



Welcome to your news and offers from Central Coast Community Energy! August is here, kids are headed back to school in all-electric buses, and we have some great updates to share with you! Plus, we invite you to [sign up for OhmConnect](#) – a free service that alerts you when energy prices spike in your neighborhood so you can power down to conserve energy and earn rewards at the same time.

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# 3CE Energy Program Applications Close August 31

The following 3CE Energy Programs will close at 6pm on August 31, 2023. They will relaunch in October 2023:

- [Agriculture Electrification](#)
- [Electrify Your Ride - Residential](#)
- [Electrify Your Ride - Commercial](#)
- [Electric Bus](#)
- [New Construction Electrification - Residential and Commercial](#)
- [Charge Your Fleet](#)
- [Electrify Your Fleet](#)

Customers with eligible purchases/leases, and/or installations dated in August or September can apply under the Electrify Your Ride Program upon relaunch of the program in October 2023. 3CE Member Agencies with eligible purchases/leases, and/or installations dated in September can apply under the Electrify Your Fleet or Charge Your Fleet Programs upon relaunch in October 2023.

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## Carmel-By-The-Sea Receives 3CE Rebate for All-Electric Street Sweeper



3CE partnered with the City of Carmel-By-The Sea to further transportation electrification along the Central Coast, granting more than \$223,000 for an all-electric street sweeper. The new Ravo 5 eSeries does not use fossil fuels and therefore does not emit CO<sub>2</sub> or oxides of nitrogen. The all-electric street sweeper will displace over 41 metric tons of emissions per year by replacing the gas-powered model, which is equivalent to removing nine gas-powered passenger vehicles from the road for one year. The all-electric street sweeper is currently charged at the EV charging station at Vista Lobos. The City plans to install a commercial-grade vehicle charger at the Public Works Yard.

The City of Carmel-By-The Sea is one of 33 municipalities enrolled in 3CE, collectively known as Member Agencies. 3CE assists Member Agencies electrifying their operations including EV fleet planning, EV charging recommendations, and related funding. Eight months ago, 3CE launched three programs that provide rebates to Member Agencies – Plan Your Fleet, Electrify Your Fleet, and Charge Your Fleet. Since the launch, 3CE distributed over \$194,000 in rebates to Member Agencies. 3CE's Member Agency Services formed in December 2021 to support electrification among Member Agencies, including planning and implementation.

[PLAN YOUR FLEET](#)

[ELECTRIFY YOUR  
FLEET](#)

[CHARGE YOUR  
FLEET](#)

## 3CE in the News: Energy Programs Manager Dan Bertoldi's Interview with Yale Climate Connections Airs on NPR



Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) Manager of Energy Programs Dan Bertoldi spoke with Yale Climate Connections this month in an interview that aired on KPCC 89.3FM, the NPR affiliate covering 3CE's southern service area. Dan talked about 3CE's [New Construction Electrification Program](#) and the financial incentives available to developers that build new all-electric housing.

[Listen to the interview here.](#)

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## 3CE in the News: Customer Accounts Manager Fernanda Ocaña Interviewed by KION-TV / Telemundo 23



Telemundo 23's Nataly Gutierrez interviewed Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) Customer Accounts Manager Fernanda Ocaña for a special report on "The Challenges of the Hispanic Community to Obtain Electric Vehicles" that aired on the Spanish-language CBS news affiliate KION-TV.

Fernanda spoke about the agency's success in funding vehicle electrification in our communities and highlighted the opportunity for all 3CE customers to apply to incentive programs like [Electrify Your Ride](#). The report emphasized that customers are encouraged to apply regardless of their income; 3CE's Energy Programs offer larger rebates for income-eligible applicants.

[Watch the full story here.](#)

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## Customer Testimonial: Gateway Center Receives 3CE Rebate for All-Electric Van



The [Gateway Center of Monterey County](#) recently applied to 3CE's [Electrify Your Ride](#) program and received a rebate to help with the cost of an all-electric van. The Gateway Center is a non-profit organization in Pacific Grove that serves adults with developmental disabilities. "The all-electric van helps save hundreds of dollars in weekly fuel costs when transporting residents, clients, and students in the community," said Robert Freiri, Executive Director of Gateway Center. "It also helps reduce our carbon footprint."

The Electrify Your Ride program provides 3CE customers with a "one-stop-shop" for transportation electrification rebates and support. Rebates are available for electric vehicles, chargers, and EV readiness (electrical work related to charger installation).

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## Community Outreach: Day in the Park 2023



3CE staff attended the 34th Annual Day in the Park in Santa Maria on Aug. 20 and shared information about the agency and its services to the community. About 3,000 people attended the event at Waller Park and enjoyed a day filled with music, food trucks, a car show and more. 3CE thanks the Santa Maria Valley Chamber for holding the event.

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## All-Electric Bus Delivered to SLO Unified School District



SLO Coastal Unified School District received its all-electric school bus this month! 3CE provided the school district with a rebate for the purchase of this vehicle. 3CE's Electric Bus Program provides 3CE customers with incentives for the purchase or lease of all-electric school buses and agricultural worker transport buses. 3CE will contribute up to \$200,000 per school bus and up to \$150,000 per agricultural transport bus to support the drive toward a cleaner future by replacing diesel, a known carcinogen, with clean-running electric power. In addition to providing rebates for buses, 3CE offers rebates for chargers and charging infrastructure.

[3CE ELECTRIC BUS PROGRAM](#)

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# SCE Raises Rates; Financial Assistance Available

On June 1, Southern California Edison (SCE) implemented a 6% generation rate increase. 3CE's rates remain 2% less than SCE's after deducting SCE's surcharges. More information about IOU surcharges is available [here](#).

Financial assistance for income-qualified customers is also available from the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program and the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) Program. CARE offers discounts for both electricity and natural gas, while FERA provides an electric-bill discount for households with income slightly exceeding the CARE allowances.

[PG&E CARE/FERA](#)

[SCE CARE/FERA](#)

Customers enrolled in CARE or FERA may also qualify for bill payment assistance under the [Arrearage Management Plan](#) (AMP) Program, which provides up to \$8,000 in total past-due forgiveness and shields customers from disconnection.

[PG&E AMP PROGRAM](#)

[SCE AMP PROGRAM](#)

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## Automatically Lower Your Bill & Get Rewards



Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) has partnered with OhmConnect – a free service that will alert you when electricity prices spike in your area due to high demand so you can conserve energy, ultimately lowering your electric bill while you earn rewards. It takes just 2 minutes to join, and if you sign up with this link you can receive \$50!

[SIGN ME UP!](#)

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## 3CE Can Present to Your Group

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) offers outreach presentations to local groups, focused on providing information about the agency's commitments to local control, competitive rates, community reinvestment, and clean and renewable energy.

If you are interested in having 3CE present to your group, please contact Sophia Schwirzke at [sschwirzke@3ce.org](mailto:sschwirzke@3ce.org)

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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](mailto:publiccomments@3ce.org). Sign up to receive public board notices that include meeting details.

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