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Spotlight on City of Corona

The City of Corona enrolled in the SoCalREN Public Agency Program in December of 2015. Since joining, their primary focus has been retrofitting lights throughout their community. One recent successful project was their street lighting retrofit.

Corona installed nearly 8,000 LED street lighting fixtures throughout their city. Leveraging SoCalREN support, they were able to complete incentive applications and construction in just one month.

Now, they're benefiting from:

- An estimated \$107,000 in utility bill savings each year and 2.4 million annual kWh savings
- Over \$880,000 captured in utility incentive funding
- Significant reduction in maintenance costs
- Improved safety and reliability
- Better quality light
- Installed lighting controls for additional savings through dimming and scheduling

Street Lighting Project Schedule



Looking to the future, Corona is excited to continue partnering with SoCalREN to explore additional energy efficiency opportunities at City Hall.

"It was great working with everyone from SoCalREN, as they were able to provide us with the project metrics to help make the case to do the project in the first place, and also did the heavy lifting on the rebates - **we couldn't have done it without them.**

Personally, I live and work in the City, so I feel tremendous pride in seeing my efforts around town. I love the new lights, and I think **we are all proud of the electricity we will save and the amount of rebates we [have been] able to obtain for the project.** We even received a handwritten letter from a resident stating how much safer she feels having these wonderful new lights, in addition to positive comments online as well. **Doing something great for the community is what it is all about."**

CPUC Approves Energy Efficiency Business Plans

On May 31, 2018, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) unanimously approved the *first ever* [energy efficiency business plans](#) developed by the seven [program administrators](#) that manage the majority of the state's energy efficiency programs. These plans lay out short-, mid-, and long-term strategies through 2025 to help all California utility customers reduce even more energy waste.

This decision provides continued funding through 2025 with more flexibility on program offerings (residential, multifamily, public sector, etc) and more opportunities for energy efficiency programs to provide innovative solutions for California customers. The decision focuses on incentives for higher efficiency lighting and assuring persistence of savings, which includes continued incentives for streetlights.

Most importantly, the decision provides clear guidance and emphasis that all energy efficiency program administrators – including the four investor-owned utilities, three regional energy networks (which are collaborations of local governments), and one community choice aggregator, MCE, which covers all of Marin and Napa Counties, much of Contra Costa County, and the city of Benicia, should rally their resources towards disadvantaged and hard to reach customers so that communities with the most need receive the most assistance in achieving their energy reduction goals.

Continuing the conversation on energy efficiency incentives

We've heard from our enrolled agencies that expiring incentive measures, delays in incentive application processing, and the increasing rigor of program influence requirements for custom projects have created new challenges for developing and implementing incentivized projects.

So on May 24, we hosted an educational webinar to create a dialogue between policy makers, program administrators, and incentive program end-users to (hopefully) improve successful energy efficiency program implementation for all stakeholders.

A recording of the webinar is available on YouTube [here](#), and the presentation slides are available [here](#).



We continued the conversation on June 20-21 at the [SEEC Forum](#), where participants were able to hear from additional stakeholders and begin exploring future opportunities for the public sector. This year's forum focused on "Scaling Up and Out" and local governments across the state shared policies and practices that have been successfully implemented and have the potential for adaptation or broader adoption. You can view our presentation [here](#).

Registration for the 3rd California Adaptation Forum is Now Open!

Register today for the 3rd [California Adaptation Forum](#), taking place August 27-29, 2018 in Sacramento, CA. The Forum will gather a multidisciplinary audience of over 700 climate leaders to foster knowledge exchange, innovation, and mutual support to transition California communities from adaptation awareness to planning and action. We hope that you will join us!

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