



Happy Earth Month! Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) celebrates the communities on the Central Coast showing their support for clean and renewable energy – and our planet. 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.

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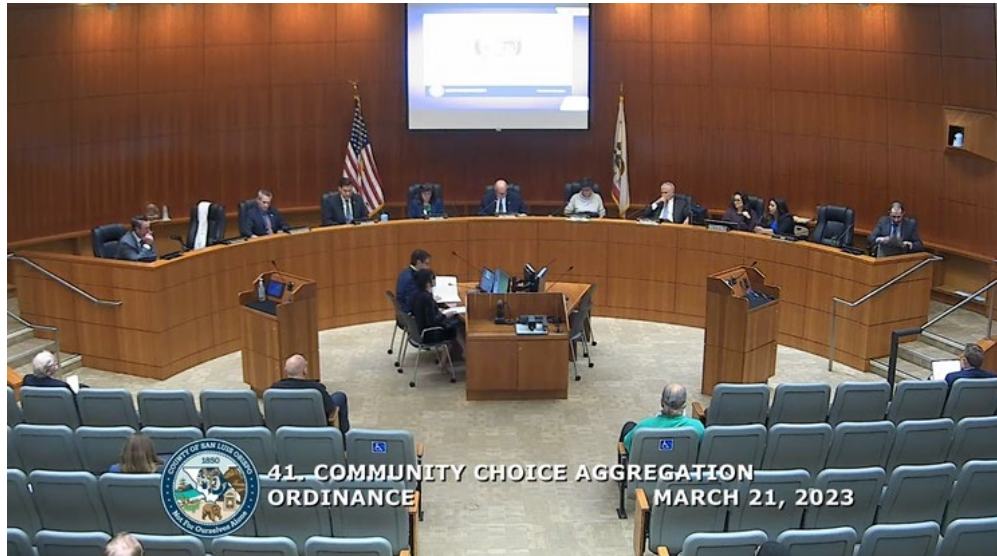
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SLO County Votes to Join 3CE



The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 on March 21 to join 3CE, bringing the total number of member agencies served to 35. The communities that have joined 3CE share the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emission, supporting the growth of clean and renewable energy, and accessing economic and environmental benefits.

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Electrify Your Ride Program distributes 1,000th electric vehicle rebate



As of this Earth Month, 3CE has distributed more than 1,000 EV rebates to customers along the Central Coast to help reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions. Transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions along the Central Coast. Over the past three years, 3CE has helped put more than 1,000 new and used electric vehicles on Central Coast roads by distributing more than \$2 million in cash rebates paid directly to customers. By electrifying the transportation sector, each year these EVs have spared more than 6,000 metric tons of regional greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, in collaboration with funding partners like the California Energy Commission, 3CE has delivered rebates that will help build more than 1,000 new electric vehicle charging stations for our region.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT ELECTRIFY YOUR RIDE PROGRAM REBATES](#)

Electrify Your Home or business with 3CE and celebrate Earth Day, every day



Buildings and the natural gas or propane used to heat or cool air and water inside them represent one of the most significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions, which are changing the climate of the planet we call home. As the Central Coast celebrates Earth Day, 3CE customers can help reduce emissions while also enjoying safer, healthier, and more comfortable living spaces by participating in 3CE's Electrify Your Home Program, which offers thousands of dollars in rebates for switching gas-powered water heaters and HVAC equipment to all-electric versions. These rebates also include the costs associated with electrical work and upgrading or replacing electrical panels.

Electrify Your Home is offered in partnership with the TECH Clean California initiative. By hiring a contractor who is enrolled in the state's program, 3CE customers can save big when they convert space- or water-heating equipment in their single- or multi-family dwellings to clean electric power. Income-qualified applicants and multifamily projects at affordable or low-income residential buildings are eligible for even higher incentives if they are enrolled in 3CE at a CARE/FERA rate.

To the benefit of contractors and builders, 3CE also offers free, high-quality workforce education and training, pre-installation analysis, supply-chain engagement to increase local inventory and selection of appliances, and

hands-on support for trade workers who serve and hire workers in low-income communities.

3CE's Electrify Your Home Program empowers contractors and their customers to help the Central Coast make the transition away from reliance on fossil fuels and toward a clean and renewable energy future.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT 3CE'S ELECTRIFY YOUR HOME PROGRAM](#)

Stacking 3CE Energy Program rebates with state, federal incentives



Electrification and decarbonization are top priorities as California makes the switch to clean and renewable energy. 3CE customers who apply for rebates through the agency's Energy Programs can save even more by combining, or "stacking," those rebates with incentives from other programs offered by local, state, and federal agencies.

For example, property owners participating in 3CE's Electrify Your Home Program will receive a rebate for replacing a gas-fired water heater and/or HVAC equipment with all-electric heat-pump versions. Customers in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties can combine that incentive with rebates offered by 3C-REN, the Tri-County Regional Energy Network. An income-qualified customer can receive as much as \$10,000 in addition to the rebates available through 3CE's program. The Inflation Reduction Act's High-Efficiency Electric Home Program also offers thousands of dollars in rebates to low and moderate-income households for home electrification projects, including heat pump HVAC equipment.

Individual schools and school districts, as well as Ag-worker transport businesses taking part in 3CE's Electric Bus Program can fund up 100% of the cost of a new all-electric bus by combining 3CE's rebate with incentives from federal and state programs as well as county-level initiatives. The EPA's Clean School Bus Program, California's HVIP Project, and programs from the Air Pollution Control Districts of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties all offer rebates that can be stacked with 3CE's rebate.

These are just a few examples of the savings that can be realized by combining the wide range of rebates available to help 3E customers achieve their electrification goals. Many of these programs are featured under the Resources tab on Energy Programs web pages online at 3ce.org, while many more can be found by searching for resources in your area. With so many other stackable rebates and incentives available, there has never been a better time to electrify.

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Join the Resilient Central Coast Challenge



Reducing carbon emissions and living more sustainably can seem like a daunting task. But Resilient Central Coast breaks it down into easy-to-implement actions that lead to big change! The Resilient Central Coast Campaign empowers residents to lead their friends, families, and neighbors to take action. These community leaders are supported by a cross-sector, six-county [coalition](#), including dozens of cities, counties, regional agencies and non-profits led by [Ecology Action](#).

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Earth Day events near you

This year's Earth Day theme is *Invest in Our Planet*. At Central Coast Community Energy, every day is Earth Day, because 3CE is focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by using electricity generated from clean and renewable sources such as solar, wind, and geothermal. 3CE is on a path to sourcing 100% clean and renewable energy by 2030 – 15 years ahead of the state goal. 3CE invites the community to learn more about its mission and rebate offerings at the following Earth Day events:

[Carmel-by-the-Sea Earth Day](#)

Saturday, April 22, 10AM - 2PM
Devendorf Park

[Watsonville Earth Day](#)

Sunday, April 23, 12PM - 4PM
Watsonville Plaza

[Hollister Earth Day Celebration](#)

Saturday, April 22, 11AM - 2PM
649 San Benito Street

[San Luis Obispo County Earth Day Fair](#)

Saturday, April 22, 11AM - 4PM
Laguna Lake Park

[Santa Cruz 2023 Earth Day Celebration](#)

Saturday, April 22, 12PM - 4PM
Abbott Square and Upper San
Lorenzo Park

[Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival 2023](#)

Saturday, April 29, 11AM - 7PM
Sunday, April 30, 11AM - 6PM
Alameda Park

Upcoming Meetings

3CE encourages public participation in agency meetings 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](#)

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