

FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

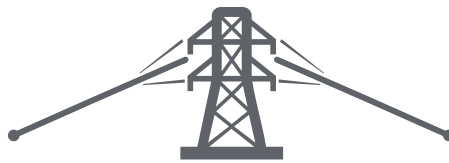
Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) is a regional project among local government agencies that aims to provide electricity to residents and businesses throughout Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties through the Community Choice Energy (CCE) model. Established by State law AB 117, CCE enables communities to choose clean-source power at a cost equivalent to PG&E while retaining PG&E's role in maintaining power lines and providing customer service. The CCE model helps ensure local economic vitality because money from rates paid by local customers stays local. Surplus revenues that would normally flow to PG&E will stay in the community to help fund renewable energy projects, create jobs and stimulate the economy.



RENEWABLE ENERGY

Electricity Generation

MBCP adds clean electricity to the grid.



SAME SERVICE AS ALWAYS

Electricity Delivery

PG&E provides transmission, repairs, billing and service.



YOUR COMMUNITY CHOICE

A Greener Electricity Option

You can choose MBCP for cleaner energy, stable prices and local jobs.

KEY BENEFITS

Local Choice

- Improves accountability and transparency because consumers have direct access to a local governing body.
- Fosters resilience throughout the region because local leaders make decisions about the mix of energy available to consumers.
- Retains reliable service through PG&E maintenance of infrastructure and delivery of electricity.

Renewable Energy

- Represents a significant mechanism for addressing climate action goals.
- Doubles the delivery of renewable energy by offering a portfolio with 59% renewable energy, compared to 27% offered by PG&E.
- Reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions significantly by purchasing energy that is at least 70% GHG free.

Economic Vitality

- Offers the same or lower rates than PG&E and keeps local ratepayer money local to stimulate regional economy.
- Creates numerous construction jobs for renewable energy build-out and nearly \$1.4 billion in total economic output.
- Establishes permanent operations and maintenance jobs and represents additional annual economic output of \$28 million.

PROVEN MODEL

Community Choice Energy has been implemented successfully in California.

- Operating since in 2010, Marin Clean Energy has created 2,400 jobs, serves and estimated 170,500 customers, and offers renewable portfolios of 50 or 100 percent at rates comparable to PG&E.
- Sonoma Clean Power, operating since 2014, serves an estimated 196,000 customers, offers a range of renewable, hydro and carbon-free energy at less than PG&E rates, and has saved customers \$13 million in its first year.
- Lancaster Choice Energy in Southern California began serving customers in 2015 offers a 35 percent renewable portfolio at rates that are 3 percent lower than Southern California Edison. A 100 percent renewable product costs \$10 more per month than the investor-owned utility.

Community Choice Energy projects are under way in:

- City/County of San Francisco and County of San Mateo
- San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties
- City of San Jose

OVERSIGHT

The Project Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) has the responsibility to oversee the team implementing the project. The PDAC meets monthly at ADA compliant facilities and the public is welcome to participate. For all past and current PDAC meeting documents, please visit MBCommunityPower.org. Meeting announcements are posted on this website in compliance with public meeting protocols.

MORE INFORMATION

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