



**Special Meeting of Community Advisory Committee
San Diego Community Power (Community Power)**

Thursday, September 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

City of San Diego Metropolitan Operations Complex (MOC II) Auditorium
9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123

Alternate Location:
7354 Eads Avenue, San Diego, CA 92037

The meeting will be held in person at the above date, time and location. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Members and members of the public may attend in person. Under certain circumstances, CAC Members may also attend and participate in the meeting virtually pursuant to the Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54953). As a convenience to the public, Community Power provides a call-in option and internet-based option for members of the public to virtually observe and provide public comments at its meetings. Additional details on in-person and virtual public participation are below. Please note that, in the event of a technical issue causing a disruption in the call-in option or internet-based option, the meeting will continue unless otherwise required by law, such as when a CAC Member is attending the meeting virtually pursuant to certain provisions of the Brown Act.

Note: Any member of the public may provide comments to the CAC on any agenda item. When providing comments, it is requested that you provide your name and city of residence for the record. Members of the public are requested to address their comments to the CAC as a whole through the Chair. Comments may be provided in one of the following manners:

1. Providing oral comments during meeting. Anyone attending in person desiring to address the CAC is asked to fill out a speaker's slip and present it to the Clerk of the Board. To provide remote comments during the meeting, join the Zoom meeting by computer, mobile phone, or dial-in number. On Zoom video conference by computer or mobile phone, use the "Raise Hand" feature. This will notify the moderator that you wish to speak during a specific item on the agenda or during non-agenda Public Comment. Members of the public will not be shown on video but will be able to speak when called upon. If joining the meeting using the Zoom dial-in number, you can raise your hand by pressing *9. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
2. Written Comments. Written public comments must be submitted prior to the start of the meeting to clerkoftheboard@sdcommunitypower.org. Please indicate a specific agenda item when submitting your comment. All written comments received prior to the meeting will be provided to the CAC members. In the discretion of the Chair, the first

ten (10) submitted comments shall be stated into the record of the meeting. Comments read at the meeting will be limited to the first 400 words. Comments received after the start of the meeting will be collected, sent to the CAC members in writing, and be part of the public record.

If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC, please send it to clerkoftheboard@sdcommunitypower.org, who will distribute the information to CAC Members.

The public may participate using the following remote options:

Teleconference Meeting Webinar
<https://zoom.us/j/93647500600>

Telephone (Audio Only)
(669) 900-6833 or (253) 215-8782 | Webinar ID: 936 4750 0600

WELCOME

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Introduction of Luis Montero-Adams, CAC member representing the City of San Diego

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Opportunity for members of the public to address the CAC on any items not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the CAC. Members of the public may provide a comment in either manner described above.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters are approved by one motion without discussion unless a CAC member requests a specific item to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. A member of the public may comment on any item on the Consent Calendar in either manner described above.

1. Approval of July 11, 2024, 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 Programs

REGULAR AGENDA

The following items call for discussion or action by the CAC.

5. Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Update

Recommendation: Receive and File update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

6. Community Clean Energy Grant Program Update

Recommendation: Receive and file update on Community Clean Energy Grant Program.

7. San Diego Community Power Network Overview Update

Recommendation: Receive and File the update on San Diego Community Power Network.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

There are two ways that the CAC may bring items to the attention of the Board at a Board meeting:

1. Standing CAC Report. The CAC report may be a standing item on the Board agenda, in which the CAC Chair, CEO, or designated staff reports on updates related to a recent CAC meeting. Consistent with the Brown Act, items raised during the CAC report may not result in extended discussion or action by the Board unless agendaized for a future meeting.

2. Suggesting Board Agenda Items. The CAC may suggest agenda items for a Board of Directors meeting agenda by communicating with the CAC Chair and the designated SDCP staff, before and/or after a regular CAC meeting. If suggested during a regular meeting, there shall be no discussion or action by the CAC unless the item has been included on the CAC agenda. To be added to a Board agenda, items must have the approval of the SDCP Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Board of Directors. If approval is provided, staff must be given at least 5 business days before the date of the Board meeting to work with the CAC to draft any memos and materials necessary.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Members may briefly provide information to other members and the public. There is to be no discussion or action taken on comments made by Committee Members unless authorized by law.

ADJOURNMENT

The Community Advisory Committee will adjourn to their next regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 10, 2024.

Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

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Availability of Committee Documents

Copies of the agenda and agenda packet are available at <https://sdcommunitypower.org/resources/meeting-notes/>. Late-arriving documents related to a CAC meeting item which are distributed to a majority of the Members prior to or during the CAC meeting are available for public review as required by law. Public records, including agenda-related documents, can be requested electronically at clerkoftheboard@sdcommunitypower.org or by mail to SDCP, PO BOX 12716, San Diego, CA 92112. The documents may also be posted on the Community Power's website. Such public records are also available for inspection, by appointment, at San Diego Community Power by contacting clerkoftheboard@sdcommunitypower.org to arrange an appointment.



**SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER (COMMUNITY POWER)
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City of San Diego Metropolitan Operations Complex (MOC II) Auditorium
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, CA 92123

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2024

The Committee minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Committee Agenda. Agenda items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

Agenda Items were considered in the order presented.

WELCOME

Chair Vasilakis (City of San Diego) called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Vasilakis (City of San Diego), Vice Chair Harris (City of La Mesa), Committee Member Jahns (City of Encinitas), Committee Member Hammond (City of Encinitas via Zoom Teleconference); Committee Members Castañeda and Emerson (City of National City), Committee Member Hoyt (City of Imperial Beach), and Committee Member Andersen (County of San Diego)

ABSENT: Committee Member Sandoval (City of Imperial Beach), Secretary Cazares (City of La Mesa), Committee Member Sclafani (City of Chula Vista)

VACANT: Seat 1 (City of San Diego), Seat 4 (City of Chula Vista) and Seat 12 (County of San Diego)

Also Present: Best Best & Krieger Partner Norvell; General Counsel Tyagi (via Zoom); Senior Manager Community Engagement Crespo; Clerk of the Board Clerk Hernandez; and Assistant Clerk of the Board Vences

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Emerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Chair Vasilakis acknowledged the Kumeyaay Nation and all the original stewards of the land.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Vasilakis welcomed new Community Advisory Committee member Kenneth Hoyt to introduce himself.

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of June 13, 2024, CAC Regular Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Update on Marketing, Public Relations, and Local Government Affairs**
- 3. Update on Customer Operations**
- 4. Update on Programs**
- 5. Update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs**

There were no public comments on the Consent Item Nos. 1-5.

Motioned by Committee Member Jahns and seconded by Vice Chair Harris to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-5. The motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Chair Vasilakis, Vice Chair Harris, Committee Member Jahns, Committee Member Hammond, Committee Member Hoyt, and Committee Member Emerson
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: Committee Member Andersen
ABSENT: Committee Member Sandoval, Committee Member Castañeda, Secretary Cazares, and Committee Member Sclafani

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Ms. Crespo provided an overview of the Board-approved CAC's Policies and Procedures regarding the election process of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) for the Community Advisory Committee and turned it over to Chair Vasilakis and Community Advisory Committee Members for discussion and nominations.

Vice Chair Harris nominated Chair Vasilakis for a second term as Chair of the Community Advisory Committee. Chair Vasilakis accepted the nomination.

There were no public comments.

Motioned by Vice Chair Harris and seconded by Committee Member Andersen to elect Mathew Vasilakis as Chair of the Community Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Chair Vasilakis, Vice Chair Harris, Committee Member Jahns, Committee Member Hammond, Committee Member Hoyt, Committee Member Andersen, Committee Member Castañeda and Committee Member Emerson
ABSENT: Committee Member Sandoval, Secretary Cazares, and Committee Member Sclafani
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None

Election of Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Vice Chair Harris nominated Committee Member Hammond for appointment as Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee. Committee Member Hammond declined the nomination.

Committee Member Castañeda nominated Committee Member Emerson for appointment as Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee. Committee Member Emerson accepted the nomination.

Committee Member Emerson nominated Vice Chair Harris for a second term as Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Harris declined the nomination.

There were no public comments.

Motioned by Committee Member Castañeda and seconded by Committee Member Andersen to elect Committee Member Emerson as Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Chair Vasilakis, Vice Chair Emerson, Committee Member Harris, Committee Member Jahns, Committee Member Hammond, Committee Member Hoyt, Committee Member Andersen, and Committee Member Castañeda
ABSENT: Committee Member Sandoval, Secretary Cazares, and Committee Member Sclafani
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None

Election of Secretary for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Committee Member Jahns nominated Committee Member Castañeda for appointment as Secretary of the Community Advisory Committee. Committee Member Castañeda accepted the nomination.

There were no public comments.

Motioned by Committee Member Jahns and seconded by Committee Member Andersen to elect Committee Member Castañeda as Secretary of the Community Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Chair Vasilakis, Vice Chair Emerson, Committee Harris, Committee Member Jahns, Committee Member Hammond, Committee Member Hoyt, Committee Member Andersen, and Secretary Castañeda
ABSENT: Committee Member Sandoval, Committee Member Cazares, and Committee Member Sclafani
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None

7. Ralph M. Brown Act and Conflict of Interest and Ethical Conduct Policy Training

Mr. Norvell, Legal Counsel from Best & Krieger LLP, provided an overview on the Ralph M. Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, and Ethical Conduct Policy.

There were no public comments.

Following Committee questions, discussion and comments, no action was taken.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Members made announcements and reported on various events taking place in their member jurisdictions. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Community Advisory Committee adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. to a special meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Maricela Hernandez, MMC, CPMC
Clerk of the Board

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER

Staff Report – Item 2

To: San Diego Community Power Community Advisory Committee

From: Jen Lebron, Director of Public Affairs

Via: Karin Burns, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Update on Marketing, Public Relations, and Local Government Affairs

Date: September 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update on marketing, public relations, and local government affairs activities for San Diego Community Power ("Community Power").

BACKGROUND

Community Power has engaged in a variety of public relations, marketing, community outreach, and local government affairs activities to drive awareness, spark community engagement, and maintain high customer enrollment.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Community Power's Public Affairs Department has been participating in events across our member agencies as it aims to increase general awareness and answer questions in a friendly, helpful manner.

Recent and Upcoming Public Engagement Events

Montgomery-Waller Community Park Movie in the Park
La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Summer Bash Business Expo
Central Labor Council Laborpalooza Dinner
San Ysidro Health Service Emerald Ball
North San Diego Business Chamber Regional Connect
Fallbrook Community Center Movie in the Park
Collier Park Movie in the Park
San Diego Wave FC Fan Fest
Bike the Bay
Ramona Library Food Pantry
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Sustainability Fair
National City Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Summit
Lincoln Acres County Park Movie in the Park

Skyline Hills Library
San Diego Pride 2024 Parade Awards Soiree
San Diego Housing Federation Affordable Housing & Community Development Conference
Understanding Your Bill” Workshop – Skyline Hills Library
Clairemont Family Day
North San Diego Business Chamber’s 36th Annual Rancho Bernardo Alive
Green Corridor Project - Community Connectors Conference
Mission Valley Library
SBE Small Business Expo
Imperial Beach Concerts in the Park
Adams Avenue Street Fair
San Diego 350 Brighter Future Gala
Connect Innovation Day 2024
(Doing) Business for Good Summit
CLEAResult Energy Forum

Marketing, Communications and Outreach

Community Power has been working with local media to provide the public with information about the services it offers. It is also working with partner organizations on press releases regarding long-term power purchase agreements that will provide customers with reliable, affordable power when new projects come online within the next few years.

The Community Engagement division of the Public Affairs Department hosted several “Understanding Your Bill” workshops in San Diego and Imperial Beach. These events are part of a series of online and in-person workshops that are aimed at answering questions and connecting customers with programs and practices that can save them money. Additional workshops are being planned for the remainder of the year that will focus on topics including solar customer billing and the benefits of Community Power service for large commercial and industrial customers.

The Public Affairs team has been working diligently behind the scenes to support programmatic efforts, including the new Solar Battery Savings program, which provides customers with rooftop solar and battery storage incentives. It is also ramping up efforts to promote upcoming programs including one that helps customers repair their roofs to be ready for solar installations, and another that will distribute grants to small businesses that would benefit from more efficient refrigerators. The Public Affairs team is working closely with internal and external stakeholders to encourage participation in these programs and leveraging relationships with community partners to amplify our marketing and outreach efforts.

Community Power has continued its efforts to connect with local leaders through meetings and at community events.

The Public Affairs team will continue to develop new strategies, processes and capacity over the next several months to conduct more community outreach, expand marketing and brand awareness efforts, and provide timely, accurate information across multiple channels.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER

Staff Report – Item 3

To: San Diego Community Power Community Advisory Committee

From: Lucas Utouh, Senior Director of Data Analytics and Customer Operations

Via: Karin Burns, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Update on Customer Operations

Date: September 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update on various customer operations' initiatives.

BACKGROUND

Staff will provide regular updates to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) centered around tracking opt actions (i.e., opt outs, opt ups and opt downs) as well as customer engagement metrics. The following is a brief overview of items pertaining to customer operations.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

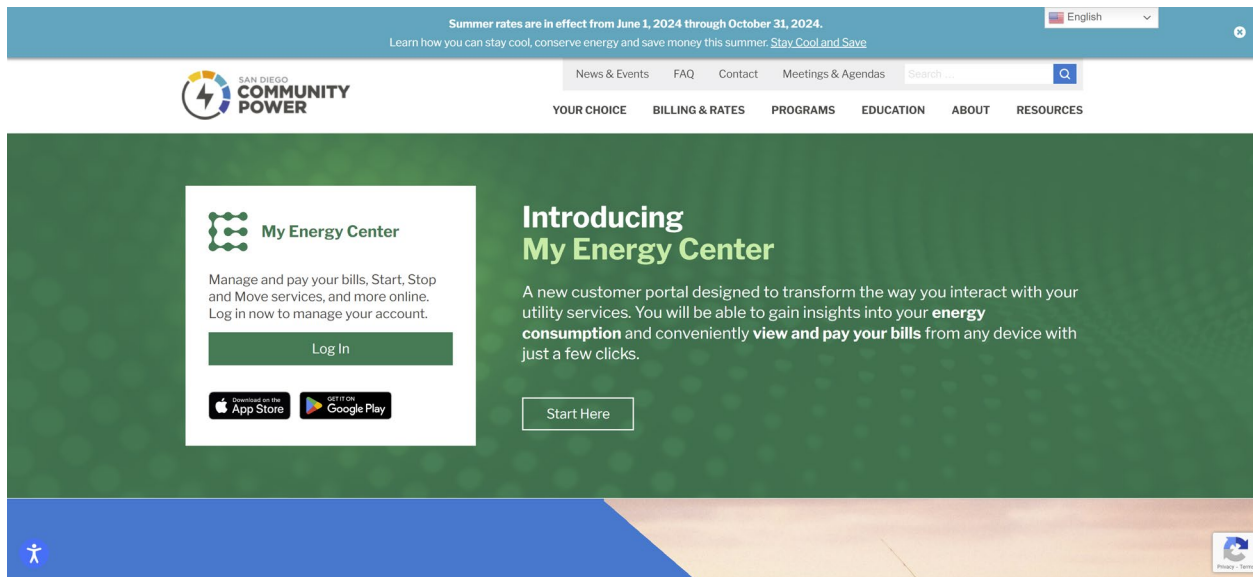
A) Enrollment Update

As of September 03, 2024, SDCP is serving a cumulative total count of **957,750** active accounts.

Customers with newly established accounts or who have moved into a new service address within any and all of our member jurisdictions receive 2 post-enrollment notices through the mail at their mailing address on file within 60 days of their account start date to notify them that they have defaulted to SDCP electric generation service.

B) My Energy Center Update

Please note that as of August 4, 2024 SDG&E's My Account portal became My Energy Center. The [link to this new portal](#) is available on both SDG&E and Community Power's websites. Please note that customers will still be able to use their SDG&E My Account login credentials to view their SDG&E and Community Power account information and make payments through My Energy Center. On SD Community Power's homepage, there currently is a banner with My Energy Center to allow our customers to easily access the new portal. See the snippet below for reference:



C) Customer Participation Tracking

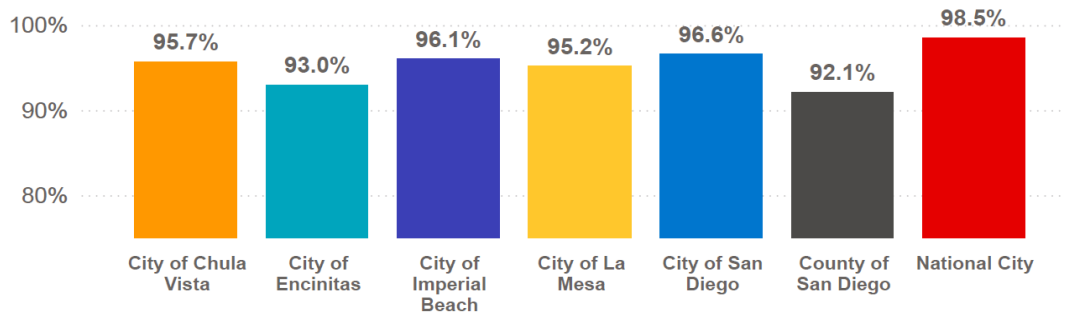
With the roll out of PowerBase and Power100 Green+ as of 7/1/2024, staff and Calpine have worked together to completely recalibrate and revamp our customer participation statistics as currently we no longer have just two service options but four and customers are able to elect their participation in any of the 4 options provided they meet the eligibility criteria. The below charts summarize these actions accordingly as of August 05, 2024 (these stats will be refreshed next week and be reported to the CAC during the October meeting):

**Enrolled
Accounts**
957,750

**Participation
Rate**
95.5%

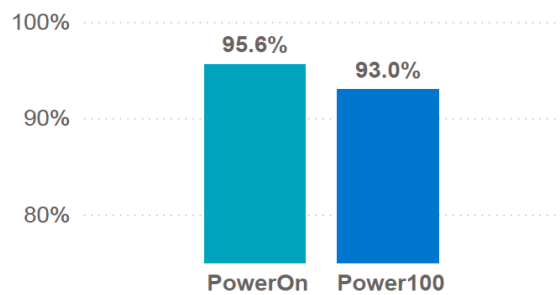
Participation

Participation by Jurisdiction

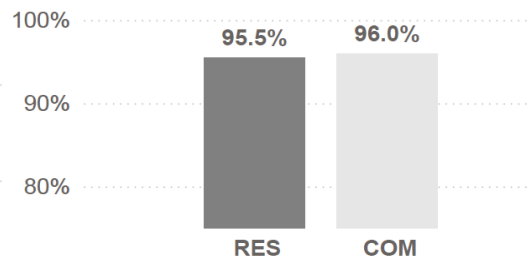


Jurisdiction	Service Option Default	Eligible Accounts	Enrolled Accounts	Participation Rate
City of Chula Vista	PowerOn	98,768	94,515	95.7%
City of Encinitas	Power100	28,608	26,598	93.0%
City of Imperial Beach	PowerOn	10,965	10,532	96.1%
City of La Mesa	PowerOn	29,519	28,101	95.2%
City of San Diego	PowerOn	624,511	603,205	96.6%
County of San Diego	PowerOn	190,462	175,503	92.1%
National City	PowerOn	19,586	19,296	98.5%
Total		1,002,419	957,750	95.5%

Participation by Default Service Option



Residential vs Commercial Participation



Service Option

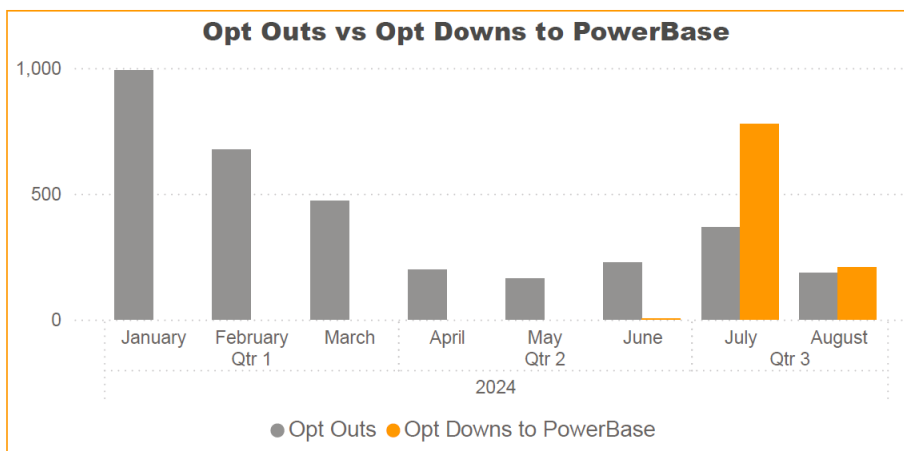
PowerBase	
Enrolled	944
Participation	0.1%

PowerOn	
Enrolled	922,617
Participation	96.3%

Power100	
Enrolled	34,189
Participation	3.6%

Service Option Enrollment Summary

Jurisdiction	Service Option Default	Enrolled Accounts	PowerBase Enrolled	PowerBase Participation	PowerOn Enrolled	PowerOn Participation	Power100 Enrolled	Power100 Participation
City of Chula Vista	PowerOn	94,515	83	0.1%	93,530	99.0%	902	1.0%
City of Encinitas	Power100	26,598	26	0.1%	449	1.7%	26,123	98.2%
City of Imperial Beach	PowerOn	10,532	15	0.1%	10,438	99.1%	79	0.8%
City of La Mesa	PowerOn	28,101	27	0.1%	27,814	99.0%	260	0.9%
City of San Diego	PowerOn	603,205	472	0.1%	596,714	98.9%	6,019	1.0%
County of San Diego	PowerOn	175,503	307	0.2%	174,422	99.4%	774	0.4%
National City	PowerOn	19,296	14	0.1%	19,250	99.8%	32	0.2%
Total		957,750	944	0.1%	922,617	96.3%	34,189	3.6%

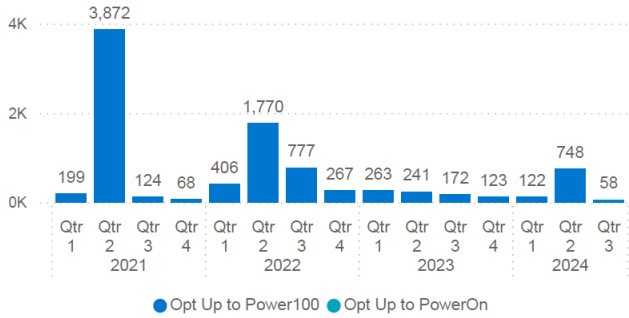


Opt Up History

Total Opt Ups
9,210

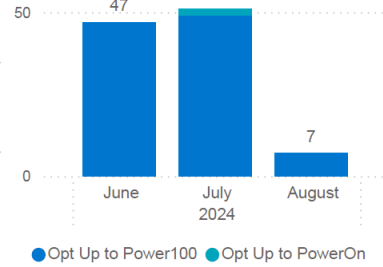
Opt Ups Current*
8,109

Opt Ups Quarterly



Opt Ups Monthly

Last 3 Calendar Months



Opt Ups by Jurisdiction

Year	City of Chula Vista	City of Encinitas	City of Imperial Beach	City of La Mesa	City of National City	City of San Diego	County of San Diego	Total
2021	710	18	60	155		3,316	4	4,263
2022	175	1	29	120		2,895		3,220
2023	61	1	11	19	12	488	207	799
2024								
Qtr 1	5		2	3	17	75	20	122
Qtr 2	30	1	3	1	7	130	576	748
Qtr 3								
July	3			1		41	6	51
August						7		7
Total	984	21	105	299	36	6,952	813	9,210

Opt Ups by Customer Class

Year	Commercial	Residential	Total
2021	4,256	7	4,263
2022	296	2,924	3,220
2023	232	567	799
2024			
Qtr 1	47	75	122
Qtr 2	609	139	748
Qtr 3			
July	10	41	51
August		7	7
Total	5,450	3,760	9,210

Opt Ups by Method

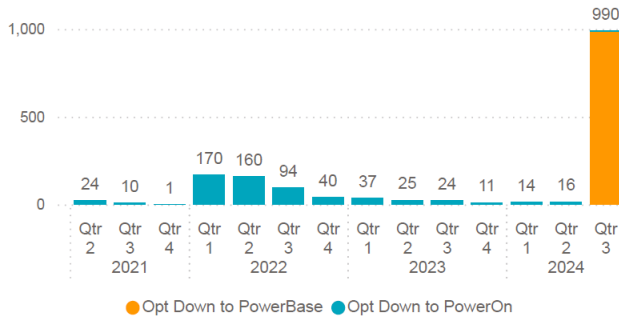
Year	CSR	IVR	Web	Total
2021	4,232	4	27	4,263
2022	1,372	85	1,763	3,220
2023	301	84	414	799
2024				
Qtr 1	52	23	47	122
Qtr 2	679	9	60	748
Qtr 3				
July	27		24	51
August	1		6	7
Total	6,664	205	2,341	9,210

*Current indicates the account is open with SDG&E and this opt action is their latest opt action

Opt Down History

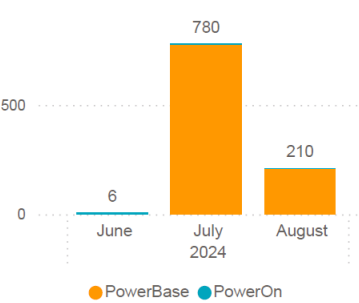
Total Opt Downs 1,616	Opt Downs Current* 1,435
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Opt Downs Quarterly



Opt Downs Monthly

Last 3 Calendar Months



Opt Downs by Jurisdiction

Year	City of Chula Vista	City of Encinitas	City of Imperial Beach	City of La Mesa	City of National City	City of San Diego	County of San Diego	Total
2021		35						35
2022	2	429	1	4		28		464
2023	4	74				13	6	97
2024								
Qtr 1		12				2		14
Qtr 2		10			1	3	2	16
Qtr 3								
July	78	22	9	22	8	390	251	780
August	12	5	7	6	6	103	71	210
Total	96	587	17	32	15	539	330	1,616

Opt Downs by Customer Class

Year	Commercial	Residential	Total
2021	34	1	35
2022	23	441	464
2023	9	88	97
2024			
Qtr 1	2	12	14
Qtr 2		16	16
Qtr 3			
July	202	578	780
August	11	199	210
Total	281	1,335	1,616

Opt Downs by Method

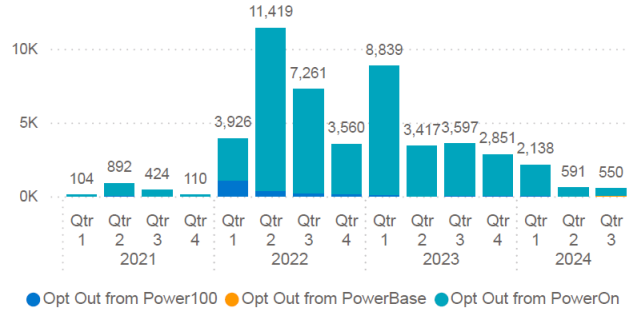
Year	CSR	IVR	Web	Total
2021	31	4		35
2022	311	26	127	464
2023	65	3	29	97
2024				
Qtr 1	10	1	3	14
Qtr 2	10		6	16
Qtr 3				
July	572	75	133	780
August	153	15	42	210
Total	1,152	124	340	1,616

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Opt Out History

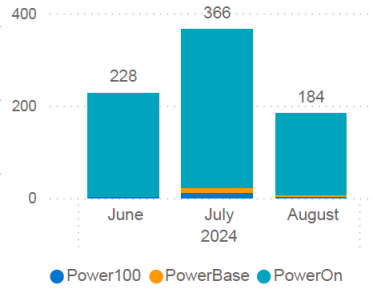
Total Opt Outs	Opt Outs Current*
49,679	44,317

Opt Outs Quarterly



Opt Outs Monthly

Last 3 Calendar Months



Opt Outs by Jurisdiction

Year	City of Chula Vista	City of Encinitas	City of Imperial Beach	City of La Mesa	City of National City	City of San Diego	County of San Diego	Total
2021	267	66	32	84		1,079	2	1,530
2022	3,467	1,876	343	1,269		19,210	1	26,166
2023	747	230	99	235	284	3,185	13,924	18,704
2024								
Qtr 1	120	39	25	39	22	529	1,364	2,138
Qtr 2	55	10	8	21	11	227	259	591
Qtr 3								
July	34	14	3	8	5	157	145	366
August	19	4	7	6	2	71	75	184
Total	4,709	2,239	517	1,662	324	24,458	15,770	49,679

Opt Outs by Customer Class

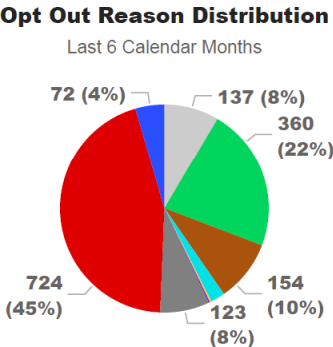
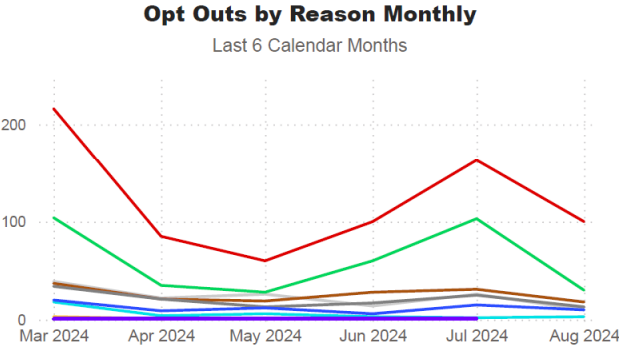
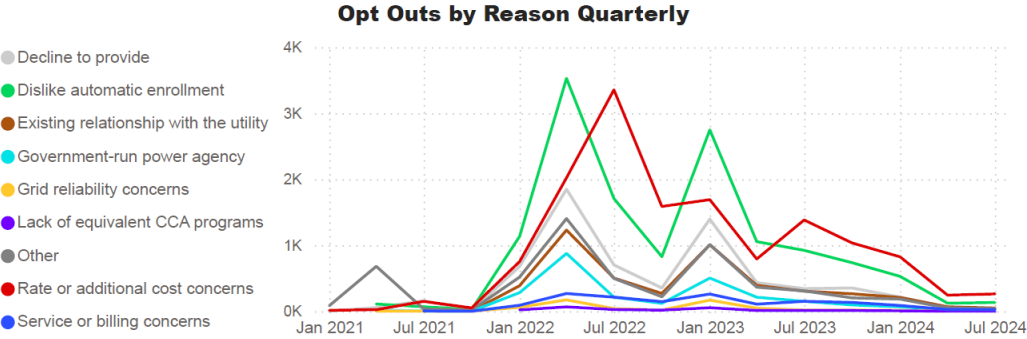
Year	Commercial	Residential	Total
2021	1,492	38	1,530
2022	535	25,631	26,166
2023	1,692	17,012	18,704
2024			
Qtr 1	120	2,018	2,138
Qtr 2	33	558	591
Qtr 3			
July	30	336	366
August	5	179	184
Total	3,907	45,772	49,679

Opt Outs by Method

Year	CSR	IVR	Web	Total
2021	1,104	102	324	1,530
2022	6,968	4,890	14,308	26,166
2023	4,709	3,794	10,201	18,704
2024				
Qtr 1	591	508	1,039	2,138
Qtr 2	189	150	252	591
Qtr 3				
July	106	89	171	366
August	56	40	88	184
Total	13,723	9,573	26,383	49,679

*Current indicates the account is open with SDG&E and this opt action is their latest opt action

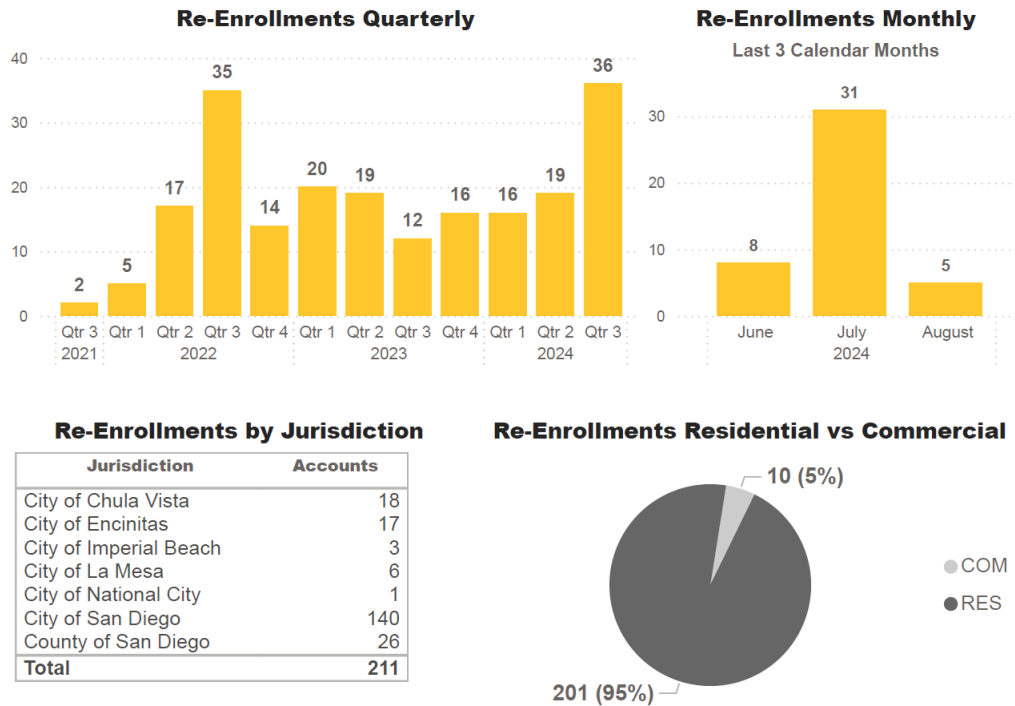
Opt Out Reason Summary



Opt Outs by Reason Table										
Year	Decline to provide	Dislike automatic enrollment	Existing relationship with the utility	Government-run power agency	Grid reliability concerns	Lack of equivalent CCA programs	Other	Rate or additional cost concerns	Service or billing concerns	Total
2021	228	204	2	24	7		819	240	6	1,530
2022	3,584	7,198	2,390	1,492	293	131	2,640	7,718	720	26,166
2023	2,525	5,462	1,972	963	252	90	1,885	4,901	654	18,704
2024										
Qtr 1	214	529	209	67	14	7	185	825	88	2,138
Qtr 2	62	123	68	13	1	1	51	245	27	591
Qtr 3										
July	26	103	31	2		1	25	163	15	366
August	10	30	18	3			13	100	10	184
Total	6,649	13,649	4,690	2,564	567	230	5,618	14,192	1,520	49,679

Re-Enrollment Requests

Excludes closed accounts

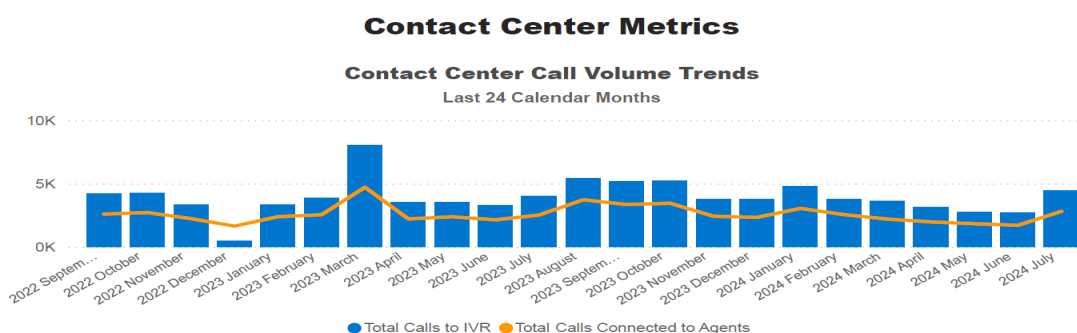


The Phase 4 mass enrollment process in National City and the Unincorporated County of San Diego for Non-Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers completed in May 2023. Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers were enrolled from April 2023 through March 2024 based on their true-up date. Mass enrollment for all customer accounts within National City and the Unincorporated County of San Diego concluded on April 1, 2024.

D) Contact Center Metrics

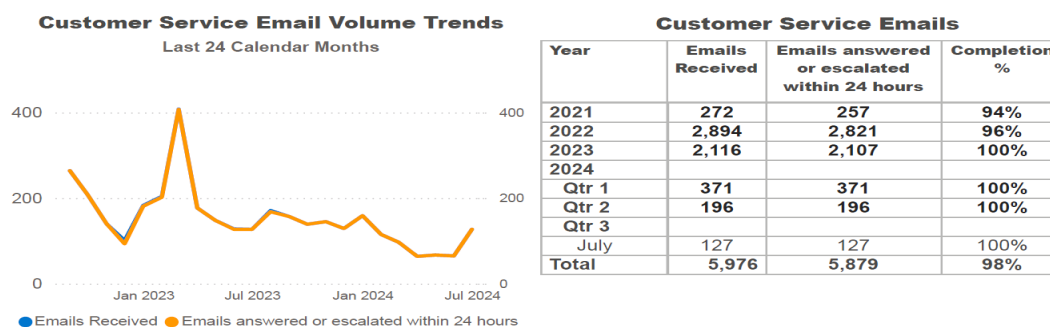
As expected, call volumes rose in July as summer rates came into effect as of June 1, 2024 and customers started seeing increased bills as a function of the Winter to Summer price differential. Our Public Affairs Team has put out Summer season and bill saving tips' communication and is running social media campaign around Summer energy conservation that should help provide our customers with resources and tips to reduce higher bills.

The chart below summarizes contact made by customers into the Contact Center broken down by month through July 31st, 2024 (these stats will be refreshed next week and be reported to the CAC during the October meeting):



Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and Service Level Agreement (SLA) Metrics

Year	Total Calls to IVR	Total Calls Connected to Agents	Avg Seconds to Answer	Avg Call Duration (Minutes)	Calls Answered within 60 Seconds (75% SLA)	Abandon Rate
2021	2,289	1,401	20	8.5	96.23%	0.57%
2022	47,118	30,174	12	9.8	95.50%	0.36%
2023	52,977	34,173	7	9.6	97.57%	0.19%
2024						
Qtr 1	12,198	7,792	16	9.4	92.85%	0.57%
Qtr 2	8,646	5,519	9	8.7	96.92%	0.30%
Qtr 3						
July	4,445	2,807	38	10.9	83.27%	1.54%
Total	127,673	81,866	13	9.4	95.89%	0.40%



Similar to other CCAs' service territories, SDCP anticipates the trend of customers calling into the Contact Center's Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system tree and being able to self-serve their opt actions using the recorded prompts as well as utilizing SDCP's website for processing opt actions to continue accounting for over 65% of all instances.

The remaining portion of customer calls are connected to Customer Service Representatives to answer additional questions, assist with account support, or process opt actions.

As of this latest reporting month, SDCP has 10 Dedicated Customer Service Representatives staffed at the Contact Center and 1 Supervisor. Robust Quality Assurance (QA) procedures are firmly in place to ensure that customers are getting a world-class customer experience when they contact SDCP.

E) Joint Rate Comparison Update

As a result of rolling out Board approved two new service options i.e. PowerBase and Power100 Green+ as of 7/1/2024, staff is pleased to let the Community Advisory Committee know that our latest joint rate comparison (JRC) depicting SDG&E rates effective as of March 1, 2024 in comparison to SD Community Power's rates including PowerBase has been published and can be accessed via [SDCP SDGE JRC 07.01.2024 Final1.pdf](#).

AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND/OR SUBCOMITTEE REVIEW

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A





SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER Staff Report – Item 4

To: San Diego Community Power Community Advisory Committee

From: Colin Santulli, Director of Programs

Via: Karin Burns, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Update on Programs

Date: September 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file update on customer energy programs.

BACKGROUND

Staff will provide regular updates to the Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”) regarding the following Community Power customer energy programs: Commercial Programs, Residential Programs, Flexible Load Programs, Solar + Storage Programs, San Diego Regional Energy Network, and Other Programs.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Updates on customer energy programs are detailed below.

Commercial Programs

Commercial Application Assistance Pilot

Status: In Q1 2024, Staff developed a pilot to support Community Power’s commercial customers with identifying and applying to existing non-SDCP customer energy programs such as those offered by regional, state, and federal entities. Staff received three bids in response to the Invitation to Bid issued in April 2024. TRC Solutions, Inc. (“TRC”) was selected to implement the pilot based on their expertise, experience, approach to accomplishing the work, and thoroughness of their bid.

Community Power’s commercial application assistance pilot launched in early July 2024. The pilot helps participating commercial customers identify opportunities for bill savings, particularly in the summer months. Community Power’s Key Account Services team is responsible for making connections with interested commercial customers and TRC’s support staff. Once interested commercial customers are engaged, TRC conducts a high-level desktop review of the customer’s energy usage, reviews the customer’s goals and business operations, and recommends program opportunities. A subset of customers will

be offered support in applying for programs. Community Power's Key Account Services team has established contact with four customers that are in the process of participating in the pilot.

Direct outreach and communications from Community Power's Key Account Services team are the primary method for customers to learn about the pilot. Additionally, Staff presented the pilot at the Key Account Engagement Forum Community Power hosted on August 16, 2024.

Next Steps: Staff will monitor the uptake and success of the pilot to determine whether to scale it into a program offering.

Efficient Refrigeration Pilot Program

Status: In late December 2023, Community Power was awarded a grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's [Healthy Refrigeration Grant Program](#). Community Power will use the grant funds to provide energy-efficient refrigeration equipment and additional technical assistance to corner stores and/or small businesses in its service territory. Staff are currently working on procuring the vendors necessary to implement the pilot program. Staff released a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for an equipment vendor on July 23, 2024 and the RFP closed on September 6, 2024.

Next Steps: Following conclusion of the equipment vendor procurement process, Staff anticipate bringing the contract for approval to the October 2024 Board meeting. Staff will continue to develop program materials in anticipation of its launch in Q4 CY 2024.

FLEXmarket Pilot

Please refer to [Item 5](#) of the April 2024 CAC staff report for the most recent update on this program.

Residential Programs

California Energy Commission ("CEC") Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install ("EBD DI") Program

Status: On August 7, 2024, the CEC announced via a Notice of Proposed Award that the County of Los Angeles was selected to be the program administrator of the EBD DI program for the Southern region. The EBD DI program will establish a network of southern California public agencies and community-based organizations to equitably electrify homes throughout southern California. Community Power was included as a supporting partner in the County of Los Angeles' proposal. Due to cuts to the EBD DI program, the proposed amount for the program for the Southern region has been reduced to \$328.7 million from the original budget of \$487.8 million.

Next Steps: The County of Los Angeles is expected to execute an agreement with the CEC in Q4 CY 2024. Staff anticipate seeking approval from the Board in Q1 CY 2025 for an agreement between Community Power and the County of Los Angeles to support the development of the program in Community Power's service territory.

Flexible Load

Distributed Energy Resources Management System ("DERMS") Procurement

Status: Staff conducted product demonstrations with the top two DERMS vendors in late August 2024. Staff are negotiating a Software as a Solution ("SaaS") agreement with the selected vendor.

Next Steps: Staff anticipate bringing the vendor agreement to the Board for approval in Q4 CY 2024.

Managed Charging Pilot

Status: The Managed Charging (V1G) software RFP closed August 27, 2024. Staff are in the process of reviewing and scoring the eight proposals that were received.

Next Steps: After proposal review is complete, Staff will schedule interviews and product demonstrations before selecting a vendor solution. Staff anticipate bringing the V1G vendor agreement to the Board for approval in Q4 CY 2024.

Solar and Energy Storage Programs

Disadvantaged Communities–Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes ("DAC-SASH") Readiness Pilot

Please refer to [Item 4](#) of the July 2024 CAC staff report for the most recent update on this program.

Net Energy Metering ("NEM") and Net Billing Tariff ("NBT")

Please refer to [Item 4](#) of the February 2024 CAC staff report for the most recent update on this program. Staff anticipate bringing back an item to the CAC in Q1 CY 2025 to update the tariff with support for virtual and aggregation versions of NBT.

Solar Battery Savings Program

Status: The Solar Battery Savings Program began enrolling contractors and battery manufacturers in July 2024 and began accepting applications on July 29, 2024. To date, contractors have submitted over 1,100 applications, including 500 within the first 24 hours. Applications have been received from all jurisdictions within Community Power's service territory, with initial analysis indicating a proportional distribution based on

population. The program currently has 37 approved contractors actively participating and 11 approved battery manufacturers. In addition, more than 20 contractor applications are in queue and the program remains open to additional contractors and battery manufacturers interested in joining.

The [Solar Battery Savings webpage](#) provides a directory of approved local contractors and battery manufacturers, the program manual, FAQs, and real-time updates on the budget. A web-based portal for contractors and battery manufacturers allows contractors to submit applications, access an interactive Communities of Concern Geographic Information Systems (“GIS”) map for incentive level determination, and view program files in a fillable format. Additionally, contractors can track application status and remaining program budget through the portal.

Next Steps: Staff are continuing to review applications and improve contractor communications and program processes. The web-based portal will be available for approved battery manufacturers to access and submit performance data in the upcoming weeks. Staff anticipate presenting an update on the program at the October 2024 CAC meeting.

Solar for Our Communities

Status: The Final Decision for the Green Access Program (“GAP”) was approved by the CPUC on May 30, 2024. Staff submitted the [Annual Budget Advice Letter](#) (“ABAL”) to the CPUC on July 8, 2024. On August 6, 2024, Staff met with the Energy Contracts Working Group (“ECWG”) to present projects for shortlist consideration. The ECWG approved approximately 5 MW of Solar for Our Communities-eligible projects, representing 25% of Community Power’s total allocation for the program. Staff will proceed with the notification process for shortlisted projects.

Next Steps: Staff will submit a Tier 2 Advice Letter updating Community Power's Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff schedule to incorporate the Final Decision's modifications within 120 days of the adoption of the Final Decision (by September 27, 2024). Staff will also present awarded bids to the Board for approval prior to submitting executed Power Purchase Agreements (“PPAs”) to the CPUC via a Tier 2 Advice Letter for approval no later than 180 days following the notification of selected bidders. Projects are expected to come online by mid-2026.

San Diego Regional Energy Network (“SDREN”)

SDREN Formation

Status: The SDREN Business Plan Application was submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) on January 5, 2024, in partnership with the County of San Diego. On August 1, 2024, the CPUC voted to approve SDREN, providing funding for the various program offerings included in the [SDREN Business Plan Application](#). The SDREN portfolio of energy efficiency programs include two workforce education and training

(“WE&T”) programs, three commercial sector programs, two residential sector programs, two public sector programs, and one codes and standards program. The SDREN programs will be offered throughout San Diego County and are expected to be available to customers by the end of CY 2025.

Next Steps: Over the next four months, Staff will prioritize activities to meet CPUC requirements as directed in the [SDREN Decision](#) (i.e., file an updated cost effectiveness forecast for the Market Access Program, post implementation plans, and submit a joint cooperation memo with SDG&E). Additionally, over the next six months, Staff will continue to prepare for the launch of the SDREN programs by hiring staff, developing and releasing solicitations for program implementors, and developing a charter for the SDREN Advisory Committee based on input from the Inaugural Advisory Committee.

Other Programs

Community Clean Energy Grant Program

Status: The grant evaluation process for the 2024 grant cycle concluded in May 2024. Grantees were notified of their awards in June 2024 and grant agreements were executed in July 2024. Staff held a public announcement event on August 19, 2024. Programs and Public Affairs staff are presenting an update on the program at the September CAC meeting.

Next Steps: Future updates on this program will be provided by Community Power’s Public Affairs team.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (“CPRG”) Program

On July 22, 2024, the EPA announced their selections for the CPRG Implementation Grants. Unfortunately, the grant application led by the San Diego Association of Governments (“SANDAG”), of which Community Power was a partner, was not selected for funding. The EPA selected 25 applications in the nation; one application from California was selected for funding. The South Coast Air Quality Management District will receive close to \$500 million to “decarbonize transportation and goods movement in Los Angeles and Long Beach.” Staff will continue to work with local agencies on future funding opportunities.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND/OR SUBCOMITTEE REVIEW

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A





SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER Staff Report – Item 5

To: San Diego Community Power Community Advisory Committee

From: Laura Fernandez, Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs
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Via: Karin Burns, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Date: September 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the update on regulatory and legislative affairs.

BACKGROUND

Staff will provide regular updates to the Community Advisory Committee regarding SDCP's regulatory and legislative engagement.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

A) Regulatory Updates

Integrated Resource Planning

On August 22, 2024, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted to approve a Final Decision making an initial need determination pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1373 (Stats. 2023, Ch.367) under which the CPUC may request that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) procure electricity from diverse long lead-time (LLT) resources on behalf of customers of all load-serving entities (LSE).

As noted in the regulatory and legislative staff report for the August 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors ([see pages 47-50](#) for a summary of the Proposed Decision) this initial need determination totals up to 10.6 gigawatts (GW) of nameplate capacity of four categories of emerging technologies intended to spur market transformation and support a diverse portfolio. The need determination quantities represent maximums, meaning once a procurement request is made, DWR will conduct solicitations and evaluate the

quality of bids, including costs and ratepayer risk provisions, and may procure between zero and the upper limits.

However, the Commission adopted several revisions to the Proposed Decision, including:

- Expanding the geothermal resource category to include both conventional and next-generation geothermal;
- Allowing pumped storage hydroelectric (PSH) projects to compete in either of the long duration energy storage (LDES) category solicitations given they are eligible under the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 454.52(h)(2);
- Providing additional details on the procurement process, such as giving parties the opportunity to make requests for evidentiary hearings and setting other appropriate procedural steps that may be necessary for a full review of the proposed contracts; and
- Clarifying that centralized procurement of LLT resources should be considered by the Commission in a separate category from individual LSE procurement, but should be coordinated with individual LSE requirements resulting from the forthcoming reliable and clean power procurement program (RCPPP) or other procurement orders.

Eligible Resource	Quantity (Nameplate)
Offshore wind (OSW)	7.6 GW
Geothermal	1 GW
12-hour or more emerging long duration energy storage (LDES) technologies, that are not lithium-ion batteries	1 GW
Emerging multi-day LDES technologies, that are not lithium-ion batteries	1 GW

The CPUC recommends multiple rounds of competitive LLT solicitations, with the proposed initial timing:

- Late 2024 or 2025: DWR preparatory activities, including formation of procurement group
- 2025: DWR development of solicitation plans and materials, in consultation with Commission staff and procurement group
- Late 2026: First solicitation opens for LDES
- 2027: First solicitation opens for OSW and EGS

Provider of Last Resort

On August 23, 2024, the CPUC held a prehearing conference to kick-off Phase 2 of the provider of last resort (POLR) proceeding, R.21-03-011. This proceeding is charged with

implementing Senate Bill (SB) 520 and addressing other matters related to the POLR, which is the entity responsible for providing uninterrupted electric service in the event that a LSE such as a CCA, fails.

Phase 1 reviewed the existing framework including cost recovery mechanisms, registration processes, processes for governing mass involuntary return of customers, financial monitoring requirements, and updates to the financial security requirement calculation. A [Final Decision](#) was issued on April 22, 2024. Phase 2 will determine the requirements and process to enable a non-IOU LSE to serve as the POLR. The [Ruling](#) that set the prehearing conference included a preliminary scope for Phase 2.

The preliminary scope includes questions regarding the implementation of SB 520, as codified in PUC Section 387, divided into the following topic areas:

- Requirements for what an LSE must demonstrate within a joint application to become POLR and additional threshold attributes for an LSE
- Details on the joint application process for requesting a transfer of responsibilities
- Cost-recovery determinations and mechanisms for a non-IOU POLR
- How the POLR will be regulated as “as a public utility for the services provided by the provider of last resort” per statute
- Potential additional, regular reporting requirements
- Technical, financial, and legal capacity thresholds required for non-IOU entities to serve as POLR

San Diego Regional Energy Network

As mentioned in the “Update on Programs” item of this agenda packet, the CPUC approved the [Decision Addressing Motion for Authorization of San Diego Regional Energy Network](#) on August 1, 2024. It approved the [Proposed Decision as originally written](#) (key details can be found in Item 5 of the July 2024 Community Advisory Committee [agenda packet](#)), with minor clarifications. The final decision was officially issued on August 7, 2024.

Opening and Reply Comments

Prior to the CPUC vote, parties had an opportunity to file opening and reply comments on the Proposed Decision. Opening comments were filed by [SD Community Power](#) on behalf of San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN), [SDG&E](#), [Bay Area Regional Energy Network \(BayREN\)](#) and [Tri County Regional Energy Network \(3C-REN\)](#). Reply comments were filed by [SD Community Power](#) on behalf of SDREN, [3C-REN](#) and [BayREN](#), [Inland Regional Energy Network \(I-REN\)](#), the [Public Advocates Office \(PAO\)](#), and [Sonoma Clean Power \(SCP\)](#). All comments expressed support for SDREN’s authorization, except PAO who did not oppose SDREN authorization in its comments, but did seek CPUC clarification regarding the approval of SDREN’s 2028-2031 portfolio budget. Additionally,

SDG&E reiterated its intent to withdraw from energy efficiency administration in its opening comments on the PD by stating, “In early 2025, SDG&E intends to file an off-cycle Business Plan Application to wind down its regional energy efficiency portfolio by the end of 2027.”

Disconnections

Proposed Decision on Proportional Allocation of Payment on Past-Due Bills

On August 8, 2024, the CPUC issued the “[[Proposed](#)] [Decision Extending Current Proportional Allocation of Payment on Past-Due Bills Between Investor-Owned Utilities and Community Choice Aggregators](#)”. This Proposed Decision (PD) follows the *ALJ Ruling on Disconnection Caps and Past-Due Payment Allocation* ([Ruling](#)), as well as parties’ opening and reply comments. The Ruling and CalCCA comments (to which SD Community Power contributed) are summarized and linked in [Item 10](#) of the June 27, 2024, Board of Directors agenda packet.

The PD concurs with the arguments posed by CalCCA in their comments and proposes that Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) “continue to allocate all payments made on past-due bills between utilities and Community Choice Aggregators based on their proportionate share of those past-due bills unless and until the Commission orders otherwise.” The proportional allocation method differs from the waterfall payment methodology of allocating past due payments, which SDG&E supported in [its Ruling comments](#), where payment on past-due balances first goes toward the IOU to make them whole and then to the CCA. The PD justifies continuation of proportional allocation indefinitely on the basis that “the waterfall method inappropriately shifts financial risk to the CCAs, and the proportional allocation method contributes to the financial stability of the CCAs. Customers as a whole benefit from more financially stable CCAs.”

[CalCCA](#), [SDG&E](#), [PG&E](#), and the [Utility Consumers’ Action Network](#) filed opening comments on the PD on August 28, 2024. Reply comments are due on September 3, 2024. The earliest this PD will be voted on is at the CPUC’s September 12, 2024, voting meeting. Next month’s CAC update will include highlights from reply comments and the final decision.

Ruling on Disconnection Caps

On August 21, 2024, the CPUC released an [Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling on Disconnection Caps](#) which directs the IOUs to include a narrative and data demonstrating how extending and changing the caps on the number of customers they disconnect will affect the accrual of residential uncollectibles and residential customer bill arrearages. Other parties are welcome to provide their own comments and data as well. Opening comments are due on September 20, 2024. Reply comments are due on October 4, 2024. A future CAC update will include highlights from these comments.

Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

CPUC Ruling Resolving SGIP Budget Dispute Between Center for Sustainable Energy and SDG&E

As described during the [presentation of Item 8](#) of the June 13, 2024, Community Advisory Committee meeting, CSE filed a [Motion](#) with the CPUC in October 2023 asking the CPUC to require SDG&E to “fully fund” SGIP. CSE argued that SDG&E did not appropriately carryover funds from previous SGIP funding cycles and asked the CPUC to order them to do so, which would effectively make additional incentive funds available for customers in the current funding cycle. SDG&E disagreed with CSE’s claims, arguing that they appropriately accounted for SGIP funds, and therefore there were no carryover funds to migrate to the current program cycle. While the CPUC deliberated CSE’s Motion, it issued a [Ruling](#) directing CSE to wait list applications submitted on or after November 1, 2023.

On July 1, 2024, the CPUC issued a [Ruling](#) denying CSE’s Motion and ordered “SDG&E and CSE [to] execute any necessary SGIP contract amendments to use all SGIP funds in SDG&E’s SGIP memorandum account until the ratepayer-funded sunset date for SGIP”. In addition to funds from Assembly Bill 209 and ratepayers, remaining funds include those resulting from cancellations and accrued interest in the memorandum account. Following the CPUC’s Ruling of CSE’s Motion, CSE resumed processing applications in the order they were received.

Joint CCA Response to Updated SGIP Handbook

On August 5, 2024, the administrators of the SGIP program (Center for Sustainable Energy, PG&E, SoCalGas, and SCE) jointly issued an advice letter updating the SGIP Handbook to incorporate changes required by the [Decision Implementing Assembly Bill 209 and Improving Self-Generation Incentive Program Equity Outcomes](#) (“AB 209 Decision”). Highlights of the AB 209 Decision were featured in the presentation of Item 7 of the June 13, 2024, CAC meeting (see [slide 63](#)). On August 26, 2024, the Joint CCAs (of which San Diego Community Power is a member) submitted a response to the SGIP Handbook advice letter to make several requests. First, the Joint CCAs requested a streamlined pathway to add CCA programs to the list of demand response programs customers must enroll in should they receive an SGIP incentive. Second, the Joint CCAs requested a pathway for residential CCA customers to claim an exemption from the demand response program enrollment rule under certain circumstances. Finally, the Joint CCAs asked for a streamlined pathway for customers to demonstrate income eligibility for SGIP’s incentives tailored for low-income customers.

Draft Resolution Approving SGIP Program Administrators’ Advanced Payment Program

On August 21, 2024, the CPUC issued a draft resolution approving the SGIP PAs' Advanced Payment Program ("APP") proposal for the new Residential Solar and Storage Equity budget ("RSSE") and other SGIP handbook modifications. The RSSE budget was established by the AB 209 Decision and is specifically dedicated to funding low-income solar and storage projects.

The APP will provide 50% upfront payments to SGIP project developers in the RSSE budget to reduce barriers to low-income residential participation. This helps ensure low-income customers can enroll with no-money down. The RSSE budget is designated for low-income customers only. The APP will be implemented within 60 days of the approval of the resolution or in conjunction with the RSSE budget, whichever comes first.

The SGIP handbook modifications will better allow developers to access the APP upfront incentives to implement RSSE projects and put in place safeguards to protect the upfront incentives to ensure sufficient funding for SGIP projects while mitigating the risk of losing funds due to non-performing and bankrupt developers.

B) State Legislative Activities Update

The legislative session concluded on Saturday, August 31. The Governor has until September 30 to sign or veto legislation approved by the Legislature. The 2025-26 legislative session will convene on December 2.

SD Community Power supported legislation approved by the legislature and pending action by the Governor

SD Community Power supported the following bills that were approved by the Legislature before the August 31 deadline and are now waiting for action by the Governor:

- [AB 1834 \(Garcia\)](#) - This bill would require the CPUC to consider mitigating factors, such as resource scarcity, when developing the capacity payment unit cost when an LSE failed to meet its system RA requirements, and the Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program was used to meet an identified reliability need.
- [AB 2666 \(Boerner\)](#) - This bill would require the CPUC to review which IOU costs differed from their general rate case forecasts and to adjust their authorized revenue requirement in the subsequent general rate case based on the actual past costs of the IOU.
- [AB 2672 \(Petrie-Norris\)](#) - This bill would make Project Homekey sites (which provide housing to the unhoused), including at least four in San Diego County, eligible for the 30-35% CARE rate discount

- [AB 2779 \(Petrie-Norris\)](#) - This bill would require the CAISO to report on any new use of grid enhancing technologies, along with costs and efficiency savings, in its transmission planning process.
- [SB 59 \(Skinner\)](#) - This bill would authorize the CEC to require electric vehicles to be bidirectional capable if they determine there is a sufficiently compelling beneficial use case to the vehicle and the grid.
- [SB 1006 \(Padilla\)](#) - This bill would require the IOUs to study the feasibility of using grid-enhancing technologies to increase transmission capacity, reduce congestion and the curtailment of renewables, and increase reliability.

SD Community Power supported the following bills that were not approved by the Legislature.

- [AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#) - This bill would have allowed subsidiary public bodies, like the CAC, to use modified remote meeting protocols.
- [AB 2329 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) - This bill would have established the California Affordable Decarbonization Authority to administer a Climate Equity Trust Fund for the benefit of electric ratepayers and to promote affordable electric rates.
- [AB 2891 \(Friedman\)](#) - This bill would have required the CEC to adopt a set of upfront technical requirements for LSEs to modify their electric demand forecast when aggregated resources are used.
- [AB 3238 \(Garcia\)](#) - This bill would have streamlined the CPUC's approval process for certain transmission projects.
- [AB 3246 \(Garcia\)](#) - This bill would have allowed the CPUC's approval of advanced conductors on transmission lines above 50 kilovolts through their informal advice letter process.
- [SB 1165 \(Padilla\)](#) - This bill would have allowed for an alternate CEQA process pathway through the CEC for certain transmission line projects.

Legislature approves transparency legislation on costs to ratepayers

Ratepayer affordability was a key theme of the 2024 legislative year. The Senate Energy, Utilities, & Communications Committee and the Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee both held oversight hearings to better understand why electric rates are rising and to hear about potential solutions. In June the chair of the Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee called for a legislative package that would reduce ratepayer bills by \$10 a month. In anticipation that the legislation could seek to sunset ratepayer funds that support energy efficiency programs, SD Community Power signed a letter with other CCAs urging caution since the funding mechanism is critical to state and local clean energy, grid reliability, and equity goals. The joint-CCA letter noted that energy efficiency programs have historically been funded through a state mandated public purpose program charge, which currently accounts for around 1.7% of total revenues collected annually from ratepayers. The joint CCAs expressed an interest in a dialogue with the Legislature to promote ratepayer

affordability while also ensuring critical energy efficiency programs continue to have a viable operational pathway that avoids duplication and promotes transparency.

The legislature ultimately approved one bill, which was published shortly before the August 31 deadline, to enhance transparency of certain ratepayer costs. [AB 3264 \(Petrie-Norris & Rivas\)](#), if signed into law, would establish new transparency requirements for ratepayer funded energy efficiency programs, including SDREN and CCA funded demand side management programs. The goal of the bill is to give legislators more information on all the costs paid for by ratepayers so in a future legislative session they can have a more informed discussion about ratepayer affordability. Specifically, the bill would require the following:

- The CPUC would need to establish a framework by December 31, 2026, to assess the total energy costs (propane, gas, electricity, natural gas, diesel) paid by residential households, including projects costs for the next 10 years and annual growth rate by energy source. The CPUC will also need to develop scenarios that achieve a 5%, 10%, and 15% reduction in total annual energy costs paid by households by 2035. The CPUC would be authorized, but not required, to use the framework when evaluating proposed IOU costs for new spending.
- The three large IOUs would need to publish a cost dashboard on their website by January 1, 2026, of the cost categories in residential electric rates for the next calendar year, including distribution, wildfire mitigation, transmission, energization, net metering, commodity prices, energy efficiency programs, taxes, metering and billing, and unrecovered arrearages.
- The CPUC would need to provide enhanced reporting to the legislature on energy efficiency programs, by specifying the report - issued every three years - should include a list of all demand-side management programs it oversees or that are paid for by ratepayers, including CCA programs with evaluations for each program.
- The CPUC would need to consult with the CEC and the CAISO on recommendations to identify proposals to reduce the cost to ratepayers of expanding the transmission grid. The report must evaluate public financing of projects and other ownership models and lease agreements.

Another bill that was part of the affordability package, [AB 3121 \(Petrie-Norris\)](#), would have provided a one-time residential bill credit of around \$30 by requiring the CPUC to start a process on January 1, 2025 to repay unreserved Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Funds to residential customers, sunsetting the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program (CalSHAPE) as of July 1, 2024 and returning the remaining funds to each utility and distributing it to residential customers as a bill credit, and requiring the CPUC to credit no more than one-half of program funds from the Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program that are unencumbered as of January 1, 2025 to residential customers of electrical corporations. The bill was ultimately not put up for a vote. It did not pass. Similarly, [SB 1003 \(Dodd\)](#), which would have made changes to the IOU wildfire mitigation process, including by requiring that wildfire mitigation costs are considered in an IOUs

general rate case as opposed to separately in memorandum accounts, was not taken up for a final vote. It did not pass.

C) Federal Legislative Activities Update

None

AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND/OR SUBCOMITTEE REVIEW

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER

Staff Report – Item 6

To: San Diego Community Power Community Advisory Committee

From: Alyson Scurlock, Senior Program Associate
Xiomalys Crespo, Senior Community Engagement Manager

Via: Karin Burns, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Community Clean Energy Grant Program Update

Date: September 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

In May 2023, San Diego Community Power's (Community Power) Board of Directors approved the [Community Power Plan](#), which identifies grant programs as a short-term initiative to implement innovative program ideas from community-based organizations or specific clean energy projects that help its members agencies achieve their climate action goals.

The Community Clean Energy Grant Program aims to support local clean energy projects and programs that provide economic, environmental, and health benefits to Community Power's communities, and it is guided by the Community Clean Energy Grant Program Policy, which was first approved in December 2022 and last amended in February 2024.

This presentation provides an update on the program's 2023 and 2024 grant cycles.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

2023 Grant Cycle Summary

In March 2023, Community Power, in partnership with San Diego Foundation, launched its [Community Clean Energy Grant Program](#). The following ten organizations received 1 year grant awards of up to \$45,000 each, totaling \$390,000 during the 2023 grant cycle:

- **Casa Familiar** - \$44,998.35 to support Casa Verde, a workforce development program that provides extensive training on environmental justice principles, community organizing, and climate change impacts in the South County border region.

- **Climate Action Campaign** - \$30,500 to organize workshops for San Diego residents and contractors on how to access available incentives from state and federal programs.
- **Community Housing Works** - \$34,500 to promote energy awareness and reduce costs by installing smart light switches in affordable housing properties through a partnership with Flick.
- **Environmental Health Coalition** - \$40,500 to support its Holistic Healthy & Climate Resilient Homes program that promotes home energy improvements and indoor air quality.
- **GRID Alternatives** - \$45,000 to support the installation of solar panels and storage in Communities of Concern. Each installation site serves as an opportunity for hands-on learning for San Diego's next generation of clean energy workforce.
- **Hammond Climate Solutions Foundation** - \$25,000 to increase community energy resilience in Barrio Logan through solar and storage installation.
- **La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation** - \$34,500 to support an electric tool lending library and green community events in the City of La Mesa.
- **MAAC Project** - \$45,000 to support MAAC's Electric Vehicle Access Program to reduce carbon emissions and increase electric vehicle adoption in Communities of Concern.
- **San Diego Green Building Council** - \$45,000 to expand its Electric Home Cooktop Program that allows San Diego residents to -borrow energy-efficient induction cooktop kits at no charge.
- **United Women of East Africa** - \$45,000 to promote sustainable energy behaviors and reduce energy consumption and costs in San Diego's East African communities.

2023 Reporting Highlights

Key joint outcomes from the 2023 grant cycle as reported by the grantees in July 2024 are as follows:

- Increased overall energy literacy and education by engaging 5,384 community members through workshops and community events covering topics such as electric vehicles, energy efficient appliances, environmental justice, and solar installation;
- Improved awareness about energy savings for 1,732 households in affordable housing communities;
- Supported green job/internship opportunities for 15 workforce development trainees; and
- Leveraged an additional \$175,355 from other funding sources.

2024 Grant Cycle Overview

Program Overview and Eligibility

Community Power, San Diego Foundation, and Calpine Energy Solutions (Community Power's back-office provider) awarded over \$1.2 million during the 2024 grant cycle. Organizations could apply for grants between \$25,000 and \$100,000, with the option to expend the grants within 12 or 24 months.

Applications must have been led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status and have proven experience serving community members through projects or programs. Proposed projects or programs must have served Community Power customers, directly related to clean energy, and advanced one or more of the following focus areas:

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

Evaluation

The 2024 grant cycle received 43 applications totaling over \$3.6 million in grant funding requests. A collaborative evaluation committee consisting of Community Power, San Diego Foundation, and Calpine Energy Solutions staff reviewed, scored, and selected applications based on the below evaluation criteria (out of 50 points).

Criteria	Description	Scoring
Funding Priority Alignment & Program Design	Project/program is designed to meet community needs while advancing one or more of the program's focus areas.	20 Points
Feasibility	Application demonstrates having the staffing capability, timing, partnerships, and applicable skills to successfully implement the project/program. Budget is within the allowable grant range and is reasonable for the project/program's scope.	13 Points
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.	12 Points
Impact & Growth	Project/program is impactful with the potential to be replicated and/or expanded to other communities in Community Power's service territory.	5 Points

The application for the 2024 grant cycle was open from February 26, 2024 to April 5, 2024. The grant cycle was promoted via webpage updates, a pre-recorded webinar, press releases, newsletter updates, targeted emails, and social media posts. Applicants were notified of decisions in June 2024, with grant agreements executed in July 2024, and a press event held on August 19, 2024 to announce the 2024 awardees.

The following 16 organizations received awards during the 2024 grant cycle:

- **Chula Vista Elementary School District** - \$75,000 for its "STEAMing into Clean Energy with the Energy Station," which will provide out-of-classroom experiences

in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM), often located in the world of work, where students take on different career roles aligned with priority job sectors identified by San Diego Workforce Partnership.

- **GRID Alternatives San Diego** - \$100,000 to complete 20 single-family clean energy projects in communities of concern within the next year.
- **Groundwork San Diego, Chollas Creek** - \$94,450 for an energy education project that will enhance energy efficiency and air quality in homes and expand community literacy around the economic, environmental and health benefits of improvements for households and communities.
- **SBCS (formerly South Bay Community Services)** - \$100,000 to provide low-income, minority and system-involved youth in San Diego with pathways to employment within the solar industry.
- **GoGreenish** - \$25,000 to continue a student-led research initiative in partnership with the University of California San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy measuring outdoor air pollutants in underrepresented K-12 high schools in San Diego.
- **Suncoast Market Cooperative** - \$84,108 to assist with opening South County's first consumer-owned food cooperative featuring fresh, healthy and locally-sourced food while supporting the local economy, providing education and advocating for environmentally sustainable practices.
- **La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation** - \$100,000 to host free community electric vehicle and solar power education and install electric vehicle charging stations at a city park.
- **Ocean Discovery Institute** - \$50,000 to support over 450 seventh graders from City Heights to engage in hands-on learning experiences centered around climate change and solutions to climate change.
- **South Sudanese Community Center** - \$84,590 to expand a sustainable energy education and outreach program focused on City Heights.
- **La Maestra Foundation, Inc.** - \$50,000 to support an after-school and summer enrichment program that provides at-risk, low-income youth ages six to 18 with youth leadership and life skills development activities.
- **Climate Action Campaign** - \$100,000 toward development of the Refugee and Immigration Cultural Hub (RICH) in City Heights. The project will be built on a 2.2-acre site owned by the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA), which aims to establish a healthy, resilient and inclusive development for immigrant and refugee communities and friends.
- **Hammond Climate Solutions Foundation** - \$100,000 to build a 16.4kW solar with 35kWh storage project for the National City-based nonprofit Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center and a series of clean energy workshops.
- **MAAC Project** - \$45,000 to support its Electric Vehicle Access program, which reduces carbon emissions and increases renewable energy usage in low-income and pollution-burdened communities through an increase in the adoption of electric vehicles.
- **San Diego 350** - \$100,000 to create and pilot a high school program that engages teachers and students in communities of concern in San Diego County's South Bay on clean energy and its importance to environmental health.

- **I Am Green Inc.** - \$100,000 for its Weatherization & Energy Equity (W.E.E.) program that provides education and training tailored to address the unique challenges faced by individuals in communities heavily affected by poverty, unemployment, incarceration and environmental injustice.
- **In Good Company** - \$50,000 to launch a program that will increase the impact of two existing complementary climate justice educational programs, increase energy literacy in San Diego through an energy-specific learning module and inspire program participants to implement and advocate for clean energy in their communities.

Next Steps

Reporting for the 2024 grant cycle will conclude in June 2025 (1-year grants) and June 2026 (2-year grants).

In 2024, Community Power and San Diego Foundation entered into a contractual agreement over the next 3 years that will leverage the learnings from the inaugural 2023 and this year's grant cycles.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

The Board-approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget included \$500,000 to be allocated to the 2024 Community Clean Energy Grant Program and funding to support San Diego Foundation's administration of the program is included in the FY 2023-24 & FY 2024-25 Programs Department budget. Calpine Energy Solutions contributed additional funding to the 2024 grant cycle per their Data Services Agreement with SDCP. All program-related expenditures will comply with the SDCP Board-approved Procurement Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER

Community Advisory Committee Staff Report – Item 7

To: San Diego Community Power Community Advisory Committee

From: Melissa Elder, Community Engagement Associate
Xiomalys Crespo, Sr. Community Engagement Manager

Via: Karin Burns, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Update on San Diego Community Power Network Overview

Date: September 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File the Update on the San Diego Community Power Network Overview.

BACKGROUND

As part of San Diego Community Power's (Community Power) strategic goals to: invest in our communities through programs and activities that deepen our connection to customers; foster relationships with community-based organizations; and implement Community Power Plan (CPP)-recommended programs through continuous community engagement and assessment of community benefits while considering changing community needs, Community Power is seeking to build and leverage regional partnerships with community-based organizations with aligned goals to expand overall capacity and maximize impact.

This presentation will provide an overview of the San Diego Community Power Network's (Power Network) proposed outcomes, guidelines, timelines, and benefits. Staff are requesting feedback on the program from the CAC before launching a solicitation process to learn more about organizations' services, offerings, impact, interest in partnering with Community Power, overall capacity, and collect vendor qualifications later this fall.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Purpose and Goals

The establishment of the Power Network is structured around the following outcomes:

- Understanding the needs, concerns, capacity, and level of influence of community-based organizations serving our member agencies;

- Identifying competencies and expertise currently not held by Community Power;
- Defining and engaging in mutual, standing partnerships that expand overall capacity to implement aligned goals;
- Building relationships with community leaders to inform and equip them with the tools to talk about Community Power's role in the region in a way that fosters open and frequent and culturally relevant communication and collaboration;
- Co-creating an ecosystem of Partners that further Community Power's reach, community recognition, and trust;
- Supporting the implementation of the CPP and other Community Power customer service offerings; and
- Building shared ownership around Community Power's mission and vision.

To achieve these outcomes, Community Power will launch a solicitation process open to local community-based organizations servicing the Greater San Diego County region. Community Power will then engage in partnerships with the respondents of this process to carry out work that may include, but may not be limited to: informing program development, implementation, and evaluation activities; customizing outreach materials to better reach communities within our service territory; conducting outreach and providing information about Community Power and its programming; providing culturally competent translation services; assisting with enrollment in programs; and other duties, as agreed upon.

The Power Network will become an information-sharing infrastructure to foster collaboration, communication, and programming awareness among a nonprofit ecosystem aligned with Community Power's mission, vision, and goals. This will give Power Network members an opportunity to provide input on Community Power programming by informing staff of levels of general community understanding around specific issues, coordinating cross-organizational outreach and activities, recruiting event attendees, organizing advocacy around policy-making efforts, supporting the San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) goals and implementation, when appropriate, and jointly seeking out funding opportunities.

Next Steps

A Request for Information (RFI) will be launched later this fall and will be closing before the end of calendar year 2024. There will be one virtual workshop, three in-person workshops and individual technical assistance opportunities by appointment. Community Power expects the work to commence on or about February 2025.

Community Power staff plans to conduct targeted outreach through emails and various social media platforms, adding a page on the website, and sharing the RFI in various community meetings and networking events.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

