

# Community Advisory Committee

**Regular Meeting** 

March 13, 2025













#### Welcome New CAC Member



Ross Pike
County of San Diego (Unincorporated)
Representative



#### **Welcome Staff**



**Jennine Camara** Director of Portfolio Management



**Stephen Yi Associate Director of** Data Analytics and IT





**Amy Biltz Ruby Laity** Information Technology Assistant General Counsel System Analyst







### Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of January 16, 2025, CAC Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2. Receive and File Update on Marketing, Public Relations, and Local Government Affairs
- 3. Receive and File Update on Customer Operations
- 4. Receive and File Update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs
- 5. Receive and File Update on Programs
- 6. Receive and File Update on Power Services



### Regular Agenda

- 7. Strategic Planning Goals for FY2026-2028
- 8. Update on 2025 Rate Adjustment
- 9. Update on Community Clean Energy Grant Program

#### Item No. 7

#### Strategic Plan Goals FY 2026 – FY 2028

#### **Recommendation:**

Recommend Board approval of San Diego Community Power Strategic Plan Goals for FY 26-28.

<u>Presenter</u>:

Karin Burns, Chief Executive Officer



### Our Agenda

- ✓ Review of what is Not Changing
- ✓ Review & Discuss Proposed Goals from each department level team
- ✓ Feedback /Q&A
- ✓ Next Steps



**Mission** — To provide affordable clean energy and invest in the community to create an equitable and sustainable future for the San Diego region





**Vision** — To become a global leader and inspire innovative solutions to climate change by powering our communities with 100% affordable clean energy while prioritizing equity and sustainability



### Values: The "JIST" of Community Power

#### Our core values:

- Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)
- Impact
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Servant Leadership
- Togetherness











Practice fiscal strategies to promote long-term organizational sustainability



- Execute at least 6 clean pre-payment transactions over the next 3 years aimed at generating \$30M of annual savings on power costs
- Obtain a public investment grade credit rating by November 2027
- ✓ Build reserves by \$150M to maintain a reserve target of at least 180 Days Cash On Hand by December 2027
- ✓ Develop Rate Stabilization Reserve of \$70M to mitigate power cost fluctuations and economic downturns
- Continue to enhance and implement financial controls and policies to meet or exceed best practices - including contracting, risk management, and procurement





Provide sufficient, reasonably priced, clean electricity to our customers

- ✓ Develop a clean energy portfolio with renewable content of 100% no later than 2035, with interim targets of 75% by 2027 and 85% by 2030
- ✓ Support development of 1 Gigawatt of local renewable and clean energy capacity by 2035, of which 300 MW will be distributed energy resources (DERs) enabled by Community Power programs, tariffs, and infill procurement
- ✓ Prudently manage the power portfolio to minimize risk and customer costs
- ✓ Ensure cost-effective compliance with RA and RPS requirements and all other regulatory obligations
- Create high quality local jobs in renewable energy that support healthy families and vibrant communities





Implement energy projects and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, align energy supply and demand, and provide benefits to community stakeholder groups



## Proposed GOALS

- ✓ Deliver 150 Megawatts of local capacity from distributed energy resources (DERs) and our Virtual Power Plant (VPP) by 2035, including expansion of the Solar Battery Savings program
- ✓ Launch all San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) programs and make them available to customers by FY 2026
- ✓ Create and implement a program evaluation framework for all programs/pilots by FY 2026
- ✓ Increase program funding opportunities from external sources and internal cost savings



# Legislative and Regulatory

Advocate for public policies that advance Community Power organizational priorities



- ✓ Continuously educate and engage policymakers developing policies to ensure those policies are consistent with Community Power's regulatory and legislative policy platform
- ✓ Sponsor and support legislation consistent with our policy platform, mission, vision, values & needs
- ✓ Advocate for regulatory outcomes and seek to leverage. opportunities consistent with our policy platform, mission, vision, values, and needs
- Continue to actively participate in trade associations, organizations & coalitions of which we are a member to advance our policy platform
- ✓ Identify external funding opportunities & develop a strategic plan to guide our pursuit of opportunities that align with our policy platform, mission, values, & needs 27



#### **Public Affairs**

Develop trusted brand reputation to help drive participation in programs and support customer service and retention



- ✓ Establish Community Power as a trusted public agency that collaborates and engages with other local governments and stakeholders
- ✓ Develop a robust Power Network of local nonprofits to support programs, build community relationships, and reinvest in the communities we serve
- ✓ Increase brand awareness through outreach, education, and strategic communications to help customers understand their energy usage, save money, and utilize customer offerings
- ✓ Develop and execute effective communications & marketing plans to encourage San Diego residents to take advantage of programs they qualify for to enhance their energy efficiency





Ensure high customer retention and satisfaction

- ✓ Evolve rate strategy to ensure competitiveness, affordability, and fiscal sustainability
- ✓ Develop customer strategies to increase retention and engagement
- ✓ Resolve billing issues with SDG&E that cause customer confusion and complaints
- ✓ Identify options to develop best in class customer service, including a potential energy advisor center
- ✓ Identify ways to help address, resolve, and reduce outstanding arrearages





Ensure excellence by adopting sustainable business practices and fostering a workplace culture of innovation, diversity, transparency and integrity



- Evolve into a learning organization by Q4 2026, with an emphasis on professional development for our staff and people leaders
- ✓ Ensure all employees are formally trained in workplace violence prevention, emergency preparedness and any additional safety meetings annually
- ✓ Hire top talent according to plan and budget; launch internal job board (Q1) and finalize 3-year staffing plan (Q3)
- ✓ Track and ensure 80%+ employee satisfaction through consistent improvement, onboarding survey metrics, and annual baseline surveys
- ✓ Finalize current internship design and launch a successful summer intern program by FY 2027 for local college & community college students interested in the clean energy industry
- ✓ Launch succession planning in FY 26 with E-Team and leadership

#### **Next Steps**

- ✓ Final set of goals presented at regular Board meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> for approval
- ✓ April June: Staffing and resourcing, individual and departmental annual goal setting, annual work plans, and incorporation into FY 26 budget



Thank you! Q&A





## Item No. 8

**Update on 2025 Rate Adjustment** 

### Recommendation:

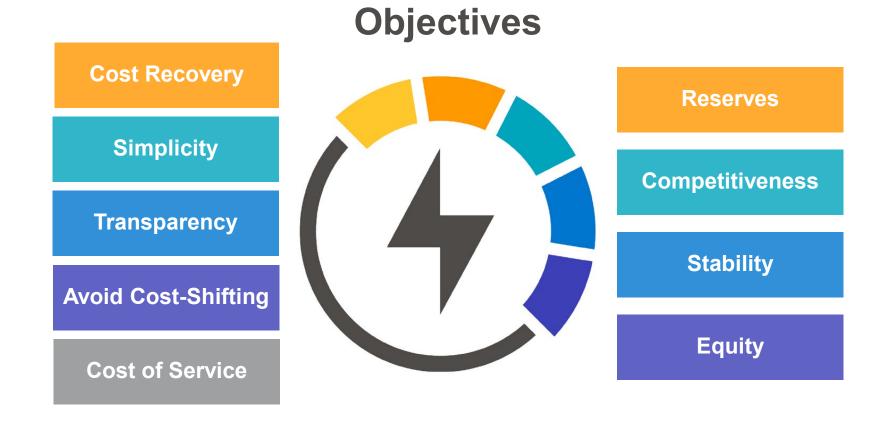
Receive and file the Update on 2025 Rate Adjustment.

#### Presenter:

Lucas Utouh, Sr. Director of Data Analytics & Customer Operations Tim Manglicmot, Director of Finance

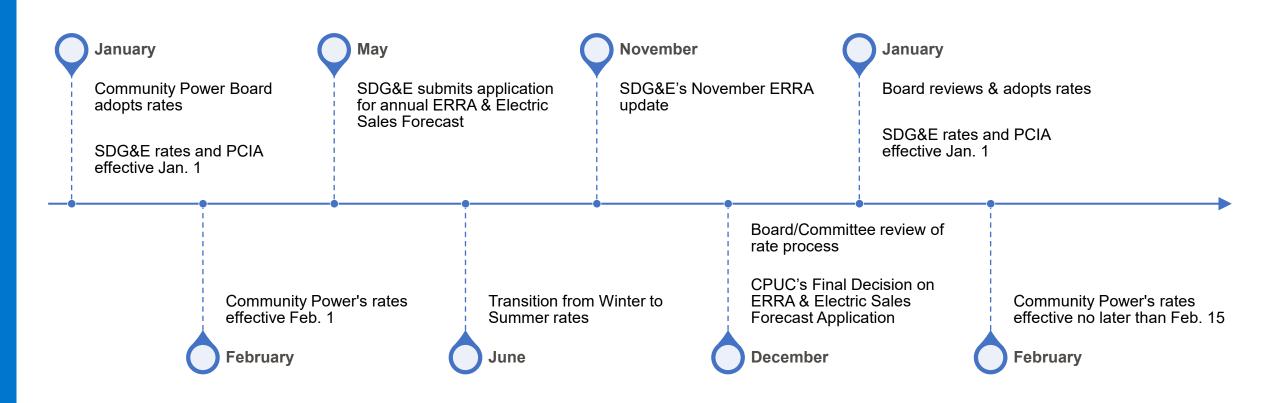


## Rate development policy objectives



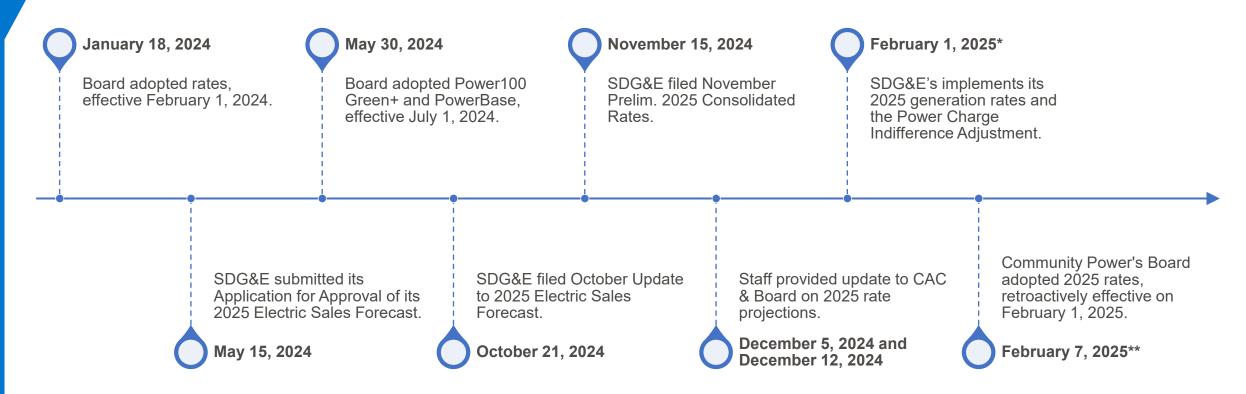


## Typical rate development timeline





### 2025 rates timeline



\*SDG&E filed an extension request to the Commission on Dec. 9, 2024 to implement rates on Feb. 1, 2025, to allow for additional time to include 2024 General Rate Case revenue requirements and to reduce rate volatility. The Commission granted the extension on Dec. 19, 2024.

\*\*SDG&E filed consolidated filing for 2025 rates on Jan. 21 and SDG&E filed corrections to their filing on Jan. 29, 2025.



## 2025 Community Power rate scenarios summary

Scenarios	Conservative	Balanced (Staff Recommended & Board Approved)	Uncertain
PowerOn premium/(discount) compared to SDG&E	2.5%	(3.0%)	(5.0%)
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FY2025 operating margin (million \$)	63	44	36
Meets Credit Rating Metrics?	~	~	×
Meets Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR)?	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	×
Meets 180-Day Cash on Hand?	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	×

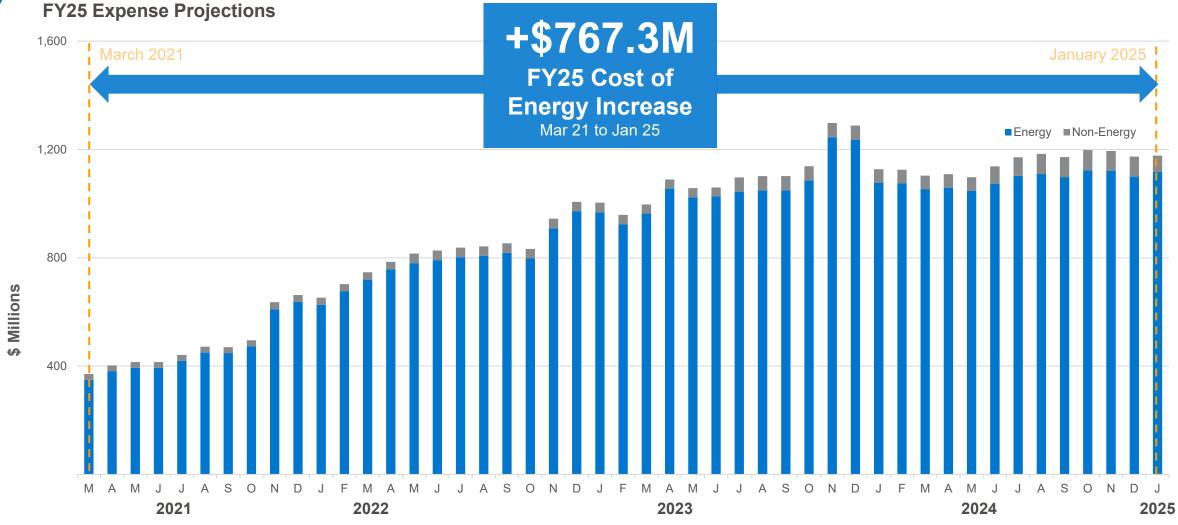


## Risk factors – impact to net income

Energy market uncertainty	At the 3/25/21 Board meeting Community Power expected CY25 energy costs of \$349.5 million. In Community Power's latest January forecast, Community Power projects CY25 energy costs of \$1,116.8 million or a \$767.3 million increase in the last four years.	\$767 million cumulatively
Competitor rates Rate Competition and PCIA	SDG&E remains a direct competitor to Community Power and investor-owned utilities generally remain in competition with their CCA counterparts. In June 2022, for example, SDG&E unexpectedly lowered its rates. A 10-point reduction in SDG&E rates on 1/1/26, for example translates in up to ~\$200M in net income if Community Power reduces rates in lockstep.	\$200 million annually
Participation rates CCA participation rates range from 80% to 97%	At the 1/23/25 Board meeting Community Power's participation rates for were reported at 95.4%. The 5-year forecast assumes a 95% participation rate; other CCAs report participation rates as low as 80%. An 80% participation rate would drop Community Power net income by ~\$100M annually.	\$73 million annually
Heat wave Additional, unhedged energy needs in a heat-wave scenario	Community Power modeled a scenario for what a "bad month" in summer 2022 could look like regarding cashflow. The two key drivers of the analysis were day-ahead market exposure and DA-RT imbalance cost as summarized here with notes and assumptions below.	\$22 million annually
Regulatory/legislative uncertainty Administration changes signals change in energy landscape	New federal administration has signaled rollback of green energy initiatives, incentives, programs, and support. Uncertainty around the future of the energy landscape, such as the rollback of the Investment Tax Credit (ITC), may negative impact Community Power's net income.	Undetermined



## Cost of energy projection





## Cost of energy projections (continued)

Renewables

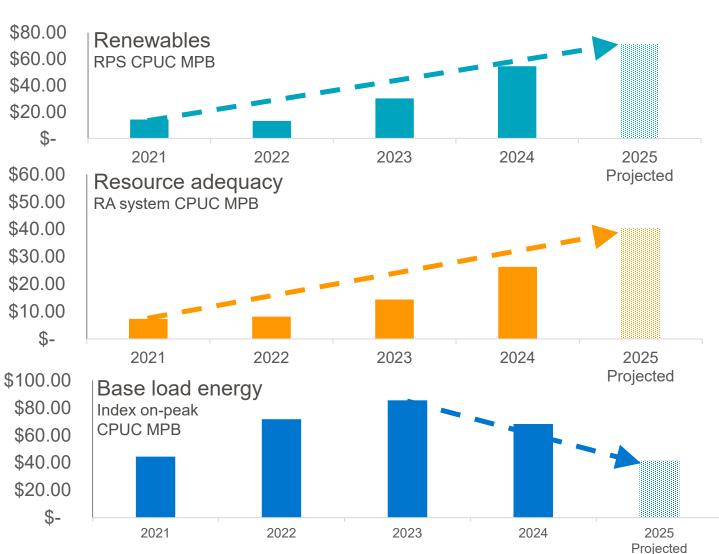
Renewable prices increase as IRA credits reduced by federal government.

Resource adequacy

Resource adequacy prices **increase** due to uncertainty.

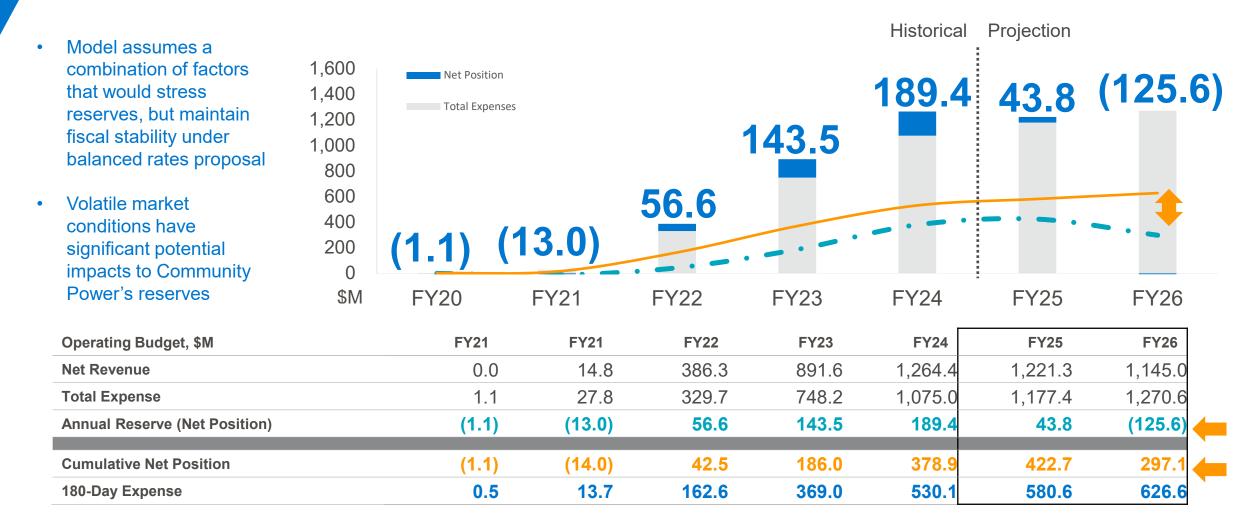
Base load

Brown power decreases as federal government eases drilling.



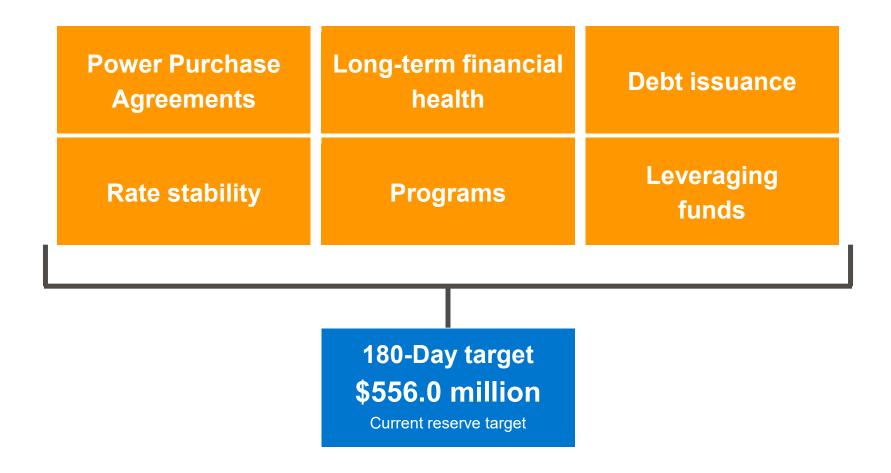


### Risk assessment based on variable market projections





## Why reserves?





### Reserve strategic goals

**90-Days Cash** \$250.0 million

October 2023

Complete

**180-Days Cash** 

\$500.0 million

October 2025

In progress

**Investment Grade** 

**Credit Rating** 

November 2025

In progress

Rate Stabilization \$70.0 million

TBD

In progress



### Rate mechanics: balanced scenario 2

SDG&E
Generation Rates

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**Community Power Generation Rates** 



**Franchise Fee** 

February 2025 SDG&E ~3% average increase

February 2025 Community Power

February 2025 SDG&E
Varies by Customer & Vintage

Unchanged 2025 SDG&E 1.088% x SDG&E

#### **Customer Classes:**

- Residential
- Small Commercial
- Medium and Large C&I
- Agriculture
- Lighting

#### **Vintage Year**

- Vintage 2020 Phase 1& 2
- Vintage 2021 Phase 3
- Vintage 2022 Phase 4



### Scenario 2: balanced (staff recommended & Board approved) bill impacts

Rate: TOU-DR1

TOU-DR1	2025	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	
Residential	SDG&E	PowerBase	PowerOn	Power100	PowerBase/ SDG&E Delta	PowerOn/ SDG&E Delta	Power100/ SDG&E Delta	
Generation (\$)	\$49.27	\$52.00	\$53.02	\$56.36				
PCIA (\$)	\$0.70	-\$4.56	-\$4.56	-\$4.56				
Franchise Fees (\$)	\$1.01	\$1.01	\$1.01	\$1.01				
Total Generation (\$)	\$50.98	\$48.45	\$49.47	\$52.81	-5.00%	-3.00%	3.00%	
Delivery (\$)	\$82.54	\$82.53	\$82.53	\$82.53				
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$133.52	\$130.98	\$132.00	\$135.34	-1.90%	-1.14%	1.36%	

Average monthly usage (kWh)	334
PCIA vintage	2021
Rates as of February 1, 2025	



#### Scenario 2: balanced (staff recommended & Board approved) bill impacts

Rate: AL-TOU (secondary voltage)

ALTOU (secondary voltage)	encer.	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power
Medium/Large Commercial	SDG&E	PowerBase	PowerOn	Power100	PowerBase/ SDG&E Delta	PowerOn/ SDG&E Delta	Power100/ SDG&E Delta
Generation (\$)	\$4,301.57	\$4,241.88	\$4,325.66	\$4,571.05			
PCIA (\$)	-\$157.29	-\$306.98	-\$306.98	-\$306.98			
Franchise Fees (\$)	\$98.89	\$98.88	\$98.88	\$98.88			
Total Generation (\$)	\$4,243.17	\$4,033.79	\$4,117.57	\$4,362.95	-5.00%	-3.00%	3.00%
Delivery (\$)	\$4,845.64	\$4,844.91	\$4,844.91	\$4,844.91			
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$9,088.81	\$8,878.70	\$8,962.48	\$9,207.87	-2.31%	-1.39%	1.31%

Average monthly usage (kWh)	24, 538
Average monthly demand (kWh)	68
PCIA vintage	2020
Rates as of February 1, 2025	



#### Scenario 2: balanced (staff recommended & Board approved) bill impacts

Rate: TOU-A (secondary voltage)

TOU-A (secondary voltage)	encer.	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power	Community Power
Small Commercial	SDG&E	PowerBase	PowerOn	Power100	PowerBase/ SDG&E Delta	PowerOn/ SDG&E Delta	Power100/ SDG&E Delta
Generation (\$)	\$158.58	\$162.86	\$166.14	\$178.55			
PCIA (\$)	\$2.64	-\$9.82	-\$9.82	-\$9.82			
Franchise Fees (\$)	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36			
Total Generation (\$)	\$166.58	\$158.40	\$161.68	\$174.09	-5.00%	-3.00%	4.00%
Delivery (\$)	\$326.28	\$326.24	\$326.24	\$326.24			
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$492.86	\$484.64	\$487.92	\$500.33	-1.67%	-1.00%	1.52%

Average monthly usage (kWh)	1,241
Average monthly demand (kWh)	6
PCIA vintage	2020
Rates as of February 1, 2025	



## 2025 SDG&E commodity rates trajectory

Illustrative SDG&E rates, effective 02-01-2025

SDG&E's system avg. commodity rates increase by 3.32%.

SDG&E Avg. Commodity Rate (\$/kWh)							SDG&E Avg. Commodity Rate Change (%)					
								1/1/2023 -	1/1/2024 -	3/1/2024 -	10/1/2024 -	10/1/2024 -
Customer Class	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	3/1/2024	10/1/2024*	1/1/2025**	1/1/2025***	2/1/2025	1/1/2024	3/1/2024	10/1/2024	1/1/2025	2/1/2025
Residential	0.1967	0.1514	0.1517	0.1517	0.1519	0.1622	0.1578	-23.03%	0.19%	0.00%	6.96%	4.03%
Small Commercial	0.1742	0.1283	0.1285	0.1285	0.1288	0.1385	0.1348	-26.34%	0.19%	0.00%	7.78%	4.85%
M/LC&I	0.2039	0.1578	0.1581	0.1581	0.1578	0.1660	0.1616	-22.61%	0.18%	0.00%	5.04%	2.21%
Agricultural	0.1455	0.1120	0.1122	0.1122	0.1116	0.1174	0.1142	-23.00%	0.18%	0.00%	4.61%	1.78%
Lighting	0.1286	0.0991	0.0993	0.0993	0.0995	0.1063	0.1034	-22.92%	0.19%	0.00%	7.07%	4.13%
System Total	0.1947	0.1499	0.1502	0.1502	0.1503	0.1595	0.1552	-23.03%	0.19%	0.00%	6.20%	3.32%

<sup>\*</sup> SDG&E 10/1/2024 rate change did not revise commodity rates and PCIA



<sup>\*\*</sup> SDG&E proposed 1/1/2025 rates from Oct. 2025 ERRAUpdate, filed 10/21/2024.

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#### Balanced (staff recommended and Board approved) scenario summary

☐ Rates retroactively effective for Feb. 1, 2025. ☐ Default PowerOn generation rates are 3% less expensive than SDG&E rates. ☐ PowerBase generation rates are 5% less expensive than SDG&E rates. ☐ Power100 and Power100 Green-e Certified services maintain premiums of \$0.01/kWh and \$0.02/kWh, respectively. ☐ Higher renewable content (PowerOn at 51.1% versus SDG&E at 41.4%, per latest 2023 Power Content Labels). ☐ Allows Community Power to maintain its current reserve levels and work towards a 180-day cash on hand reserve target which will provide financial stability. ☐ Meets liquidity and FCC metrics that support an investment-grade credit rating. ☐ Satisfies credit obligations with lenders and power purchase agreements. ☐ Prepares Community Power for future energy market fluctuations and regulatory uncertainty.



## Item No. 9

**Update on Community Clean Energy Grant Program** 

### **Recommendation:**

Receive and file the Update on Community Clean Energy Grant Program.

Presenter:

Xiomalys Crespo, Sr. Community Engagement Manager



## **Community Clean Energy Grant Program**

#### Goals

- The Program aims to support local clean energy projects and programs that provide economic, environmental, and health benefits to Community Power's communities.
- The Community Clean Energy Grant Program Policy was approved and adopted by the Board in February 2024.

#### **Funding Priorities**

Increase overall energy literacy of Community Power customers.

Energy-focused educational programming that encourages clean energy use, particularly for youth.

Improvements in indoor and/or outdoor air quality related to electrification.

Workforce development opportunities that support careers in the clean energy industry.

Improved energy resilience to ensure communities can avoid, prepare for, minimize, adapt to and recover from energy disruptions.



Last year, Community Power awarded grants to the following 16 organizations:

- Chula Vista Elementary School District
- GRID Alternatives
- Groundwork San Diego Chollas Creek
- SBCS (formerly South Bay Community Services)
- GoGreenish
- Suncoast Market Cooperative
- La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation
- Ocean Discovery Institute
- South Sudanese Community Center
- La Mestra Foundation, Inc.
- Climate Action Campaign
- Hammond Climate Solutions Foundation
- MAAC Project
- San Diego 350
- I Am Green Inc.



2024 Community Clean Energy Grant Program Press Conference



#### **Reporting & Collaboration**

- At the recommendation of the Community Advisory Committee, the 2024 Community Clean Energy Grantees cohort met over two sessions in January 2025 to share progress achieved to date on their projects, learn about other ways to engage with Community Power, and to find opportunities for collaboration with other grantees.
- Grantees must submit a formal narrative and financial report at the end of the project.





#### Overview

- Funding to new and existing projects that move communities towards a healthier, more sustainable, clean energy future.
- Grants will be made to support local clean energy projects and programs that provide economic, environmental, and health benefits to Community Power's communities.
- More than \$600,000 in grants
- Grant sizes: \$25,000 \$100,000
- Grants must be expended within 24-months of their award date.









#### **Eligibility**

- Each proposal must be led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status.
- A 501(c)(3) public charity may serve as a fiscal sponsor for another applicant to administer the grant and provide regular financial reporting to San Diego Foundation.
- Grants will not be made to fund endowments, existing obligations/debt, scholarships, or projects that promote religious or political doctrine.
- Proposed projects must serve Community Power communities Cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, National City, San Diego, and the unincorporated communities of San Diego County.

#### **Partnerships**

 Community Power encourages applications with thoughtful collaborations and partnerships in place.



Criteria	Description	Scoring
Funding Priority Alignment and Program Design	<ul> <li>Project/program is designed to meet community needs while advancing one or more of the following focus areas:</li> <li>Increasing overall energy literacy of Community Power customers.</li> <li>Energy-focused educational programming that encourages clean energy use, particularly for youth.</li> <li>Improvements in indoor and/ or outdoor air quality related to electrification.</li> <li>Workforce development opportunities that support careers in the clean energy industry.</li> <li>Improved energy resilience to ensure communities can avoid, prepare for, minimize, adapt to and recover from energy disruptions</li> </ul>	20 Points



Criteria	Description	Scoring
Feasibility and Readiness	Project/program outlines well-defined goals and demonstrates having the staffing capability, timing, partnerships and applicable skills to successfully implement the project/ program. Application includes realistic timelines, and an implementation plan that accounts for all necessary permits, approvals, project requirements, as well as plans for addressing potential permitting or regulatory challenges.  Budget is within the allowable grant range and is reasonable for the project/program's scope. Budget includes usage of efficient technologies that are appropriate for the project/program scope.	13 Points



Criteria	Description	Scoring
Communities Served	Project/program demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the population to be served and focuses on Communities of Concern in Community Power's service territory. Project/program addresses potential barriers to participation and outlines outreach strategies to engage its target audience.	12 Points
Environmental Impact and Growth	Project/program promotes the awareness and adoption of quantifiable clean energy solutions, with the potential to be replicated and/or expanded to other communities in Community Power's service territory. Project/program contributes to regional clean energy goals such as:  Reduced carbon emissions  Improved energy usage  Increased energy literacy among participants	5 Points



#### **Application Deadline and Technical Assistance**

Dates	Description
February 10, 2025	Application period opens
March 14, 2025	Proposals due via Foundant by 5:00 pm PDT
Early August 2025	Grant awardees notified and grant agreements executed

- Outreach for the program has included targeted social media, newsletters, emails, and presentations at local community groups.
- San Diego Foundation staff will be available to provide technical assistance throughout the application period ending on March 14, 2025. If you would like to set up a time to discuss your application with SDF staff, or have a question about the grant cycle or application process, please reach out to <a href="mailto:environment@sdfoundation.org">environment@sdfoundation.org</a>.













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**April 10, 2025** 

