation:

Receive and File Fiscal Year End 2024-25 Financial Audit Progress Report Presentation.

Fiscal Year End 2024-25 Financial Audit Progress Report Presentation

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-20, Approving a Third Revision to the Financial Reserves Policy



### Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-20, Approving a Third Revision to the Financial Reserves Policy.

Presenter:
Jeb Spengler, Sr. Strategic Finance Manager

### Item 18: Revision to Financial Reserves Policy

San Diego Community Power will maintain Financial Reserves as described in this policy to:

- Meet Community Power's strategic objectives
- Secure, maintain, and/or improve a standalone investment grade credit rating
- Secure favorable terms with vendors, including power producers
- Satisfy working capital requirements
- Adhere to contractual bank covenants
- Provide funds to cover unanticipated expenditures
- Support rate stability

### Reserve Policy Timeline

#### **June 2021**

Community Power Board adopts initial Reserve Policy 2020-04

#### February 2022

Community Power
Board approves First
Revision to Reserve
Policy authorizing
delegated conditions
for the use of
Reserves

#### **June 2024**

Community Power
Board approves
Second Revision to
Reserve Policy with
comprehensive
updates to goals, use
of excess reserves
and clarifying
definitions

#### October 2025

Recommended Board approval of Third Revision to Reserve Policy to update Days Cash on Hand definition to include Investments

#### Q1 2026

Comprehensive
Risk and
Reserves policy
review and update
to the Board





## Reserve Policy Update

## **Contribution:** Discretionary

Current Goal: 180-Days Cash on Hand

The contribution to Reserves is determined through Community Power's annual budget process as defined in the agency's Budget Policy and/or Community Power's rate setting process as defined in the agency's Rate Development Policy.

#### **Definitions**

**Reserves:** Net Position

Days cash on hand:

(unrestricted cash and cash
equivalents) x 365 /

(operating expenses for the
current fiscal year)

#### **Definitions**

**Reserves:** Net Position

### Days cash on hand:

(unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, and investments unencumbered by legal agreements and not earmarked for specific purposes) x 365 / (operating expenses for the current fiscal year)

**Proposed Policy** 

## Public Comment on Item No. 18

# Board Members Comments or Questions

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-20, Approving a Third Revision to the Financial Reserves Policy

### **Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-20, Approving a Third Revision to the Financial Reserves Policy.

Approve Agreement with Aspen
Environmental Group for Long-Term Load
Forecasting



Presenters:
Jennine Camara, Director of Portfolio Management

### Recommendation:

Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group for a twoyear Long-term Load Forecasting and Compliance services agreement including a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.00 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract. This agreement is to develop, test, and support implementation of a customized long-term model to forecast hourly and aggregate customer demand for use in Community Power's financial and resource planning.



### **Background**

- Community Power's long-term forecast for customer demand is critical to cost-effectively meet its goal to supply customers with 100% renewable energy by 2035.
- Community Power previously contracted entirely for these services, but is transitioning to in-house Power Services staff.
- As part of a competitive bidding process, staff evaluated load forecasting and compliance support services.

### Long-term forecasting: a key to meeting goals

#### **Long-term forecasting is needed to:**

- Plan for future electricity resources, including cost-of-service analysis, rate design studies and evaluation of future scenarios
- Provide regulatory compliance filings to the California Energy Commission
- Report that Community Power is meeting and can meet its renewable portfolio standard requirements with the California Public Utilities Commission
- Act as a key input to Community Power's financial modeling and risk analysis
- Inform rate design

### Long-term forecasting supports two strategic plan goals:

- Develop a clean energy portfolio with renewable content of 100% no later than 2035
- Prudently manage the power portfolio to minimize risk and customer costs



### Competitive process provides an experienced partner

- Community Power staff recommends the approval of a two-year agreement with Aspen Environmental Group following a request for proposal process.
- Aspen is a California-based corporation with extensive experience in economics, modeling and policy, and working with Community Choice Aggregators, municipal utilities and other California public agencies.
- Aspen's team will develop, test and support the implementation of a customized long-term model to forecast
  hourly and aggregate customer demand for Community Power financial and energy resource planning functions.
- The two-year contract provides time for the development and customization of Community Power's long-term model.





### **Impact**

- The forecast outputs will align with Community Power's internal financial modeling framework and provide load forecasts by rate class, month and time-of-use period.
- It also supports more sophisticated financial modeling and scenario analysis as our region electrifies, has more electric vehicles, distributed energy resources and data center loads.
- This supports the continued improvement for strategic decision-making around forward procurement of energy resources to meet customer demand and Community Power's renewable targets
- The agreement is subject to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 over a two-year term, with an option to extend services for an additional year if both parties agree and if funds remain.
- The costs associated with the agreement have been included in the approved Fiscal Year 2025-2026 operating budget.



## Public Comment on Item No. 19

## Board Members Comments or Questions

Approve Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group for Long-Term Load Forecasting

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group for a two-year Long-term Load Forecasting and Compliance services agreement including a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.00 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract. This agreement is to develop, test, and support implementation of a customized long-term model to forecast hourly and aggregate customer demand for use in Community Power's financial and resource planning.



Approve Master
Agreement with Yes
Energy, LLC for Shortterm Load Forecasting
Services



### Recommendation:

Approve the Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Yes Energy, LLC and service order for Short-term Load Forecasting services ("TESLA Custom Forecast"), for an initial 12-month term, and automatic annual renewals, not to exceed 5-years, or \$422,935.00 for Short-term Load Forecasting services; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract.



### **Background**

- Community Power's short-term forecast of customer demand is required for daily operations.
- Community Power previously contracted with Tenaska Power Services, but is transitioning to a new vendor after a competitive process.

### Short-term forecasting: ensuring customer demand is met

#### Short-term forecasting is needed to:

- Efficiently plan and schedule in the day-ahead market timeframe
- Participate in the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) integrated forward market (or "day-ahead market") to balance the electric supply and demand on an hourly basis
- Effectively influence the balance of energy charges and real-time market costs in an effort to save ratepayer dollars
- Inform the Community Power Programs team when to dispatch demand-side energy resources and programs to capture the greatest benefit for customers

### Short-term forecasting supports the strategic plan goal to:

• Prudently manage the power portfolio to minimize risk and customer costs

### Competitive process provides an experienced partner

- Community Power staff recommends the approval of a one-year agreement with Yes Energy with annual renewals for up to four additional years, after a competitive request for proposals process.
- After the initial 12-month term, Community Power can elect to terminate services without penalty.
- The Yes Energy team will develop multiple load forecasting models reflecting total electric usage based on customer class and geographic area, the developed forecasts will then be used to produce a forecast of Community Power's aggregate hourly demand for submittal to California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) each day.
- The agreement includes access for Community Power to receive the daily forecast for scheduling at no additional cost and includes weekly forecast error reports for staff to track and recommend continuous improvements.





### **Impact**

- Staff expect ongoing improvements to Community Power's short-term load forecasting to reduce overall costs associated with market participation.
- Total agreement will not-to-exceed \$422,935.00 over the maximum 5-year term length.
- The costs associated with the function of short-term load forecasting are included in the approved Fiscal Year 2025-2026 operating budget.

## Public Comment on Item No. 20

## Board Members Comments or Questions

Approve Master Agreement with Yes Energy, LLC for Short-term Load Forecasting Services

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Yes Energy, LLC and service order for Short-term Load Forecasting services ("TESLA Custom Forecast"), for an initial 12month term, and automatic annual renewals, not to exceed 5-years for Short-term Load Forecasting services; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract for a not to exceed amount of \$422,935.00 over the maximum 5-year term



Approve First
Amendment to the
Voluntary Allocation
Market Offer
confirmation with San
Diego Gas and Electric
Company



### Recommendation:

Approve the proposed First Amendment to the Voluntary Allocation Market Offer ("VAMO") confirmation with San Diego Gas and Electric Company and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement.

Presenters: Kenny Key, Director of Power Contracts

### Item 21: VAMO Amendment Background

- On December 20, 2021 Community Power executed a confirm with SDG&E for the Voluntary Allocation Market Offer ("VAMO")
- VAMO was directed by the CPUC to allow Community Power to purchase the renewable attributes from projects SDG&E contracted with before the load migrated to Community Power
- The original VAMO contracted has a delivery term ending December 31, 2033
- The CPUC directed SDG&E to offer the volumes through the end of the underlying projects contract life, thus requiring an amendment to the VAMO contract



### Item 21: VAMO Amendment Scope

- The First Amendment simply modifies the Delivery Period in the contract from ending on December 31, 2033 to:
  - "the date Seller no longer receives Product from any of the contracts in the Project, unless this Agreement is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Agreement"
- Community Power expects this Amendment to add volumes from 2034-2042 averaging ~1M RECs per year



## Public Comment on Item No. 21

## Board Members Comments or Questions

Approve First Amendment to the Voluntary Allocation Market Offer confirmation with San Diego Gas and Electric Company

### Recommendation:

Approve the proposed First Amendment to the Voluntary Allocation Market Offer confirmation with San Diego Gas and Electric Company and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement.



Approve Amended and Restated Energy Storage Service Agreement for the Chula Vista Energy Center 2



### Recommendation:

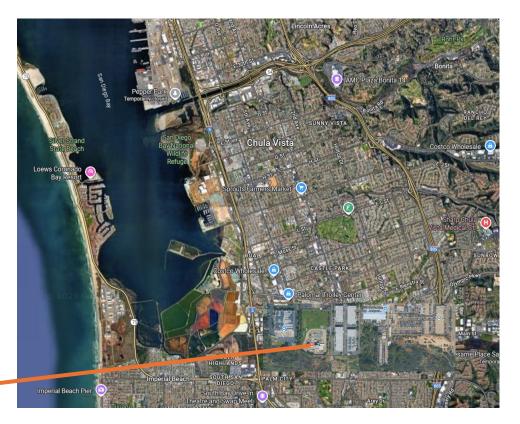
Approve the proposed Amended and Restated 15-year Energy Storage Service Agreement with Chula Vista Energy Center, LLC for a 49.7 MW/198.8 MWh, 4-hour battery energy storage facility and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement.

Presenter: Kenny Key, Director of Power Contracts

### CVEC2: Project Summary and Background

- Chula Vista Energy Center 2 (CVEC2) is a stand-alone storage project being developed by Wellhead Electric Company, Inc. (Wellhead)
- 49.7MW/198.8MWh (4-hour) lithium-ion battery
- Location: Chula Vista
- BOD Actions: Approved Jan 18, 2024







### CVEC2: Key Terms

- **Product:** Full Toll and Resource Adequacy benefits
- Pricing: Fixed for a 15-year term
- **Timeline:** Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date is June 1, 2026
- Community Power would receive financial compensation in the event of seller's failure to successfully achieve certain development milestones as well as seller's failure to meet guaranteed efficiency rates once the project is operational.



### CVEC2: Amendment Scope

- Increased price due to tariff impacts
- Increased number of cycles per day
- Pricing adjustment if commercial operations are delayed
- Clean up edits for resource availability calculations and slice of day resource adequacy accounting



### CVEC2: Project Summary – Battery Technology

- Chula Vista Energy Center 2 (CVEC2) has selected batteries supplied by Tesla
  - Tesla MegaPack2XL's have an excellent safety record
  - Since 2023, 10,000 MegaPack2XL's have been placed into service with no major incidents
- MegPack 2XL design features with an objective of safety
  - Purpose built containers with California Fire Code compliant spacing
  - Liquid cooling system
  - Relatively small grouping of cells
  - Lithium-Iron Phosphate (LFP) chemistry that is intrinsically very safe and design limits
    potential for thermal runaway without external activation



### CVEC2: Workforce Development and Community Benefits

- Wellhead is committed to using union labor at the project and has entered into a Project Labor Agreement and a Maintenance Labor Agreement
- Project development will bring approximately **130 clean-energy** jobs throughout construction and will be staffed during operations by Wellhead's 6-person San Diego area O&M staff.
- Project is located in a disadvantaged community and will help displace local and regional gasfired generation in peak hours and fewer renewable curtailments will occur.
- Wellhead is providing approximately **\$200,000** in community benefits which include:
  - Donations and scholarships to local elementary and high schools for VEX robotic and CTE construction programs
  - Scholarships focusing on the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
  - Donations to programs sponsored by the San Diego County local building trades
  - Substantial contribution to the Community Investment Fund
- Annual Property **Tax revenues of nearly \$800,000** for schools and city services
  - Approx. \$350,000 per year for schools
  - Approx. \$185,000 per year for the Chula Vista General Fund



## CVEC2: Staff Analysis

- The project would contribute to Community Power's local capacity target and provide local RA
- The long-term purchase of capacity, energy arbitrage, and ancillary services will provide Community Power with significant value and cost certainty over the term of this ESSA



# Public Comment on Item No. 22

## Item No. 22

# Board Members Comments or Questions

Approve Amended and Restated Energy Storage Service Agreement for the Chula Vista Energy Center 2

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the proposed Amended and Restated 15-year Energy Storage Service Agreement with Chula Vista Energy Center, LLC for a 49.7 MW/198.8 MWh, 4-hour battery energy storage facility and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement.



Item No. 23

## San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) Update



### Recommendation:

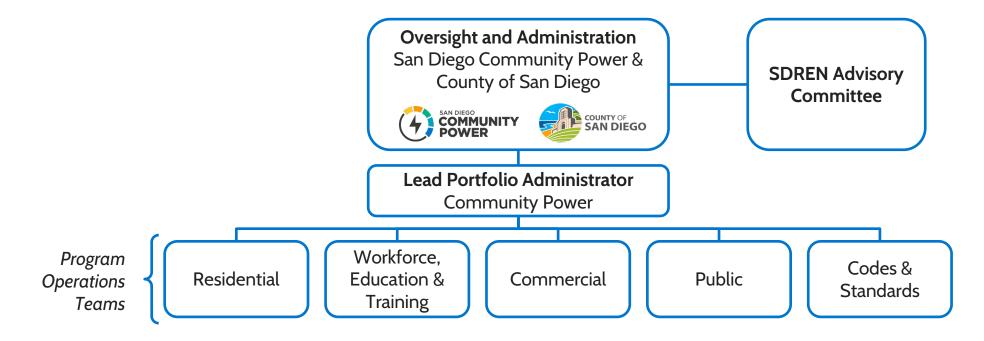
Receive and file update on San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) progress.

#### Presenters:

Sheena Tran, Associate Director of Programs Amy Whitehouse, Senior Program Manager Marissa Van Sant, Senior Program Manager Alyson Scurlock, Senior Program Associate

## San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) Background

- Approval: SDREN was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on August 1, 2024
- Budget: SDREN approved for \$124M to administer a portfolio of 10 energy efficiency programs (2024-2027)
- Target: Programs target underserved and hard-to-reach residents, businesses, public agencies, and Tribal governments across the region
- Primary focus to date: Program launch and CPUC compliance activities, SDREN Advisory Committee planning



#### January 2024

SDREN Business Plan Application submitted

#### February 2025

Phase 1 RFPs released (cross-cutting sector programs)

#### May 2025

Phase 3 RFPs released (commercial sector programs)

#### Timeline

#### August 2024

SDREN Business Plan Application approved by CPUC

#### **March 2025**

Phase 2 RFPs released (public and residential sector programs)

#### Q1 - Q2 2026

Estimated program launches



## **Program Solicitations**

#### Phase 1

Workforce Development & Codes and Standards Programs

- Energy Pathways\*
   \$5,556,916
- Workforce Training and Capacity Building\*
  - \$9,028,535
- Codes and Standards\*
   \$5,077,756

#### Phase 2

Public & Residential Programs

- Climate Resilience Leadership \$9,740,641 (DI), \$7,442,846 (I)
- Tribal Engagement \$1,389,551
- Single-Family
   \$6,367,475 (DI), \$12,416,267 (I)
- Multifamily
   \$3,492,276 (DI), \$6,539,071 (I)

#### Phase 3

Commercial Programs

- Efficient Refrigeration
   \$2,028,045 (DI), \$4,074,678 (I)
- Market Access Program
   \$4,597,330 (DI), \$9,006,228 (I)
- Small-Medium Business Energy Coach
  - \$6,567,110 (DI), \$2,016,518 (I)



Workforce Development



## Youth and Adult Workforce Development

## Workforce Training and Capacity Building Program

- Train individuals for green careers and provide support to employers for ongoing training for employees
- Target audience
  - Job seekers, employers
- Program services
  - No cost training programs, job placement, wraparound services

#### **Energy Pathways Program**

- Connect high school students to green career opportunities
- Target audience
  - High school students, educators
- Program services
  - No cost courses, dual enrollment, internships, mentorship, wraparound services



Public Agencies (4)



## **Public Agencies**

#### **Codes and Standards Program**

- Improve regional compliance for Title 24 and support jurisdictions with reach codes
- Target audience
  - Jurisdictions and permitting officials
- Program services
  - Technical assistance, in-person energy code coach support, reach code support

#### Climate Resilience Leadership Program

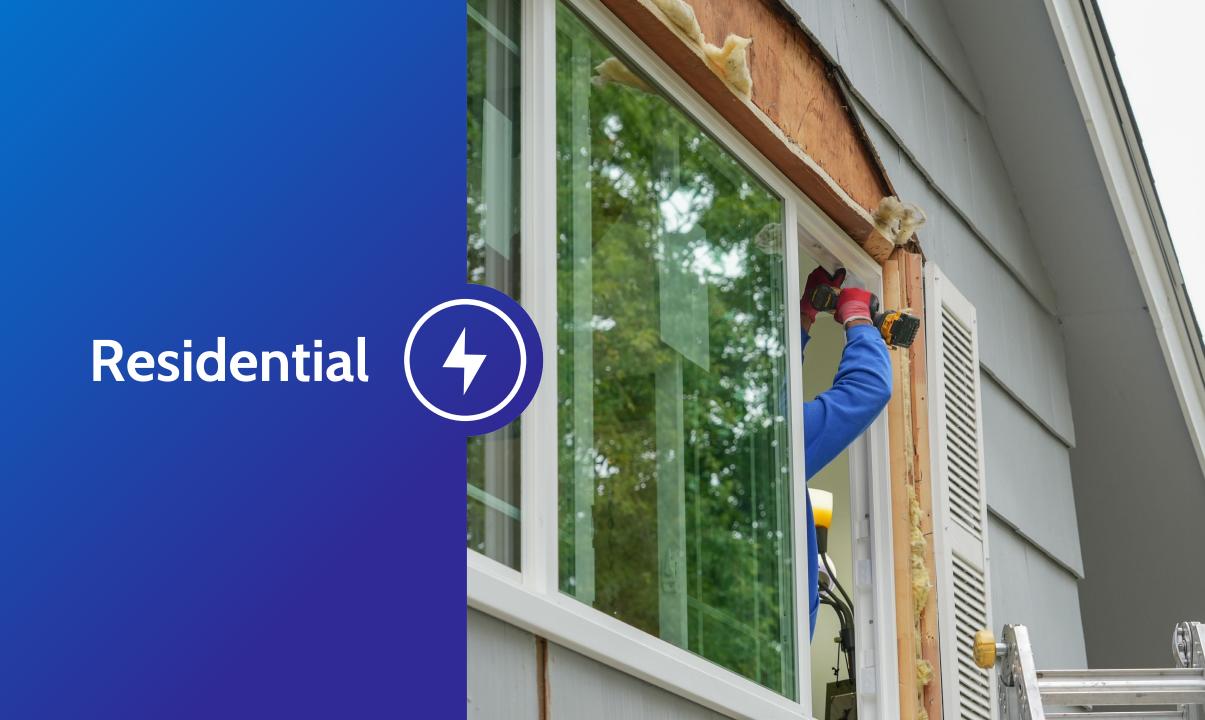
- Remove barriers for public agencies to complete energy efficiency projects
- Target audience
  - Local governments, Tribal governments, school districts
- Program services
  - Technical assistance, incentives, project management support

#### **Tribal Governments**

#### Tribal Engagement Program

- Fund and support Tribal governments' energy efficiency initiatives
- Target audience
  - San Diego's 17 federally recognized Tribal governments
- Program services
  - o Technical assistance, direct funding, referrals to other programs





## Residential (Single-family and Multifamily)

#### Single-Family Program

- Provide low-to-no cost energy efficiency upgrades and technical assistance for single-family/mobile homeowners and renters
- Target audience
  - Residents of single-family and mobile homes
- Program services
  - Energy efficiency kits, technical assistance, no-cost energy efficiency measures & incentives

#### **Multifamily Program**

- Provide low-to-no cost energy efficiency upgrades and technical assistance for multifamily property owners and renters
- Target audience
  - Residents multifamily properties w/ 2+ units
- Program services
  - Energy efficiency kits, technical assistance, no-cost energy efficiency measures & incentives





Commercial (4)

#### **Commercial**

#### Small-to-Medium Business (SMB) Energy Coach Program

- No-cost energy coaching and energy efficiency upgrades that help businesses lower energy costs
- Target audience
  - Small and medium sized businesses
- Program services
  - Concierge-style advisory services, technical assistance and no-cost EE measures

#### **Market Access Program**

- Performance-based incentives for contractors that reduce demand through projects with verified energy savings
- Target audience
  - Small and medium sized businesses
- Program services
  - Clear incentive rates and flexible measures for contractors, cost savings for SMBs

#### **Efficient Refrigeration Program**

- No-cost efficient refrigeration equipment and technical assistance
- Target audience
  - Corner stores, small grocery stores, small businesses
- Program services
  - No-cost equipment, energy savings, improve access to fresh food



# Public Comment on Item No. 23

### Item No. 23

# Board Members Comments or Questions

San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) Update

### Recommendation:

Receive and file update on San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) progress.



## **Chief Executive Officer Report**

## San Diego Community Power in the Community



Solar Battery Savings Press Conference



Tree San Diego



San Diego Startup Week





## **Looking Ahead**

- Jackie Robinson YMCA Resource Fair on November
   5 in San Diego
- MAAC Community Center Food Bank on November
   20 in Chula Vista
- Surfrider Beach Cleanup on November 22 in Encinitas

## **Board Member Announcements**

## Adjournment



Next Regular Community
Power Board Meeting
November 20, 2025

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