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San Diego County to Join San Diego Community Power

County Board of Supervisors Votes to Provide Clean Electricity and Provider Choice to Residents and Businesses in Unincorporated Parts of the County

San Diego, August 31 – The San Diego Board of Supervisors voted today to become the newest member of San Diego Community Power (SDCP). SDCP is a not-for-profit community choice energy agency (CCA) providing municipalities, businesses, and residents with clean, renewable energy at competitive rates. The County vote will add approximately 187,000 new customers to SDCP's service area, which already includes the cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, and San Diego.

SDCP currently serves municipal, commercial, and industrial customers in its five founding member cities, with residential service set to launch early next year. Service tiers include 50 percent and 100 percent renewable energy options. Per California law, customers are automatically enrolled with SDCP when service begins in their region. They can change tiers or opt-out of the service at any time. SDG&E will continue to deliver power, manage monthly billing and customer service, and provide ongoing transmission and distribution system maintenance.

"Thank you to the community advocates for leading the charge to protect our environment and give residents more options for energy. Today, we took a huge step forward in accomplishing our mission by joining San Diego Community Power," said Nathan Fletcher, Chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, in a statement. "Our mission to align San Diego County with a community choice energy provider has been accomplished. This is a very important step in advancing our framework for the future — prioritizing climate justice, equity, and local, good green union jobs."

In April, the Board of Supervisors voted to start discussions on joining a CCA and outlined the Guiding Principles they were looking for in the partnership. Those principles largely mirrored SDCP's mission of providing cost-competitive clean energy, local jobs, and investment in Communities of Concern.

"The County's vote is a powerful endorsement for San Diego Community Power and exemplifies regional leadership to address climate concerns," said Joe Mosca, Chair of the Board of Directors of SDCP. "Our values align closely with the County's, and we are excited for the opportunity to supply the unincorporated areas with clean, renewable energy that supports the health of communities today and into the future."

SDCP is the first CCA to codify in its Joint Powers Authority agreement the goal of reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2035 or sooner.

The SDCP Board will vote to accept San Diego County as its newest member during its next Board meeting in September. County customers will begin receiving service during the spring of 2023.

About SDCP

San Diego Community Power (SDCP) is a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) committed to providing municipalities, businesses, and residents in the five-member cities with clean, renewable energy at competitive rates and investing in innovative programs that benefit the environment and the economy in our communities. SDCP will source cleaner electricity services for approximately 770,000 customer accounts in Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, and San Diego.

Learn more at <u>www.sdcommunitypower.org</u>.