



**If you're new to Central Coast Community Energy, welcome!** You're in good company with 95% of residents and businesses on the Central Coast, each showing their support for clean energy and community reinvestment by being our customer. Together, we're making communities safer and healthier as we work toward our goal of achieving 100% clean and renewable energy for the region by 2030.

Central Coast Community Energy is a public agency that sources competitively priced electricity from clean and renewable energy resources. CCCE is locally controlled and governed by board members who represent each community served by the agency. Revenue generated by CCCE stays local and helps keep electricity rates affordable for customers, while also funding innovative energy programs designed to lower greenhouse gas emissions and stimulate economic development. CCCE serves 436,000 customers throughout the Central Coast within Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz counties.

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## CCCE Annual Meeting Recap



CCCE held its annual meeting on September 21 and 22. The two-day, public event included discussions on the road to decarbonization, CCCE Energy

Programs, legislative power purchase agreements, and everything in between.



### Highlights:

- Central Coast Community Energy's CEO Tom Habashi plans to retire at the conclusion of his current contract on March 31, 2022. Please take the [CEO recruitment survey](#) to share the characteristics, experience and background you would like in Central Coast Community Energy's next CEO.
- CCCE's Policy Board of Directors approved the inclusion of the City of Atascadero as a CCCE Member. CCCE expects to serve the City of Atascadero as early as January 1, 2024.
- CCCE achieved a 95.44% service-wide enrollment rate for FY 2021-2022.
- CCCE hosted 10 farmworker outreach events for FY 2021-2022.
- In FY 2021-2022, CCCE Energy Program incentives helped seven Title 1 schools, 23 small businesses, 697 underserved customers, and 320 affordable housing units.
- Five renewable energy projects came online in 2022, including Coso Geothermal, Slate Solar + Storage, Mammoth Casa Diablo IV, Mountain View Wind, and Rabbitbrush Solar + Storage (October). These projects contribute to 22% annual load for CCCE customers.

Did you miss the meeting? No worries, check out the recording.

[Annual Meeting Recording](#)

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## CalCCA Celebrates 20 Years of Community Choice Impact and Growth



California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) members and partners, local and state elected officials, and other distinguished guests gathered in San Francisco on September 24 to celebrate the extraordinary growth, impact, and success of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in California. The celebration took place on the 20th anniversary of the signing in 2002 of Assembly Bill 117, legislation that enabled cities and counties to create community choice energy programs in California.

There are now 24 operational CCA programs in California serving more than 11 million customers—about one-quarter of the state's population—in 200+ cities and counties throughout the state.

Since 2010, CCAs have signed contracts for 11 Gigawatts (GW) of new-construction, clean energy projects with over one-third of those projects already operational. That equates to more than \$13 Billion invested by CCAs in long-term power purchase agreements and up to 11,000 union construction jobs.

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Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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**Ways To Pay**  
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**Your Enrolled Programs**  
CARE Discount

**Your Account Summary**

Amount Due on Previous Statement	557.87
Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement	-57.87
Previous Unpaid Balance	50.00
Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges	855.09
Electric Adjustments	4.60
Central Coast Community Energy Electric Generation Charges	61.18
Service Provider Electric Commodity Adjustments	-100.00
<b>Total Amount Due by XX/XX/20XX</b>	<b>\$20.87</b>

Current charges include a discount of \$XX.XX for CARE.

**Important Messages**  
Friendly Payment Reminder - We understand things come up and you may have forgotten to make a payment. For more information about our payment assistance options, please visit [pge.com/billhelp](http://pge.com/billhelp) or contact us to set up a pay plan.  
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CCCE provided more than \$8 million in one-time bill credits to customers needing financial assistance. Customers of CCCE and PG&E who participated in CARE, FERA, and Medical Baseline programs between January 1, 2022, and August 25, 2022, received a one-time \$100 credit on their September electric bills. CCCE's Board of Directors approved the funding in December to help offset the impacts of rising energy costs on the agency's customers most in need.

For more information on CCCE's rates visit <https://3cenergy.org/billing/>

## Flex Alerts



A record-breaking heatwave earlier this month caused strain on California's energy grid. In response, the California Independent Operating System (CAISO) issued Flex Alerts for several days, calling for users to conserve electricity voluntarily. The alerts helped avoid rolling blackouts and a collapse of the grid. Thank you Central Coast for doing your part!

A Flex Alert is typically issued in the summer when extremely hot weather drives up electricity use, making the available power supply scarce. This usually happens in the evening hours when solar generation is going offline and consumers are returning home and switching on air conditioners, lights, and appliances.

[Sign up for Flex Alerts](#)

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## Considering Air Conditioning?

Are you one of 50% of Californians who will need to upgrade or replace a natural gas furnace or old air conditioning unit in the near future? Or have extreme weather events led you to consider installing an air conditioner for the first time?

Heat pump space conditioning units are ultra-efficient appliances, widely adopted in Europe and Asia, that use electricity instead of natural gas to both heat and cool your home. Many homeowners in the U.S. are switching over to heat pumps as they offer safer operations, superior technology, and lower electric bills.

This 1-hour webinar provides an overview of all-electric heat pump appliances and stories from real homeowners who have installed heat pumps. You'll also learn about local incentives that greatly reduce the cost of heat pumps and get connected with contractors to complete your project.



## How do I start electrifying my home?

*Identify your gas-powered appliances*

*Look up your incentives and speak to an expert on [switchison.org](https://www.switchison.org)*

*Request quotes through our "Find a Contractor" tool*

*Make the switch!*



THE SWITCH IS ON

[More information](#)

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**CCCE and the County of Santa Barbara  
Partner on Transportation Electrification**





CCCE has partnered with the County of Santa Barbara to further transportation electrification in the area, granting \$242,000 for the installation of 22 new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and the purchase of light-duty electric vehicles.

CCCE granted the County \$92,000 in incentives for EV charging infrastructure that went toward the purchase of Powerflex Level 2 chargers. The charging stations provide additional electricity sources for the 7,000 EV drivers in the County and improve feasibility for many would-be EV drivers, helping reduce emissions and better air quality.

**Charger Locations:**

[260 N San Antonio Rd., Santa Barbara, CA, 93110](#)

[413 N San Antonio Rd., Goleta, CA 93110](#)

[620 W Foster Rd., Santa Maria, CA, 93455](#)

[881 Embarcadero del Mar, Isla Vista, CA, 93117 with solar + storage site](#)

[2115 Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria, CA, 93455](#)

The County of Santa Barbara is also planning to purchase 30 new light-duty electric vehicles with \$150,000 in incentives from [CCCE's Light Duty Fleet Electrification Program](#).

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**ELECTRIC VEHICLE RIDE AND DRIVE EVENT** **FREE**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
**11:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
11 Station Place, Salinas, CA 93901

**FREE test drives, giveaways and e-bike drawing**

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- Salinas Valley CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- ElectricForAll.org
- Access Clean California

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**CCCE participates in the Oaxaca by the Sea**





The City of Seaside hosted a traditional Oaxacan celebration this month at Laguna Grande Park. CCCE staff enjoyed talking to the community about energy needs, technology, and [CCCE's Electrify Your Home Program!](#)

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## Visiting Jacobs Farm del Cabo



We love visiting our customers in Watsonville! [Jacobs Farm del Cabo](#) uses electric micro-tractors to spread seed and compost. These electric micro-tractors, supported by a \$20,000 grant from CCCE's Ag Electrification Program, are powered by electricity rather than diesel. They don't release carbon emissions which contribute to pollution and climate change. Plus, they are designed and built by farm-ng – another Watsonville business!

Stay tuned! Our Ag Electrification Program for FY 2022-2023 will launch soon!



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## Upcoming Meetings

Central Coast Community Energy encourages public participation in agency meetings, which are held in person and on Zoom with available dial-in options. Attendees may provide live public comments remotely through Zoom or by submitting them in advance via email at [publiccomments@3ce.org](mailto:publiccomments@3ce.org). Sign up to receive public board notices that include meeting details here.

[Dates and Livestream Info](#)

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