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CCCE's Energy Programs team is working directly with CCCE customers by providing rebates and incentives to electrify their homes or business. In this fiscal year alone, CCCE is making \$14 million available to

customers through Energy Program rebates and incentives:

- **Incentives for electric-powered transportation, purchase and installation of chargers to power up EVs at homes and workplaces including labor and related electric panel updates or replacements** are available to residents, commercial businesses, and public agencies until funds are allocated
- **Incentives for Electric School Buses** are available to all public schools and school districts in CCCE's service area until funds are allocated
- **Incentives for new, all-electric agricultural equipment** available to agricultural businesses and ag-related businesses in CCCE's service area until funds are allocated
- **Incentives for new, all-electric affordable housing units** within the CCCE service area are available to developers until funds are allocated

Read below for details and exciting updates!



Central Coast Community Energy's Rates to Change in March for Customers in PG&E Service Area

Beginning March 1, Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) electric generation rates will no longer be calculated as a percentage of PG&E rates. As directed and approved by our Board of Directors made up of your local elected representatives, CCCE will provide straightforward, stable rates that are based solely on the cost of serving our residential commercial, agricultural, and industrial customers.

Setting rates based strictly on the cost to serve you makes rates more reliable, transparent, and fair while allowing CCCE to remain highly competitive with PG&E. As PG&E's rates are set to increase through a California Public Utilities Commission process, CCCE's rates will continue to be lower across all customer classes. CCCE will continue reinvesting in our customers and local communities through increased program offerings supporting electrification in buildings and transportation.

CCCE customers have the same access to rate assistance programs as customers of PG&E. Rate relief provided through the CARE, FERA, AMP, HEAP or Medical Baseline programs also apply to CCCE customers.

***March 1 rate changes apply only to CCCE customers in PG&E service area.**

**For More Information, Click
Here**

Join CCCE staff for an upcoming informational webinar to learn more about the rates to change in March:

Tuesday, March 22nd | 6pm – 7pm (English): [Register here](#)

Thursday, March 24th | 6pm – 7pm (Spanish): [Register here](#)

City of Atascadero Votes Unanimously to Join Central Coast Community Energy

The Atascadero City Council voted unanimously to move forward with joining Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE), putting Atascadero households and businesses on a course to begin receiving energy service from the community-focused public agency in January 2024. Atascadero is the final city in San Luis Obispo County to join CCCE, bringing the total number of Central Coast communities served by the agency to 34.

**For More Information, Click
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Central Coast Community Energy Partners with *Switch Is On* Electrification Campaign

Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) has announced its partnership with the statewide *Switch Is On* campaign, part of a unified effort to help CCCE customers and all Californians make the switch from natural-gas-powered appliances and building infrastructure to all-electric solutions.

Transportation, buildings and related energy use are the biggest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in the state. The *Switch Is On* campaign not only aims to educate and raise awareness about electrification but to help California households and businesses save money and employ qualified contractors when



converting from gas-powered to all-electric appliances. Additionally, *Switch Is On* invites interested contractors to register with its TECH program and gain access to significant contractor rebates, incentives, and workforce development and training resources.

[Read More About the Switch Is On Campaign Here](#)

Clean Air Express Electric Commuter Bus Debuts in Santa Barbara County

Residents in Lompoc, Santa Maria, Buellton, Solvang, and adjacent unincorporated areas can now use the new *Clean Air Express* battery-electric bus to commute to their jobs in Goleta and Santa Barbara. The bus features a 220-mile range that easily meets the longest round trip in service of 150 miles.

The all-electric bus combined with the replacement of a diesel bus eliminates 450 tons of CO2 annually, equivalent to CO2 emissions from more than 80 residential homes' electricity use for one year. Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) is a sponsor of the bus. It's charged at SBCAG's Transit Facility in Goleta with 100% renewable electricity.



"We know that transportation is one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in the United States," said Santa Barbara County Supervisor and CCCE Vice-Chair, Das Williams. "A switch to cleaner, quieter, and smoother public transit options is a switch in the right direction, one that is imperative for our future – for our children and neighbors. Today we see just how the zero-emission vehicle industry's evolving technology is changing the game for long-range transportation options improving the efficiency, experience, and commuter benefits to save energy and the environment."

The Clean Air Express is managed by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and is funded by Measure A and the County of Santa Barbara.

Residential Customers are Invited to Explore New CCCE Customer Energy Portal

Residential customers receiving CCCE service in the PG&E service area are invited to explore detailed information about their electric generation charges, current rate plan, and energy usage. Through the portal, customers can also review and select service offerings such as 3Cprime, CCCE's 100% renewable offering. Potential future upgrades to the portal include allowing customers to track energy program application status.

We want your feedback! Residential customers can access the portal [here](#). CCCE account information is required to register an account in the system. Participating customers are asked to provide feedback via this brief [survey](#).



[Learn More Here](#)

Central Coast Community Energy is Hiring!

Review job announcements and descriptions. Apply online at 3cenergy.org/careers



Central Coast Community Energy Customers are Saving Big on Electric Vehicles (EVs) and EV Chargers through CCCE's Electrify Your Ride Program

There has never been a better time to save on electric-powered transportation. With CCCE's local *Electrify Your Ride* program, Central Coast Community Energy is providing CCCE customers up

to \$4,000 in rebates toward a purchased or leased new and pre-owned electric vehicles (EVs), motorcycles, and bicycles, plus up to \$4,700 toward purchase and installation of chargers to power up EVs at homes and workplaces including labor and related electric panel updates or replacement, as part of a CCCE Energy Program “readiness” measure designed to prepare customers for more all-electric conversions such as appliances and water heaters. Combined with other state and federal incentives, CCCE customers can save thousands more! Electrify Your Ride today and save at the gas pump tomorrow.

**Learn More and
Apply**



Upcoming Board Meetings

An Invitation for Community Collaboration from Central Coast Community Energy

In an effort to continuously connect with customers Central Coast Community Energy encourages public participation in the following meetings. Meetings are currently held on Zoom with available dial-in options and attendees may provide live public comment through Zoom or by submitting public comments in advance via email at publiccomment@3ce.org. Sign up to receive public board meeting notices that include the meeting details [here](#).

Operations Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 10:30 AM

**Find Dates, Agendas, Livestream Info
Here**

Central Coast Community Energy Webinars

Are you a current CCCE customer considering the purchase of an e-bike, but not sure if an e-bike is the right choice for you, or if you can afford one? Watch the recorded webinar hosted by Central Coast Community Energy and Ecology Action to learn about:

- CCCE's Electrify Your Ride Program and how to apply for rebates of \$500 or more for new e-bike purchases
- Frequently asked questions
- Different e-bike technologies
- Hub drive vs. mid-drive motors
- Costs, financing, and affordable e-bikes
- Environmental benefits
- E-bikes, hauling your stuff and running errands

CCCE Energy Update: E-bike Basics with Ecology Action

[Watch the Recorded Webinar: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7PM](#)

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