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Southern California REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK



Spotlight: City of Santa Clarita



At SoCalREN, nothing makes us happier than when an agency completes an energy efficiency project, especially a multi-year project. That's why we're excited to feature one of our latest SoCalREN project successes from the City of Santa Clarita. This September, the City completed retrofitting over **16,700 street lights resulting in over 4 million kWh in annual energy savings!** We've thoroughly enjoyed working with the City to complete this multi-year project and we look forward to supporting their next sustainability effort.

Project and Agency Details:

- 19% in energy savings since enrollment
- Over 4,100,000 kWh in annual energy savings - equivalent to 620 cars off the road!
- Over \$1.5 million in annual cost savings and \$100,000 in annual maintenance savings
- Over 16,700 street lights upgraded to LEDs with an effective useful life of 12 years
- At project completion, the City received over \$1.9 million in incentives
 - Southern California Edison (SCE) rebates - over \$1.6 million
 - SCE Local Government Partnership kicker - over \$369,000

Did you know? SoCalREN can help your agency pursue Energy Performance Contracts



Do you have a large energy efficiency project you want to tackle, but lack the funding or resources? Well look no further! SoCalREN can support agencies interested in working with Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) and can guide you through the processes associated with pursuing Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs).

Through EPCs, agencies can take advantage of ESCOs' services to implement energy efficiency projects—ranging from project design to financing and installation. EPCs are a great way to accomplish large, multifaceted projects while taking advantage of unique financing opportunities. Along with facilitating introductions to ESCOs, SoCalREN can continue supporting agencies by working in coordination with ESCOs every step of the way!

How will working with ESCOs benefit my agency?

- No upfront capital investment required
- Agencies can tackle multiple measures and facilities in one project
- Projects can bundle both energy efficiency and distributed energy resource opportunities
- Can work with a single contractor to accomplish your energy savings
- Expedited procurement and construction methods for quick energy savings realization

If you're interested in learning more, reach out to your SoCalREN Project Manager today or access the all-new SoCalREN ESCO Guidebook in the [SoCalREN Network Toolkit](#)!



Have you accessed the Network Toolkit lately? Since its launch in the beginning of the year, we've added multiple webinars, guidebooks, and communication tools to support your agency.

1. **NEW! SoCalREN ESCO Guidebook** - This all-new guidebook outlines the major steps of working with an ESCO and SoCalREN's supporting role in the process.
2. **Catch up on "Conversations with SoCalREN"** - Watch recordings of our webinar series where we chatted with Energy Champions and experts about project challenges and successes.
3. **Marketing Tools** - Your agency's one-stop shop for marketing resources to spread the word about your commitment to energy efficiency, including social media templates, press release templates, and talking points.
4. **SoCalREN Member Web Badge** - What better way to showcase your sustainability leadership than by proudly displaying the SoCalREN Member badge on your website? This 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 you 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, Riverside, Ventura, Inyo, Imperial, and Mono, as well as portions of the counties of Orange, Kern, Tulare, Santa Barbara, and Kings.*

Upcoming Happenings



National Energy Service Companies (ESCO) Week

November 16 - 20 is National ESCO week! We're proud to join the National Association of Energy Service Companies (NAESCO) to celebrate the meaningful work they do to reduce building emissions. To participate in National ESCO Week, your agency can:

- Visit NAESCO's [website](#) to register for their virtual webinars
- Watch our "Working with ESCOs 101" webinar or access the SoCalREN ESCO Guidebook in our [Network Toolkit](#)

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



SGV Connect Podcast - Episode 2: Energy Efficiency

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) aired their latest SGV Connect Podcast episode, Energy Efficiency, on October 21st. In this episode, they (virtually) sat down with the Los Angeles County Internal Services Department Environmental Initiatives Manager, Lujana Medina, and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Best Practices Coordinator, Angie Hacker, to discuss energy efficiency planning. You can access all SGV Connect episodes on [their website](#).

SoCalREN Public Agency Enrollments

We are excited to welcome two new agencies to SoCalREN!



- **City of Bishop**
- **City of Rolling Hills Estates**

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!



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