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Southern California REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK



Spotlight: Inland Empire Utilities Agency



Project Snapshot



\$138,000+
in SCE incentives
received



\$177,000+
estimated
cost savings
annually



1.4M+ kWh
on-bill
energy savings



330+
metric tons of CO₂
emissions reduced



217
cars off the
road



7%
in reduced
energy costs



48 months
start-to-finish
project timeline

At SoCalREN Public Agency Programs, we love supporting public agencies that play a crucial part in their communities' well-being. That's why we're excited to highlight [Inland Empire Utilities Agency \(IEUA\)](#), a regional wastewater treatment agency and wholesale distributor of imported water that has been enrolled with SoCalREN since January 2015. They serve over 875,000 people over 242 square miles in western San Bernardino County. IEUA is a champion for the responsible use of local resources and protection of the environment through conservation and sustainable practices. They even achieved a Gold rated Sustainable Water Management (SWM) Profile from the Water Foundation!



(Left: IEUA Headquarters, Right: Wastewater controls - new HACH system)

In June 2020, IEUA installed mixed liquor recirculation pumps (important for optimizing the denitrification process), improved flow rate of return activated sludge (RAS), and installed oxidation reduction potential (ORP) sensors to optimize wastewater controls at one of their regional water recycling plants. This project was completed using a coordinated approach with Southern California Edison's (SCE's) [Water Infrastructure System Efficiency \(WISE™\) Program](#). Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the agency also took advantage of a virtual post-installation inspection with SCE, eliminating project delays. As a result, the agency **achieved \$177,000+ in annual cost savings and over 1,422,000 kWh in on-bill annual energy savings** - that's the equivalent to **217 cars off the road!**

IEUA has several other projects in progress with the SoCalREN and WISE programs, including upgrades to their recycled water pump station wrapping up soon. Congratulations to IEUA for completing this milestone and prioritizing conservation efforts in their facilities! We're thrilled to continue to work with IEUA as they explore additional projects with sustainability in mind.

Want to hear more about IEUA's energy efficiency efforts? We (virtually) sat down with Sarah Recinto, Assistant Engineer at IEUA, to discuss her agency's experience completing energy efficiency projects during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can access the webinar recording in the network toolkit at socalren.org/agencies/toolkit.

Catch Up on "Conversations with SoCalREN"



Have you been tuning in to our webinar series, Conversations with SoCalREN? Since March, we've hosted engaging webinars to discuss the latest in public agency successes and challenges, and to connect with Energy Champions across our network! If you were unable to attend, you can always "binge-watch" all of our Conversations with SoCalREN webinars in our network toolkit library. From essential facilities to opportunities for funding projects, there's a webinar for every public agency energy topic!

Need access to the toolkit? Simply register at socalren.org/join/

For registered agencies, contact tchamberlin@energycoalition.org for login support if needed.

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 Jack Hawley and Jasmine Pineda, our Climate Corps Americorps Fellows! Their fellowship with us is closing this month, so we wanted to highlight their incredible contributions to our SoCalREN Public Agency Programs.



Faces of SoCalREN 

MEET JASMINE

CLIMATE CORPS
FELLOW

Describe your role at SoCalREN:

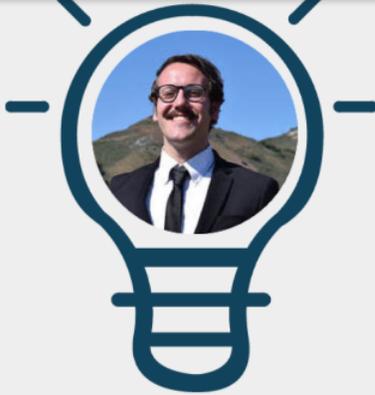
I am an education and engagement fellow at The Energy Coalition and support engagement efforts for SoCalREN Public Agency Programs. During my fellowship, my role is to assist the SoCalREN team by conducting research in the Inland Empire and surrounding areas. I am also a part of the team that leads the Conversations with SoCalREN series that focuses on discussing ongoing issues related to how public agencies are handling COVID-19 and providing useful information and resources to further support them.

How did you get started in the sustainability field?

While in college, I took an introductory environmental science course which helped me decide on changing my major to Sustainability Studies. I realized that the environment and social justice are intersectional and I wanted to be a part of those working toward enacting meaningful change!

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

SoCalREN's webinar series, Conversations with SoCalREN, has allowed me to work with so many members of the team whom I wouldn't have normally been able to work with. It also allowed me to learn more about ongoing efforts in school districts, water districts, and other public agencies during these historical times and how best to support them.



Faces of SoCalREN 

Describe your role at SoCalREN:

I am an education and engagement fellow for our SoCalREN Public Agency Programs. I support the team with their public agency engagement and outreach. Most of my tasks revolve around communicating with school districts, water districts, and public agencies about the services provided by SoCalREN.

How did you get started in the sustainability field?

As I began college at Humboldt State University, I pursued a B.S. in Oceanography with a minor in Geology and had a heavy physical science backing. After college though, I worked in the outdoor education and science communication field for several years then eventually found my way to Climate Corps!

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

I have absolutely enjoyed working on Conversations with SoCalREN, which are webinars aimed towards public agencies to provide expertise and advice in an engaging virtual format.

Upcoming Happenings

19th Annual Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo (August 21st - August 22nd, 2020)



Join SoCalREN at the [19th Annual Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo \(MGBCE\)](#)! The conference will focus on commitment, community, and equity, and will bring over 1,000 attendees from local government agencies to learn about green building principles and practices. Secure your spot and [register today!](#)

SoCalREN Public Agencies Program is a proud sponsor of the 19th Annual MGBCE.



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

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites local governments to apply for clean transportation grants for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet community 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**

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Funding (Applications due December 14th, 2020)

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is investing in projects that **create new parks or expand/improve existing parks**. Grants can cover 100% of the total project cost. A total of \$395.3 million in competitive grant funding is available. [Visit their website](#) to learn more.



2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental (Applications accepted on a rolling basis)

The US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration has released funding for **energy storage and distributed energy resources (DER) for disaster recovery assistance**. Funds can be awarded to assist a wide variety of activities including economic recovery strategic planning grants and construction assistance. \$587,000,000 of funds are available. [Visit their website](#) to learn more.

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants (Applications due Mid-Fall 2020)

CalTrans is accepting applications for **transportation and electric vehicle (EV) planning grants**. Grants are limited to planning initiatives only. \$50,000 - \$1,000,000 awards available with 12% local matching. [Visit their website](#) to learn more.



Recent Happenings

SoCalREN Public Agency Programs Celebrates 150 Enrolled Agencies!

Our latest enrollments with the **City of San Gabriel**, **City of Baldwin Park**, and **City of Irwindale** helped us reach 150 public agencies enrolled in our SoCalREN Public Agency network. We are proud to be part of a coalition of communities working together to build a safe, secure, resilient, affordable, and sustainable clean energy future.

SoCalREN Celebrates

150

Public Agencies!

We are looking forward to continuing to expand our programs. Are you 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 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.

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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