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City of Pacific Grove Celebrates First Public EV Charging Stations

The City of Pacific Grove recently celebrated the installation of its first public electric vehicle charging stations along 16th Street. CCCE provided funding for two DC fast chargers and four Level 2 charging ports to help people charge their EV while working, shopping, or enjoying a meal at nearby restaurants. CCCE is committed to being a leader in California's transition from fossil fuels to clean energy resources in the transportation sector.

Over the past three years, CCCE has helped put 959 new and used electric vehicles on Central Coast roads and establish 629 charging stations in the region.

Central Coast Community Energy Contributes \$200,000 to New All-Electric, Affordable Housing Development for Farmworker Families

Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) joined MidPen Housing, the County of Santa Cruz, and other supporting agencies for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the early stages of construction at Pippin Phase II, a new all-electric affordable housing development. The future 80-unit apartment complex will provide homes for farmworker families and residents with supportive housing needs.

[CCCE's New Construction Electrification Program](#) will contribute \$200,000 to Pippin Phase II to build more energy-efficient and healthier housing for local income-qualified residents. CCCE's program helps local housing developers make the transition from traditional mixed-fuel building design to all-electric buildings. According to the California Energy Commission, California's buildings produce a quarter of the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, making homes and businesses a major factor in climate change.

The Pippin development, located in Watsonville at 78 Atkinson Lane, will include electric water heating, space heating, and cooking appliances.



[Learn More About the New Construction Electrification Program](#)



Electrify Your Home

The Electrify Your Home Program is a CCCE partnership with TECH Clean California. This partnership provides cash rebates to contractors for installing all-electric heat pump projects in the CCCE service area. Cash rebates are available when switching gas-powered water heaters and HVAC equipment to climate-friendly versions. Rebates are available to help cover the cost of purchasing and installing appliances, as well as costs related to electric panel upgrades or replacements.

[Learn More About the Electrify Your Home Program](#)



Reach Code Program

CCCE recently launched its Reach Code Program. The program will improve upon previous offerings with the goal of facilitating cost-effective building electrification on a regional scale. CCCE's past Reach Code Program provided post-codification financial incentives to local cities and counties for adopting building codes that go beyond current state requirements concerning energy use. This year's program provides help to City and County staff in conducting the process required to develop, adopt, and implement Reach Codes, which is typically an involved and resource intensive process.

**Learn More About the
Reach Code Program**

Central Coast Community Energy Submits Integrated Resources Plan

Central Coast Community Energy's Regulatory and Legislative team submitted the agency's Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) documents to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on November 1, 2022. Every two years, CCAs, investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and Direct Access providers must submit Integrated Resource Plans documenting the resources they plan to procure through 2035 and the estimated attendant GHG emissions to the CPUC, which in turn aggregates the plans to determine whether the electricity sector is on track to hit its portion of California's 2030 and 2045 GHG reduction goals while maintaining a reliable grid. The most recent completed IRP cycle concluded in February 2022 when the CPUC certified CCCE's plan along with those of other load-serving entities.

"CCCE's procurement goal of 100% clean and renewable energy by 2030 benefits not only our customers but the state as a whole," said Hilary Staver, CCCE's Director of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs. "The IRP is an opportunity to show state regulators how CCCE communities' clean energy leadership is helping California's grid become cleaner faster while protecting grid reliability."



Rabbitbrush Solar and Storage Project Reaches Commercial Operation

The 100 Megawatt (MW) solar, 20 MW/ 50 megawatt hour battery storage project, Rabbitbrush Solar and Storage reached commercial operation on Oct. 18. Central Coast Community Energy customers receive 60MW of solar and 12 MW/30 MWh of battery storage from the project.

Leeward Renewable Energy, the project developer, will host a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the project's completion next week in Kern County, CA.

Employee Spotlight

Senior Customer Accounts Manager Gabe Ruiz earned his Key Accounts Certification from the American Public Power Association, which represents not-for-profit, community-owned utilities powering 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The certification program includes required courses and a final exam, and covers recruiting, serving, and retaining critical commercial and industrial customers. Congratulations, Gabe!



Happy Thanksgiving



Our team is thankful for the cities and counties that joined our agency to help combat the climate crisis. As Central Coast Community Energy's service area has grown, so too has the agency's potential to deliver economic and environmental benefits. We have enjoyed serving you this year, and we wanted to share our heartfelt appreciation. We hope you have a joyous holiday!

Upcoming NEM Webinar

Net Energy Metering (NEM) allows customers who generate their own energy onsite to receive a financial credit on their electric bills for any surplus energy fed back to their utility.

All CCCE NEM customers receive an annual true-up in December of each year. Customers eligible for Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) receive a payment or bill credit based on the CCCE Net Surplus Compensation rate.

To learn more about your annual true-up, join us for a virtual webinar on Dec.6.

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Upcoming Meetings

Central Coast Community Energy encourages public participation in agency meetings, held in person and on ZOOM with available dial-in options. Attendees may provide live public comments remotely through Zoom or submit them in advance via email at publiccomments@3ce.org. Sign up to receive public board notices that include meeting details.

[Dates and Livestream Info](#)

