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April ComPow Meeting

April 30, 2020

Agenda

- Welcome
- COVID & MCE
- MCE's 10-Year Anniversary
- MCE's Resiliency Work
- Reg & Leg Policy Update
- Update to FIT program
- Mission Statement and Value Statements

COVID

Temporary Suspension of Customer Collection Activities

- Energy Affordability Resources
 - We encourage ComPow members to share these resources
- MCE staff participating in County planning meetings with PG&E
- MCE is fully operational
 - Working remotely as an agency
 - Contact Center open

Manager of Marketing

Nicole Busto

10 Year Anniversary

Tentative celebration planned for September



Ways for ComPow to Engage in 10 Year

- Changemaker blog series
email marketing@mcecleanenergy.org
- Consider posting a “Happy 10 Year Anniversary” message on social media
@mceCleanEnergy
#MCE10Years



Add Your Event to MCE's Online Calendar

ADD YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

- Button located at top right of Community Events page:
mceCleanEnergy.org/events
 - Nav menu: Member Communities > Community Events
- Online activities replacing planned events during COVID shelter-in-place may be included
- Please allow 1-2 days for events to go live on the calendar

Director of Strategic Initiatives

Jamie Tuckey



Energy-Resilient Communities

Community Power Coalition 4/27/20

Funding Sources

- MCE \$6M Resiliency Fund
- \$750,000 Marin Community Foundation Grant
 - Install solar + storage at affordable multifamily housing and critical facilities in Marin County
- California SGIP Program



Fossil-Free Backup Power

Goal to deploy 15 MWh of dispatchable customer-sited storage over a 2-yr period

Little to no upfront costs for critical facilities & vulnerable customers



Critical Facilities

- Police & fire stations, emergency response providers & operations centers, medical facilities, jails & prisons, cooling centers, homeless shelters, grocery stores, independent living centers, food banks, nonprofit organizations, schools
- Located in Tier 2 or 3 high-fire thread district OR 2 or more Public Safety Power Shutoff events
- Serves state-designated disadvantaged or low-income community

Local Critical Facility Technical Analysis'

- Pinole & El Sobrante Libraries
- Marin Center Exhibit Hall
- Napa County Health & Human Services South Campus
- Solano Valley Community College

Vulnerable Customers

- **Low-income renters:**
 - Multifamily with 5 or more deed-restricted units & located in disadvantaged community or a building with 80% of household incomes <60% of AMI
- **Low-income homeowners**
 - Home subject to resale restriction or under equity sharing agreement
- **MASH, SASH, DAC-SASH, or SOMAH**
- **Medical baseline customers**



Assistance for Medical Needs

- Purchased 100 Yeti 3000 portable batteries to donate to medical baseline customers
- Partnering with Centers for Independent Living
- Distributing batteries late-summer 2020



MCE San Rafael Office Storage

- Installing storage (combining with existing solar) to serve as a community resource center during PSPS events
- Scheduled to be online fall 2020

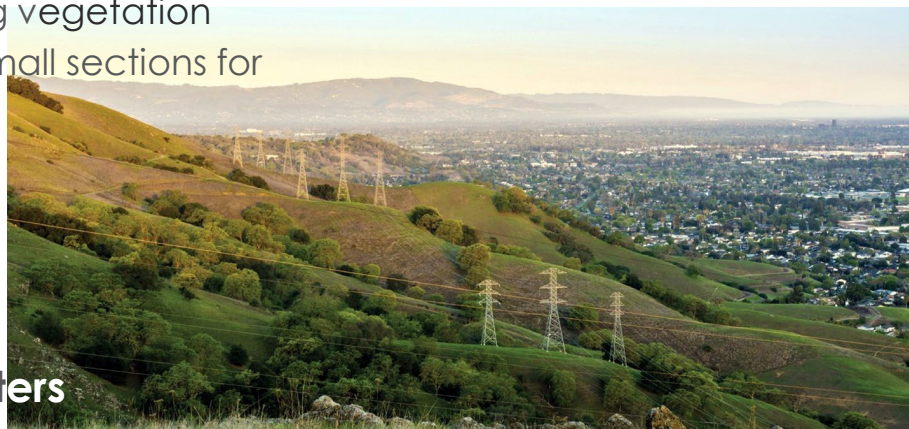


Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

Transmission & Distribution Updates

PG&E system strategies to reduce wildfire threats and improve Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) in 2020

- **System Hardening** - Stronger poles in high-wind areas, covering lines, targeted undergrounding
- **Enhanced Vegetation Management** - Removing vegetation
- **Sectionalizing Devices** - Separating the grid into small sections for operational
- **High-definition Cameras** - Improving real-time monitoring of high-risk areas and Weather Stations
- **Transmission Line Switches** - Enabling targeted transmission outages to lessen downstream customer impacts
- **Identify more Local Community Resource Centers**



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A photograph of a child swinging on a tree in a park. The child is suspended in the air, swinging from a branch. Another child stands nearby, watching. The scene is set on a grassy hill overlooking a large body of water under a clear blue sky. There are other trees and a distant shoreline visible in the background.

Regulatory & Legislative Policy Update

Regulatory

- PG&E Bankruptcy
- Microgrids
- PSPS
- RA
- PCIA
- Legislation

PG&E Bankruptcy

- MCE Official Brief ([Click Here](#))
- COVID-19 & PG&E Stock Price
- BK Judge Montali Blesses the Deal
- Hansen & Miller majority of represented victims are/have voted in support of the deal
- Bill Johnson Stepping Down as PG&E CEO

PG&E Microgrid Proposals

PG&E's microgrid proposal:

1. Distributed Generation Enabled Microgrid Services (DGEMS) Permanent Generation Proposal
2. Temporary Generation Program (TGP)
3. DGEMS Make-Ready Program
4. Community Microgrid Enablement Program (CMEP)

MCE Principles of Preferred Resources for Microgrid Development Related to PSPS

- We acknowledge the urgency in developing microgrids
- However, microgrid development should not reverse our progress toward the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals
- MCE's "Principles of Preferred Resources for Microgrid Development Related to PSPS" define the standards and State's "loading order" when developing community-scale microgrids in response to PSPS events

MCE Principles

1. Wire solutions for wire problems
2. Fossil-fueled backup generation must be temporary
3. Follow the State's loading order for microgrid development
4. Full transparency on cost and emission impacts
5. Collaboration and partnership between MCE and PG&E
6. Share fairly – PG&E must support local resiliency projects

PSPS

- Order to Show Cause phase held in abeyance until PUC has a plan for hearings
- Joint Parties Motion Requesting Emergency Order Submitted April 13. Responses submitted April 20th – largely supportive
- MCE, Pioneer, Peninsula Have Joined the Discussion
- PG&E [Response](#) – COVID Planning Specifically addresses how this will be done

RA

- Central Buyer PD
 - Denied CalCCA's Settlement Agreement and Proposal for Residual Central Buyer Model
 - Directs PG&E to be Central Buyer for Distribution Service Area
- CalCCA Comments
 - Adopt CP model that fully incentivizes LSE procurement of local preferred resources or Energy Storage
 - Improve CPE Procurement Process

PCIA

- Co-Chairs (SCE, CalCCA, Commercial Energy) submitted their final report with proposals to right-size the IOU portfolios
- PG&E and SDG&E provided alternative proposals in comments on the final report which largely continue the status quo or are advantageous to the utility
- The Co-Chairs are working together to get the proposals in the final report approved and are opposing the alternative IOU proposal

Legislation

- Capitol Shut Down. Senate will test remote access with a special budget oversight hearing on Covid-19 expenses.
- Bill priorities: COVID Response, Homelessness, Wildfires, Housing
- Talk of passing a barebones budget to deal with COVID issues then reconvening at a later date to flesh out more
- 3,000 plus bills introduced, authors being asked to table their non-emergent bills to ease the process
- CalCCA Sponsored Bills
 - AB 2689 (Kalra): updates IOU confidentiality provisions
 - AB 3014 (Muratsuchi): codifies terms of the RA Central Procurement Entity

Legislation

- Bills that will not be moving forward
- AB 2089 (L. Rivas) Resilient Economies and Community Health Pilot Program
- AB 2539 (Bigelow) Electrical corporations: deenergization events: elections
- AB 2951 (Chiu) offshore wind
- AB 3191 (Gray) Utility workers and vehicles.
- AB 3251 (Bauer-Kahan) Electricity: resource adequacy requirements
- SB 804 (Wiener) Public capital facilities: electric utilities: rate reduction bonds.
- SB 917 (Wiener) California Consumer Energy and Conservation Financing Authority: eminent domain: Northern California Local Energy Utility District: Northern California Energy Utility Services.
- SB 953 (Wiener) Customer-sited renewable energy or energy storage systems: discriminatory fees or charges.
- SB 982 (Hill) Public utilities: safety enforcement program.
- SB 1218 (Hill) Electrical and gas delivery systems: cybersecurity threats.
- SB 1240 (Skinner) Electricity: distribution system: open access.
- SB 1352 (Hueso) Gas corporations: renewable gas procurement.

Pollinator Friendly Feed-in Tariff

FIT up to 1 MW & FIT Plus 1-5 MW

Update: Require new solar project to plant **pollinator-friendly ground cover**

Advantages of FIT contracts:

- Standardized, 20-year term
- Fixed price per MWh generated
- Added incentives for non-solar projects and energy storage
- Accurately reflects project revenue and can help secure project financing



MCE Mission Statement - Updated

“MCE’s mission is to address climate change by reducing energy-related greenhouse gas emissions with renewable energy and energy efficiency at cost-competitive rates while offering economic and workforce benefits, and creating more equitable communities.”

Values Statement - Updated

- ✓ We provide high-quality products to our ratepayers and accessible, responsive service.
- ✓ We support thoughtful and robust innovation to advance a more sustainable energy economy.
- ✓ **We acknowledge our responsibility to address the inequities that underpin the energy industry's dependence on fossil fuels by dedicating more resources to historically marginalized communities to center equity in all of our engagement, services, programs, and policies. - NEW**

Values Statements

- ✓ We serve and strengthen our communities through public outreach, energy education and technical assistance.
- ✓ **We celebrate diverse identities and experiences and actively engage all perspectives with openness and professionalism in an inclusive and accessible work environment. - ADAPTED**
- ✓ We support a productive and collaborative culture while maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

Next Board Meeting

Solano County



Marin County



Contra Costa County



Napa County



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Events, News, & Opportunities

- [Communications Intern Position still open](#)
- Events:
 - [PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Open Houses](#) (5/6 in Napa, 5/20 in Solano, 6/10 in Marin & CoCo)
 - Certify and Amplify Webinar on June 3, registration opening soon
- Request: Does your org work with mobile home communities? Let's connect!

Thank You

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