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Southern California REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK

The logo for the Southern California Regional Energy Network features a stylized map of California. The map is composed of several colored segments in shades of green, yellow, orange, and red, arranged in a circular pattern around the outline of the state.

Take Advantage of Therms Savings for Year-Round Energy Efficiency



Start planning for natural gas savings now!

Whether your community is experiencing record high temperatures during the summer or colder winters, it's important for facility operators to optimize all of their energy consuming equipment - including natural gas appliances! According to Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), "gas usage typically increases three to seven times [in the winter] compared to warmer summer weather." SoCalREN can help your agency identify therms savings projects so that your facilities and staff are comfortable year-round, while saving energy and costs.

How can SoCalREN help my agency save therms?

SoCalREN Public Agency Programs are here to support your agency with:

- Customized comparative energy analysis reports to assist with project identification
- Incentive and on-bill financing application assistance
- Financial analysis and audit calculations
- Development of technical specifications
- Procurement and construction support

What are some of the more commonly installed gas savings measures?

- Space heating boilers
- Pipe insulation and covers
- Pipe insulation
- Commercial gas steamers

Therms savings in action: How the City of Orange Police Headquarters reduced their gas usage by 70%!

Since their enrollment in 2014, the City of Orange has leveraged SoCalREN's services to ensure their essential facilities are optimized to support their residents, businesses, and employees while also being fiscally responsible by reducing their energy usage. In March 2020, the City completed construction on retrofits to their Orange Police Headquarters facility which will result in a **70% reduction in natural gas usage** - a huge benefit for a facility that runs 24/7! Check out the project highlights below:

- Over 70% reduction in natural gas usage - about a \$1,500 monthly bill reduction
- Over 2,500 in annual therms savings
- Receipt of an anticipated \$1,700 from SoCalGas in incentives (includes SoCalGas Local Government Partnership (LGP) adder)*
- Installed new space heating boilers with 85% efficiency, including features such as low gas pressure operation, built-in cascading sequence for up to 8 boilers, and programmable system efficiency optimizers
- Simple payback period: 1.5 years
- New boilers expected to provide hot water to the City for 15 years
- Construction completed only 4 months after the project was identified!

**As a member of the SoCalGas Local Government Partnership, North Orange County Cities (NOCC), the agency took advantage of an additional 50% kicker on top of the base incentive.*

Is your agency ready to identify your next therms savings project? Reach out to your SoCalREN project manager today!

Unlock Energy Efficiency Opportunities with SoCalREN's Enhanced Benchmarking



Take advantage of SoCalREN's Pathway to Zero enhanced benchmarking services to unlock greater energy efficiency and better understand your facilities' operational performance!

SoCalREN will help you build a complete ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager® (ESPM) portfolio, which will equip your agency with the data it needs to **confidently prioritize energy efficiency opportunities and manage building energy usage.**

What Can My Agency Receive through Enhanced Benchmarking?

- **Custom facility energy use reports:** to compare energy use intensity (EUI) between facilities of different sizes, demonstrate how EUI has changed over time and compare a facility's EUI with similar facilities within the agency and across other agencies
- **On-site benchmarking:** SoCalREN sends a dedicated engineer to your facility to collect property and utility meter information - eliminating data gaps and improving energy insights
- **AB 802 benchmarking regulation fulfillment:** SoCalREN will support your agency in fulfilling AB 802 benchmarking regulations, a new requirement for select California facilities larger than 50,000 sq. ft.
- **ENERGY STAR certification support:** SoCalREN can help your facilities earn the verifiable ENERGY STAR stamp of approval to prove that your facilities are operating efficiently

To confirm your eligibility for Pathway to Zero services, reach out to your Project Manager or access our facility search engine at socalren.org/eligibility.

Faces of SoCalREN: Meet Lauren

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 Lauren Seymour, Acting Program Manager

Faces of SoCalREN 

MEET LAUREN | ACTING PROGRAM MANAGER

Describe your role at SoCalREN:

I help public agencies identify, finance, and implement energy efficiency projects. The types of projects I work on range from new park lighting to process optimization at wastewater treatment plants. I also review state energy policy impacts for the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs.

What do you like best about what you do?

My favorite part of the project process is seeing the completed project, when energy savings are realized and agencies can enjoy the benefits like lower utility bills. I also enjoy celebrating our agencies' successes - for example, presenting large incentive checks at city council and board meetings.

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

One of the most rewarding and challenging projects I have worked on was a lighting retrofit at the **Las Virgenes Municipal Water District** Headquarters and Tapia Water Reclamation Facility, which treats wastewater into high-quality recycled water used to irrigate golf courses, school grounds, and parks. The project replaced over 2,000+ interior and exterior fixtures throughout the sites - ranging from industrial environments to staff offices - and resulted in over \$18,500 in incentives for the District.

Upcoming Happenings



Conversations
with SoCalREN

Conversations with SoCalREN: Readying Rural Water Systems and Operators for What's Ahead (September 16th)

Join us for yet another exciting **Conversations with SoCalREN Webinar: Readyng Rural Water Systems and Operators for What's Ahead!** In collaboration with [California Rural Water Association](#), we will chat about technical assistance, energy efficiency improvement, and grant funding resources for water agencies. [Register for the webinar today!](#)

LACI Power Day (October 1st)

Join [Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator \(LACI\)](#) for Power Day, a celebration of the clean energy ecosystem in California! Participants will hear from industry, startups, and policy leaders about the future of clean energy technologies in a post COVID-19 world. Also hear from LACI startups that will present their technologies through an Innovators Pitch Competition and Incubation Pilot Showcase. [RSVP today!](#)



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Keeping the Focus Local: A Conversation with SoCalREN Regional Partnerships (October 15th)

[Collaborative Forum](#). Join our panel highlighting regional partners from the South Bay to the High Sierras to learn how our regional partners are matching SoCalREN resources with the unique needs of their communities, with a focus on the recent shift toward virtual services. [Register here for the panel](#) (no-cost for all participants!).

Calling all California public agency representatives!

The SoCalREN Public Agency Programs are seeking input on a **Public Sector Market Characterization Financing Study**. Your survey insights will allow public sector program implementers statewide to design energy efficiency programs that work for you and help you save energy. The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete.



[Click here to make your voice heard.](#)

Note: this market characterization study is separate from SoCalREN's annual satisfaction survey effort, which will be distributed soon.

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



Welcome to our Network, East Orange County Water District!

We are excited to welcome our newest SoCalREN enrolled agency: **East Orange County Water District!**

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!

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 our **Working with ESCOs 101 webinar recording**.

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



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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