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As a Central Coast Community Energy customer, you help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support community reinvestment. Together we can make our lives safer and healthier. As a community-focused public agency, engagement with our customers is a driving force for much of our work.

CCCE's Energy Programs team is helping customers to electrify transportation, homes, and workplaces by providing rebates and incentives. In this fiscal year alone, CCCE has made \$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, businesses, and public agencies 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!

# Commercial Operation Begins for the 30MW Casa Diablo IV (CD4) Geothermal Project



Photo Credit: Ormat Technologies, Inc.

Ormat Technologies, Inc. announced the commercial operation of the Casa Diablo IV (CD4) 30 MW geothermal power plant located in Mammoth, CA. The CD4 facility provides geothermal power two Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), 7 MW to Central Coast Community Energy and 7 MW to Silicon Valley Clean Energy, under 10-year power purchase agreements. In addition, the facility provides 16 MW of geothermal power to the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) under a 25-year agreement.

The CD4 power plant is the first geothermal power plant built within the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) balancing authority in the last 30 years and will be the first in Ormat's portfolio that will sell its output to a Community Choice Aggregator. CD4 is a new state-of-the-art,

air-cooled binary geothermal facility that provides stable and reliable renewable benefits twenty-four hours a day, with zero carbon emissions.

#### **Check out this video!**



## Mountain View Wind Repowering Project Comes Online



Photo Credit: AES

Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) celebrated the repowering of AES' Mountain View Wind project located in Riverside County, CA. The repowered 67 MW facility features the most advanced wind technology that enables the generation of clean energy with fewer wind turbines while benefiting the local economy. Central Coast Community Energy and Silicon Valley Clean Energy will receive clean energy generated from this project to help meet the electricity needs of their communities.

Ag Electrification: Rancho San Lucas

Customer Testimonial



Bret Stevens and his family own and operate Rancho San Lucas in the Salinas Valley, a 3,800- acre property that dates to 1842. He recently purchased an electric utility terrain vehicle (UTV) with incentives provided by CCCE's Ag Electrification Program. Stevens uses the electric vehicle to aid in maintaining fences, troughs, and water infrastructures on the property. He said the electric vehicle helps displace the use of an older truck and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

"We work very hard to reduce costs while maintaining the historical use of the lands," said Stevens. "It has been a struggle in the past to replace ageing equipment as large capital expenditures are often not in the budget. We often maintain and operate equipment beyond its useful life as replacement is too expensive. This program has allowed us to displace older, high maintenance cost, and high emissions equipment. We do not need convincing that environmental sustainability is critical to our future. Having access to incentives allow us to maintain our values and continue to operate our business sustainably."

CCCE customers who own commercial agriculture businesses or businesses directly supporting the Ag industry located within the counties of Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz are eligible to apply to <a href="CCCE's Ag Electrification Program">CCCE's Ag Electrification Program</a>.

## Alerts for Public Safety Power Shutoff or Flex Alert Events



Are you set up to receive alerts for Public Safety Power Shutoff or Flex Alert events? Summer is officially here, and Central Coast Community Energy would like to remind all customers to be ready for possible Public Safety Power Shutoff events, as well as Flex Alerts. Please make sure PG&E or SCE have your most up-to-date contact information, consider signing up for text alerts, and consider signing up for county or city emergency alert notices. You can also follow @3Cenergy on your social media network of choice for the latest news.



Apply online at 3cenergy.org/careers

**Electrify Your Home Program Offers Incentives** for Switching to Electric



<u>Electrify Your Home</u> is a CCCE partnership with <u>TECH Clean California</u> that provides cash incentives to contractors for qualifying heat pumps projects in the CCCE service area. Cash incentives are available when switching gas-powered water heaters and HVAC equipment to all-electric versions. Electrify Your Home will further advance CCCE's efforts to reduce regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through electrification of the building sector.

Electrify Your Home

### **Electrify Your Ride Funds Remain Available**



Funds remain available in Central Coast Community Energy's <u>Electrify Your Ride program</u>. CCCE has \$936,000 remaining from a \$2.85 million incentive budget and offers rebates to customers for electric vehicles, EV chargers, EV readiness (to cover time and material electrical costs associated with installation), and E-bikes. This program offers additional incentives for low-income customers on CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) or FERA (Family Electric Rate Assistance) programs, as well as an enhanced incentive for e-bikes purchased from local bike shops. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Electrify Your Ride

## Leeward Renewable Energy Closes Financing for Rabbitbrush Solar + Storage Project

Leeward Renewable Energy has closed \$58.5 million in construction financing and secured tax equity commitments for its Rabbitbrush Solar Facility located in Kern County, California. Energy generated by the project will be provided to Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) and Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) through two previously announced 15-year power purchase agreements (PPAs). When fully operational, Rabbitbrush will generate enough clean solar energy to serve the needs of nearly 40,000 homes per year, displacing approximately 48,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. The project is expected to come online later this year.



### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

An Invitation for Community Collaboration from Central Coast Community Energy

Understanding customers' viewpoints and needs is a top priority for our agency's leadership. Take part in the discussion by joining Central Coast Community Energy for the following public meetings. Meetings are currently held on Zoom with available dial-in Attendees options. may provide live through Zoom or by comments submitting comments in advance via email publiccomment@3ce.org. Sign up to receive public board meeting notices including meeting details here.

**Operations Board of Directors**Thursday, August 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Find Dates, Agendas, Livestream Info Here











