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Southern California REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK



The SoCalREN Public Agency Network Toolkit is Here!



Photo: SoCalREN Network Member Badge

SoCalREN now offers a Network Toolkit with a wide variety of resources to help your agency save energy and money.

What's in the Toolkit?

1. **Energy Efficiency Project Tips** - Not sure how to begin saving money with an energy efficiency project? We've developed some tips to help you get started.
2. **Marketing Tools** - Your agency's one-stop shop for marketing resources to spread the word, including social media templates, press release templates, and SoCalREN program talking points.
3. **Resource Library** - Exclusive access to case studies, webinars, and more!
4. **SoCalREN Member Web Badge** - What better way to showcase your sustainability leadership than by proudly displaying the SoCalREN Member badge on your website? The web badge will let people know your agency is leading your community in lasting, sustainable change.

How do I access the Toolkit?

All **enrolled SoCalREN public agencies** should have received log-in information for their agency. Enrolled agencies can click [here](#) to log-in and access the toolkit right away! If you are having issues accessing the toolkit, contact info@socalren.org for troubleshooting support.

If you are **not an enrolled public agency*** or have not received log-in information, register at socalren.org/join to become a member today!

**Qualifying agencies include more than 700 cities, counties, school districts, water districts, sanitation districts, and other public agencies served by Southern California Edison (SCE) and/or Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) throughout Southern California and encompassing the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino,*

Pathway to Zero - Audits for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Now Available!



Announcing our new 2020 services for SoCalREN's Pathway to Zero Program!

I need a refresher, what is Pathway to Zero? Pathway to Zero is a SoCalREN Public Agency Program offered in conjunction with SoCalREN's energy efficiency programs. It provides a comprehensive view of energy opportunities for facilities in disadvantaged communities (DACs*), including efficiency and distributed energy resources (DERs). We created the program to maximize energy efficiency opportunities, drive the integration of DERs and other sustainability strategies, and support public agencies serving DACs on a path towards zero net energy (ZNE).

How can my agency benefit from Pathway to Zero? Enrolled agencies can take advantage of these services:

- A customized review of DER and other sustainability options, such as demand response (DR), solar and storage, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and solar water heating;
- Project management support for combined energy efficiency and DER projects (includes support with incentive applications, applying for financing support, procurement, and obtaining technical assistance), and;
- **Enhanced benchmarking and data analysis and, if needed, comprehensive DER audits identifying measure costs and savings (NEW!).**

How do I know if I'm eligible for Pathway to Zero? Determining eligibility is simple!

1. Visit socalren.org/agencies/dac;
2. Input your facility zip code under "Facility Search" and hit "Go", and;
3. We'll confirm if your facility is within a DAC and thus eligible for SoCalREN's Pathway to Zero program!

**Disadvantaged communities are defined based on facility zip code per CalEnviroScreen 3.0 criteria, a screening tool developed for CalEPA that incorporates a number of indicators based on geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria.*

For more information about Pathway to Zero, reach out to your SoCalREN project manager today, or visit socalren.org/PathwaytoZero.

Spotlight: City of La Verne



Photo: City of La Verne City Hall

This month, the **City of La Verne** was recognized by Southern California Edison (SCE) for receiving the Energy Leader Partnership's Gold Tier Award! Since their SoCalREN enrollment just last year, the City has already taken advantage of several of the Programs' no-cost services to launch **three energy efficiency projects**, including street lighting retrofits, whole building mechanical and lighting retrofits, and pumping opportunities. The streetlight LED conversion project was completed in August 2019 and saved the agency more than \$73,000 in annual costs and over 360,000 kWh - that's equivalent to 630,000 miles driven in one year!

HUGE congratulations to the City and their accomplishments so far. We are excited to continue working with La Verne on their journey to building a more energy-efficient future.

Upcoming Happenings

Check out our [event calendar](#) for more upcoming events!



CEC Announced \$22M Grant Funding Opportunities for DER Projects! (Solicitation To Be Released April - June 2020)

The California Energy Commission (CEC) plans to release a \$22 million grant funding opportunity under the [Electric Program Investment Charge](#) (EPIC) program. The grants will fund projects that explore how electric vehicles and their charging infrastructure can be incorporated into a site's distributed energy resource (DER) strategy.

Project Eligibility and Grant Information:

- Projects must take place in a **disadvantaged community** (top 25% score from [CalEnviroScreen 3.0](#))
- **\$1M - \$3M** of CEC funding available per project for depot charging, en-route fast charging, and bi-directional power flow from electric school buses
- **\$2M - \$4M** of CEC funding available per project for electric school bus charging

For more information about project eligibility and key solicitation timeline, [visit the CEC website](#).

Recent Happenings



Welcome to our Network! The Newest SoCalREN Public Agency Enrollments

We are so excited to welcome four new agencies to SoCalREN!

- City of Victorville
- Newport-Mesa Unified School District
- City of Lindsay
- City of Farmersville

Each of these new enrollments is unique and adds to the diverse portfolio of public agencies that SoCalREN serves. Stay tuned as we welcome more public agencies in the near future! Interested in joining us? Click [here](#)!

41st Annual Conference on School Facilities (February 19th - 21st)

In February, the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs attended its first [Coalition for Adequate School Housing \(CASH\)](#) conference! We met with many new school districts, including Colton Joint Unified School District, Moreno Valley Unified School District, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, and our **Energy Champion, Lena Luna from El Monte Union High School District!** SoCalREN hosted an exhibitor booth to spread the word on all of our services available to school districts. Thank you, CASH, for having us, and we are excited to attend future events.

SoCalREN is an affiliate member of CASH. If you're involved in CASH, we'd love to [hear from you](#) and collaborate!



Want to share your upcoming event with the SoCalREN community? Contact us at info@socalren.org to be included in our next newsletter.

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