Napa County Solar Project Powers 1,000+ Homes Per Year

Renewable Properties & MCE celebrate completion of American Canyon Solar Project

NAPA COUNTY, Calif. — MCE and Renewable Properties celebrated the completion of MCE’s first local, renewable energy project in Napa County in August with a ribbon cutting for the American Canyon Solar Project, one of the largest solar farms in Napa County.

The annual 3 MW output from the project¹ is expected to generate enough clean, locally-produced electricity to power over 1,000 homes per year.

“This is an ideal location for a solar project and a great use for this parcel, providing clean, reliable, locally-generated renewable energy,” said Supervisor Belia Ramos, District 5. “We are grateful to the leaders and community members in American Canyon and throughout Napa County for supporting clean energy in our community. Our participation in MCE service reduces our electricity-related carbon footprint, while helping MCE to lead the way in meeting California’s ambitious renewable standards years early.”

This is the twelfth local, small-scale renewable energy project MCE has completed in its four-County service area—and MCE’s first Feed-In Tariff (FIT) project in Napa County. The FIT program allows small-scale renewable energy projects to become long-term suppliers to MCE. MCE has approximately 31 MW of local renewable projects in its service area, with ~25 MW operational and ~6 MW in the pipeline.

“American Canyon Solar is a great example of MCE’s mission in action: Helping accelerate clean energy deployment, sourcing renewable energy projects as close to our customers as possible, and also providing local workforce opportunities,” said Dawn Weisz, CEO of MCE. “We’re grateful to Renewable Properties for investing in clean, renewable solar and providing local, green-collar job opportunities.”

¹ American Canyon Solar Project combines three 1-MW solar arrays as part of MCE’s FIT program.
Located on approximately 21 acres of land, the American Canyon Solar Project utilizes horizontal single-axis tracking solar photovoltaic (PV) technology. MCE and Renewable Properties have agreed to a 20-year power purchase agreement.

Now that the project is online and serving customers, it’s expected to pay back dividends to the environment by displacing conventional, greenhouse gas-emitting energy sources with renewable, pollution-free solar energy.

“Renewable Properties is pleased to partner with MCE to supply affordable, local, in-service area solar energy to its customers through the American Canyon Solar Project,” said Aaron Halimi, President of Renewable Properties. “American Canyon Solar represents one of the largest solar projects in Napa County and we’re thankful that the County and MCE chose to be part of the solution.”

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**About MCE:** MCE is California’s first Community Choice Aggregation Program, a not-for-profit, public agency that began service in 2010 with the goals of providing cleaner power at stable rates to its customers, reducing greenhouse emissions, and investing in targeted energy programs that support communities’ energy needs. MCE is a load-serving entity supporting ~1,000 MW peak load. MCE provides electricity service to approximately 470,000 customer accounts and more than 1 million residents and businesses in 34 member communities across 4 Bay Area counties: Napa, Marin, Contra Costa, and Solano. For more information about MCE, visit mceCleanEnergy.org.

**About Renewable Properties:** Founded in 2017, Renewable Properties specializes in developing and investing in small-scale utility and commercial solar energy projects throughout the U.S. Led by experienced renewable energy professionals with development and investment experience, Renewable Properties works closely with communities, developers, landowners, utilities and financial institutions looking to invest in large solar energy systems. For more information about Renewable Properties, visit www.renewprop.com.