

# **STAFF REPORT**

# REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: February 22, 2022

SUBJECT: San Diego Community Power Residential Enrollment Update Presentation

ISSUING DEPT: City Manager's Office

SUMMARY:

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council receive a presentation from San Diego Community Power.

City's Strategic Goals:

Continue to improve high quality municipal services.

Climate Action Plan Reduction Strategy:

This item supports implementation of Climate Action Plan measure E-9, which directs the City to develop and/or join a regional Community Choice Aggregation program and transition to 100% renewable electricity.

# BACKGROUND:

In March 2018, City Council approved the Climate Action Plan ("CAP"), which charts a course to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions by 53% and achieve 100% renewable energy citywide by 2035. A transition to 100% renewable electricity is a key measure that accounts for 32% of La Mesa's total 2035 GHG reduction goals.

In September of 2019, the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Encinitas, and Imperial Beach adopted an ordinance and resolution to form San Diego Community Power ("SDCP"). SDCP is a Community Choice Energy and California joint powers agency that, in partnership with San Diego Gas and Electric ("SDGE"), provides reliable, Report to Mayor and Councilmembers Date: February 22, 2022 Page: 2 of 2

affordable clean electricity from renewable sources to approximately 770,000 total customers in these five cities.

To prepare the City of La Mesa, SDCP delivered educational mailers to all customers to provide information about SDCP's services and programs. Customers are enrolled in the standard PowerOn service, offering 50 percent renewable electricity, compared to SDG&E standard generation which is only 31 percent renewable. Residents have the choice to opt up to 100 percent renewable energy and join the Power100 program. Residents also have the choice to opt out of SDCP's service completely. Under SDCP's current rate plan, PowerOn customers will save an estimated 1-2% on their bills. Customers will continue to get a single bill from SDG&E and can expect to see a new line item for SDCP electricity generation starting on their April statement.

SDCP scheduled service to be rolled out in phases and began servicing Phase 1 municipal customers in March 2021 and Phase 2 commercial customers in June 2021. For Phase 3 residential customers, educational mailers were sent in January and February 2022 and residential customers will begin service in March 2022. A representative from SDCP will provide an overview of this effort to update the City Council.

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Attachments: A. SDCP Presentation



# Update on Residential Enrollment

La Mesa City Council Regular Meeting

February 22, 2022

# Who is San Diego Community Power?







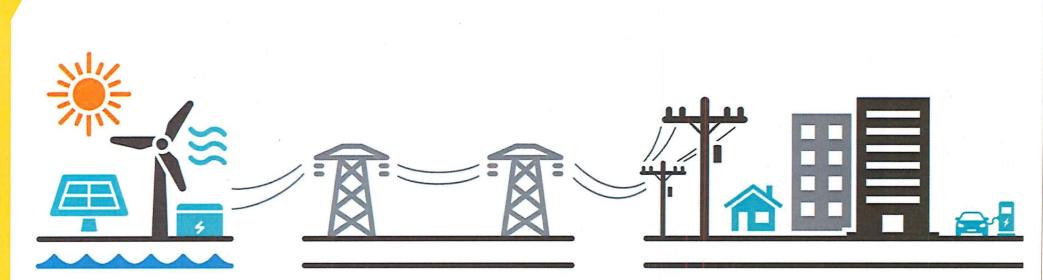












# SDCP

Buys electricity from renewable sources

**How it Works** 

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# SDG&E

Delivers power and maintains the grid

# You

Cleaner power, local control and competitive rates

# **Our Values**

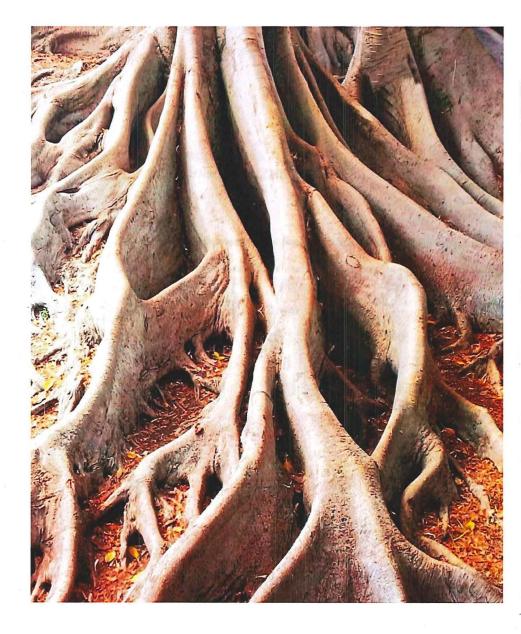
**Choice = Ratepayers Benefit:** A monopoly has less incentive to invest in making its customers happy - if there's a choice between improving service and profit, the numbers will always win.

**SDCP is Local, Open, and Accountable:** SDCP is fully transparent in its operations – all meetings and local, open to the public.

**Clear Path to 100% Renewable:** SDCP is the first CCA to codify the goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2035 or sooner in our founding agreement.

**Striving for Equity:** We promote investment in Communities of Concern to ensure clean energy benefits for everyone, not just a few.



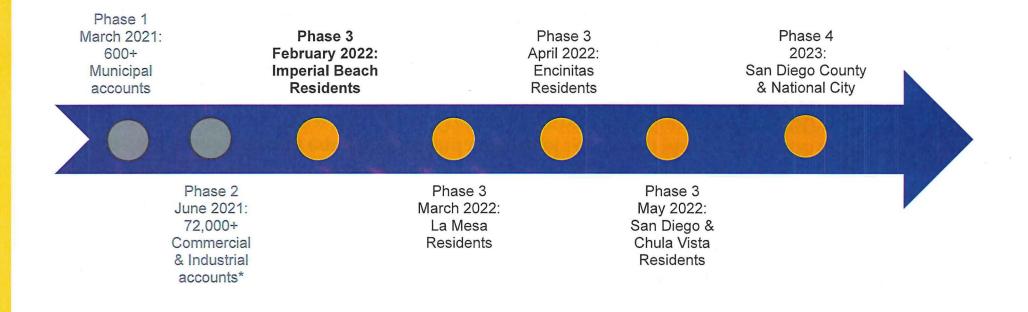


# Successes in 2021

- Transitioned from planning mode to a fully operational service provider in the last 12 months
  - Built a core internal team
  - Established a partnership with San Diego Gas & Electric
  - Formed our Community Advisory Committee
- Launched municipal and commercial and industrial service in March and June of 2021
  - Currently serving more than 70,000 customers representing more than 50% of forecasted eligible energy load
  - Enrolled many Power100 Champions like San Diego International Airport and Illumina
- Signed four long-term power purchase agreements with leading renewable energy providers to bring new generation and resiliency to the energy grid
  - Projects will generate a combined 340 MW of solar energy and 220 MW of battery storage, designed to deliver power during evenings and help shift region's reliance on natural gas

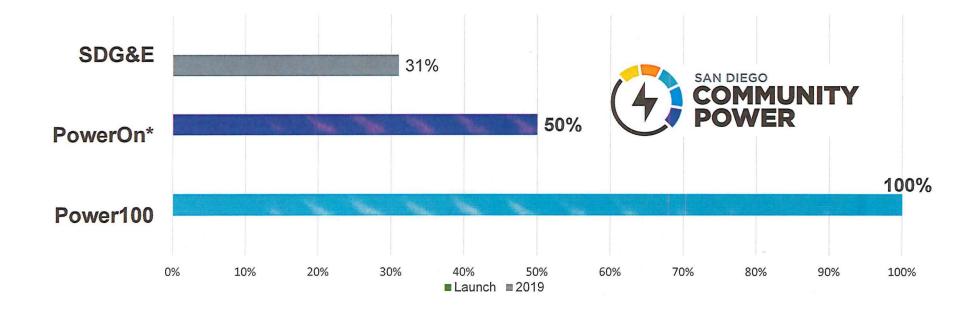


# **Enrollment Schedule**





# **Compare Renewable Energy**





\*SDCP's PowerOn product is 50% Renewable + 5% carbon-free

# How Does SDCP Compare to SDG&E?

- SDCP's Board strives to maintain cost competitiveness while energy costs rise
- Currently 1% savings
- Higher renewable content (50% SDCP vs 31% SDG&E)
- Power100 program cost is significantly lower than SDG&E's EcoChoice
- Community Power Plan and other programs underway



# **Understanding Your Bill**

# **Online Bill Estimator**

### Account Information

Where do I find my account information?

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Select	Rate		

### Service Location

Select Location

### **Bill Ending Month**

Select Month

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# **Summary of Current Charges**

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# (See page 2 for details)

**Bill Explainer Video** 

	Billing Period	Usage	Amount(\$)
Electric Delivery	Aug 19, 2021 - Sep 17, 2021	879 kWh	203.50
CCA Electric Gener	124.91		
Total Charges this Month			\$328.41

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Your electric energy is provided by San Diego Community Power. If you have any questions about the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) charges on your bill, please contact your CCA at 1-888-382-0169.

# What's (not) Changing

# What's Not Changing

- Billing (still one bill from SDG&E)
- Service reliability (SDG&E still responsible)
- Rate structures (rate schedules align with SDG&E offerings, including the Time-of-Use periods)
- Discounts (e.g., CARE/FERA)
- Your day-to-day

# What's Changing

- Higher renewable energy
- An effective customer service team
- Competitive rates (currently 1% savings)
- Reinvesting back into the community
- New programs addressing local needs



# Become a Power100 Champion...

By opting up to Power100, you are joining a growing community of businesses who proudly support 100% renewable power.

Power100 Champions will be listed on the SDCP website and will receive access to a digital toolkit with badge designs as well as receive the Power100 Champion decal.

For our Key Accounts additional cobranding/co-marketing opportunities are also available.



COMMUNITY POWER Power100 Champions like the San Diego International Airport are helping secure our region's cleaner, greener future.

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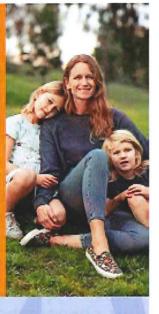
# **Getting the Word Out**

"It feels great knowing both my home and small business are being powered with 100% renewable energy sources."

- Jen Derks Owner of Four Fin Creative

# Learn More





I know I'm making a difference using SDCP's clean energy.

Same! We're helping protect our environment and create a better future for our kids <u>.</u>.



Welcome! Learn more at SDCommunityPower.org

# **Community Outreach**



Come see us at the La Mesa Farmer's Market: 2/25, 3/11, 3/18



