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Southern California REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK



Spotlight: City of Stanton



We want to celebrate the accomplishments of one of our newer enrolled agencies, the City of Stanton! The City joined SoCalREN Public Agency Programs just one year ago, but they have already completed an energy efficient street lighting project which replaced over 1,000 streetlights throughout their community. The new LED streetlights provide better visibility and safety for their residents while saving the City over 235,000 kWh in annual energy savings! The City is already onto their next energy efficiency venture: upgrading buildings such as their Civic Center, Sheriff's Department, and Corporate Yard that will bring in an additional estimated annual savings of over 225,000 kWh.

Project Details:

- Over \$33,000 in estimated annual energy bill savings
- Over 235,000 kWh in annual energy savings - equivalent to 412,200 miles driven in a year!
- Over \$103,000 SCE utility incentives received
- Over 1,000 street lights replaced
- 10-month project turn around, from project proposal to incentives received

Great job, Stanton, for taking this big step to invest in your community. We are excited to help you continue your sustainability journey!

Want to hear more stories like this? Access our library of case studies at [socialren.org/casestudies!](https://socialren.org/casestudies)

Engineering and Financial Services



SoCalREN Public Agency Programs has released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for energy engineering and financial services. Proposals can be submitted through August 31, 2021 and are evaluated on an as-needed basis. The RFQ is calling for energy and financial consultants with technical expertise in:

- Energy audits, energy use analysis and benchmarking
- HVAC, interior/exterior lighting, street/traffic lighting, water and wastewater energy efficiency and process optimization
- Energy efficiency measurement and verification (M&V)
- Energy retrofit design
- Normalized metered energy consumption (NMEC) programs
- Demand response (DR)
- Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations
- Photovoltaic (PV) and battery storage, solar water heating
- Financial advisory services
- Other areas as needed

[Visit our website](#) for a full list of qualifications and detailed scope of work. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at info@socalren.org.

HVAC Retrofits Can Reduce the Risk of Exposure to Airborne Pathogens



Concerns about the transmission of airborne pathogens are increasing as studies show that respiratory fluids are aerosolized and expelled through coughing, sneezing, talking, singing, or breathing. Building owners can address these concerns by investing in changes to building operations, including HVAC systems, which reduce occupant exposure to airborne pathogens. Ventilation and filtration provided by high-quality heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems can reduce the airborne concentrations and risk of transmission from various pathogens. Adequate ventilation is a critical component of design and management practices needed for good indoor air quality (IAQ).

Improved building IAQ can lead to:

- ✓ Reduced respiratory health effects
- ✓ Reduced absenteeism
- ✓ Improved productivity and cognitive ability
- ✓ Improved occupant comfort

The SoCalREN's technical support services can help your agency safeguard building occupants from airborne pollutants by identifying energy retrofit and retro-commissioning measures to help your agency **save money while improving occupant health!**

We would like to hear from you! **What are your agency's key concerns in regards to indoor air quality and energy efficiency?** Please reach out to info@socalren.org with any suggestions so we can tailor future opportunities to meet your needs.

Energy Efficiency and Indoor Air Quality Resources for Public Agencies:

- [ASHRAE COVID-19 Building Readiness/Reopening Guidance](#)
- [ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force Resources for schools](#)
- [EPA information on Indoor Air Quality and Energy Efficiency](#)
- [ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force Guidance Commercial Building Operations](#)
- [EPA's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools: Preventative Maintenance Guide](#)

Faces of SoCalREN

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 Amy Whitehouse, Project Manager



Faces of SoCalREN 

MEET AMY | PROJECT MANAGER

Describe your role at SoCalREN: I wear many hats for SoCalREN, most having to do with engagement. I've been working hard to expand our regional reach and elevate the voices and potential of rural and underserved public agencies. I also look for ways to integrate behavior change into our programs to maximize savings opportunities!

How did you get started in the sustainability field?

I started off working in environmental education. From the mountains to the beaches I leveraged the great outdoors to inspire students towards sustainability. Fun and engaging learning opportunities should be available to those of all ages-and I look for ways to help public agencies identify and implement them.

What is one of your favorite projects you've worked on so far?

One that stands out was a Lunch and Learn we did in Malibu. We highlighted exciting projects we were working on to City employees. Attendees got to play trivia, test out electrical appliances, and learn more about how the building they work in every day operates!

Upcoming Happenings



Making the (Up)grade: SoCalREN Resources for Water System SCADA (July 8th Webinar)

Join SoCalREN and Association of California Water Agencies ([ACWA](#)) for our webinar, "Making the (Up)grade: SoCalREN Resources for Water System SCADA." We will focus on leveraging energy efficiency programs and funding to upgrade your water system supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) to benefit from efficiency, cost savings, and improved operations and maintenance. **We encourage water agencies, special districts and municipal water utilities to attend.** [Register here!](#) (Free for members, \$75 for non-members)

Tune in for our upcoming
"Conversations with SoCalREN"

Next Up:

- 7/15 - Essential Facilities: Driving Water and Wastewater Projects - [Register](#)
- 7/22 - New Tools to Plan for Stimulus Projects - [Register](#)
- 7/29 - Funding & Financing Opportunities: A Critical Need - [Register](#)



Apply for Clean Transportation Funding from the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (Applications Due August 31st)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites local government agencies to apply for clean transportation grants for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet their communities' needs. Details:

- \$2 million available in **planning and capacity-building grants** to help identify and prepare for a community's transportation needs
- \$20 million available for **1-3 implementation grants to fund clean transportation and supporting projects**
- Implementation grant eligible projects include, but are not limited to: zero-emission buses, vanpool services, transit passes, parking management strategies, and outreach campaigns

To read more about this opportunity, [visit the CARB website](#).

Recent Happenings



Energy Efficiency TwitterChat with SGVCOG (June 29th)

On Monday, June 29th we joined [San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments](#) (SGVCOG) and other public agencies for an energy efficiency TwitterChat. We shared energy efficiency recommendations for residents and cities to save energy and money. Visit our [Twitter](#) page to catch all of our responses!

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

New Network Toolkit Resources Added!

Have you checked out our [Network Toolkit](#) lately? We're regularly adding and updating our resources to better

serve your needs. This month, we added all recent Conversations with SoCalREN webinar recordings.

Are you having trouble accessing your toolkit? Contact tchamberlin@energycoalition.org for support, or if you're not registered, register at socalren.org/join.



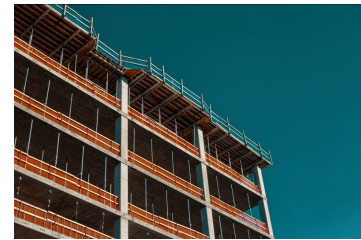
Welcome to our Network, Seal Beach!

We are excited to welcome our newest SoCalREN enrolled agency: **City of Seal Beach!**

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!

The Latest on SoCalREN Public Agency Activities

These agencies have been making moves on their sustainability projects during this time, and we are proud to celebrate their achievements:



- **Comparative Energy Analysis (CEA) completed:** City of Victorville, City of Santa Paula, City of Lindsay, and City of Palmdale
- **Green Button data completed:** City of Woodlake
- **Site visits completed:** Conejo Valley Unified School District, City of Camarillo, Ocean View School District, and Los Angeles County

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

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

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