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Southern California REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK



Spotlight: Regional Partnerships



Did you know? This past year, SoCalREN is proud to have collaborated with 5 regional partners to bring no-cost support on energy, demand, and water-saving projects to agencies across Southern California, from the high desert to the Sierra Nevada mountains!

SoCalREN Regional Partners:

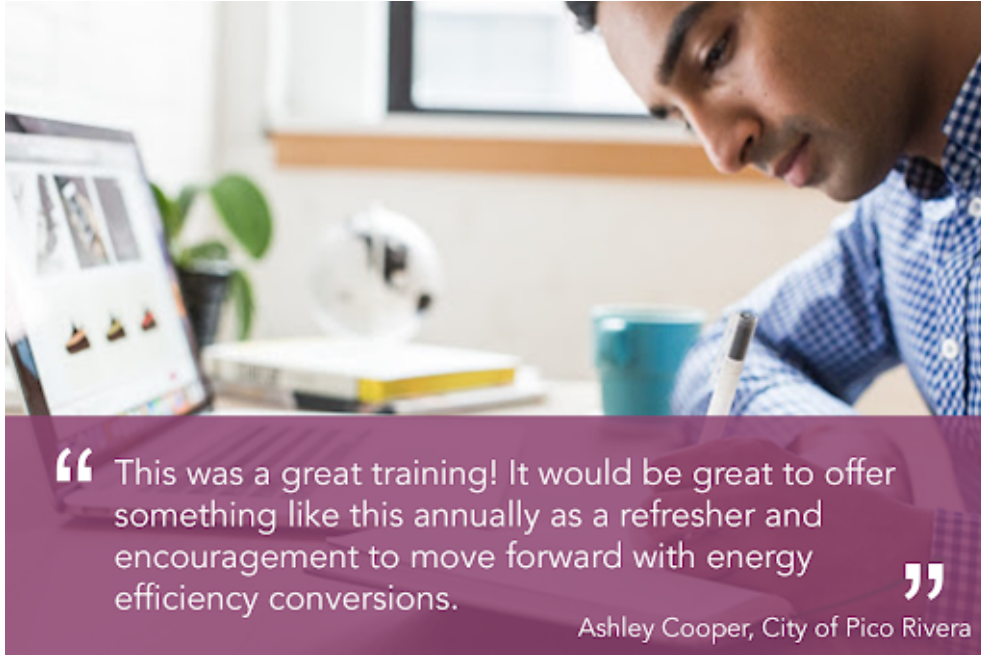
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments
- High Sierra Energy Foundation
- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
- South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Take a look at our collective accomplishments below:

 <p>Expanding Reach</p> <p>85% of SoCalREN's 2020 agencies served through regional partnerships</p>	 <p>More Engagement</p> <p>23 presentations delivered to agency audiences in regional partner territory</p>	 <p>Building capacity</p> <p>23 agency staff participated in a virtual energy efficiency 3-course training series</p>
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With support from these partnerships, SoCalREN has welcomed **20 new agencies** to the network, engaged with agencies in over **23 presentations**, launched a virtual energy efficiency 3-course training series, and delivered critical energy services such as energy analysis reports, facility audits, and benchmarking. We'd like to thank our regional partners for prioritizing a clean energy future and committing to ensure their local agencies have

SoCalREN's Energy Efficiency Training Series



SoCalREN held our first-ever **Energy Efficiency Training Series** to help agency staff build technical skills and adapt to challenges created by COVID-19. Over the course of 3 weeks, 20 agencies participated in 10+ hours of virtual training to develop their in-house subject matter expertise and practical know-how. This was especially helpful during a time where agencies are expected to do more with fewer resources and rely more on internal staff to do so.

What did the series cover?

- **How to analyze energy savings** given unique circumstances such as modified schedules and operation
- **Tips to achieve peak performance and maximize energy savings** by performing energy assessments, screening audits, and selecting the proper equipment
- **How to address comprehensive elements of energy efficiency** such as lighting, motors, air conditioning systems, boilers, and refrigeration

After the training, over 90% of participants agreed that this training series provided them with new skills to make more informed decisions about energy and facility management. This series was developed in partnership with our regional partners* and we're excited to continue to offer additional capacity-building opportunities in the near future! Stay tuned!


Reach out to your SoCalREN Project Manager today to learn more about the Training Series or how to participate in the next training.

*Special thanks to our regional partners at High Sierra Energy Foundation, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

Faces of SoCalREN: Meet Minh!

At SoCalREN, we have an impressive team implementing our energy efficiency services for public agencies. Faces of SoCalREN allows you to get to know the team behind the energy savings!

This month: Meet Minh Tran, Project Manager




MEET MINH

PROJECT MANAGER

Describe your role at SoCalREN:
I help public agencies navigate the ever changing energy landscape as a Project Manager for the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs. In this role, my main responsibility is to support agencies in identifying and implementing energy related projects, and navigating various challenges such as scoping, financing, procurement and construction.

How did you get started in the sustainability field?
As an impact driven person, I am always looking for ways to live an impactful life and investing my time and energy into things that will positively impact others for years to come. While at UCSB, my first Environmental Studies class showed me that there are a lot of environmental challenges to address, and in this field is where I can make an impact. After completing my degree in Environmental Science, I worked in cleantech, renewable energy, environmental health and safety, and now energy efficiency.

What is one of your favorite projects you've worked on so far?
My favorite project thus far is the Santa Barbara County 51 Facilities whole building project. I get to grow my problem solving skills to overcome challenges that come from the complexity of the project scope, and by supporting the County, I am contributing back to Santa Barbara, where my alma mater resides.

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Upcoming Happenings



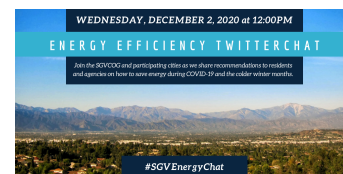
Happy Holidays from SoCalREN!

The SoCalREN Public Agency Programs team would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Energy Efficiency Twitter Chat with SGVCOG (December 2nd)

Tune in on Wednesday, December 2nd at 12 PM for an Energy Efficiency Twitter Chat hosted by [San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments](#)! We will be joining other public agencies to share energy efficiency recommendations for agencies and residents to save energy and money. Hope to see you there!

Follow us at [@_SoCalREN](#) so you don't miss the TwitterChat!



Tune in to our next Conversations with SoCalREN Webinar (December 8th) -

Join our conversation on December 8th at 11 AM for our next webinar, **Getting to Yes: Energy Efficiency Project Financing**, where we will chat with the City of Yorba Linda, Culver City and PFM about how you can 'get to yes' on financing energy efficiency projects.

[Register today!](#)

Calling all California public agency representatives!

SoCalREN is seeking input on a **Public Sector Market Characterization Financing Study**. Complete our 15 minute survey to share insights that help ensure future energy programs meet the needs of your agency and **we'll donate \$15 on your behalf to the California Wildfire Relief Fund**. [Click here to make your voice heard and ensure a wildfire relief donation in your name.](#)

Note: this market characterization study is separate from SoCalREN's annual satisfaction survey effort.

Do you have an **event** you'd like to share with the SoCalREN community? Contact us at info@socalren.org to be included in our next newsletter.



Recent Happenings

Wastewater Energy Management Toolkit



The Department of Energy recently released an [energy management toolkit](#) for wastewater facilities. The toolkit provides resources that enable water resource recovery facilities to learn and benefit from the work of [DOE's Better Buildings Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure of the Future Accelerator](#). Check out the toolkit to find best practices and innovative approaches successfully used by wastewater facilities to establish and implement energy management and planning.

Welcome to our Network! The Newest SoCalREN Public Agency Enrollments

We are excited to welcome 3 new agencies to SoCalREN!

- **Colton Joint Unified School District**
- **City of Bradbury**
- **City of Westlake Village**

Each new enrollment 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](#) to get started!



Join the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs' network to receive our toolkit with a resource library, tips to get started on energy efficiency, and an exclusive member web badge.



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