

USEFUL ACRONYMS/TERMS TO KNOW

BOD	Board of Directors
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior
CAC	RCEA's Community Advisory Committee – a 15-member citizen volunteer committee who support RCEA public engagement efforts and provide decision-making support and input to the RCEA Board.
CAEECC	California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee
CAISO	California Independent Systems Operator, a non-profit entity overseeing operation of California's bulk electric power system, transmission lines and electricity market generated and transmitted by its member utilities
CAPE	RCEA Board-adopted Comprehensive Action Plan for Energy , supports achieving energy-related goals in Humboldt County
CARE	PG&E's California Alternate Rates for Energy program, provides gas and electricity discounts for income-qualified customers
CCA	Community Choice Aggregation, a legal term used by the State of California
CCE	Community Choice Energy
CEC	California Energy Commission, the state's primary energy policy and planning agency
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
ERRA	Energy Resource Recovery Account
FERA	PG&E's Family Electric Rate Assistance Program, provides electricity discounts for income-qualified customers
FY	Fiscal Year – RCEA operates on a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year
GHG	Greenhouse gas
IOU	Investor Owned Utility (e.g. PG&E)
JPA	Joint Powers Authority, an entity allowing two or more public agencies to jointly exercise common powers. RCEA is a joint powers authority.
MW	Megawatt (Power = how fast energy is being used at one moment)
MWh	Megawatt-hour (Energy = how much energy is used over time)

NEM	Net Energy Metering, self-generation power credited to customer's bill
PCIA	Power Charge Indifference Adjustment <i>(This fee is intended to ensure that customers who switch to RCEA pay for certain costs related to energy commitments made by PG&E prior to their switch.)</i>
PV	Photovoltaics for making electric energy from sunlight
Prop 39	California Proposition 39, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act allocating revenue to local educational agencies to support energy efficiency and alternative energy projects.
RCAA	Redwood Community Action Agency, locally-based, private nonprofit providing weatherization and energy-efficiency services to low- and moderate-income Humboldt County residents
RCEA	Redwood Coast Energy Authority
REC	Renewable energy certificates, also known as "green tags" or "green credits," represent the environmental attributes associated with a megawatt-hour of clean, green energy.
REpower	RCEA's community choice energy default electricity service costing slightly less than PG&E's electricity and offering a slightly higher percentage of renewable energy
REpower+	RCEA's community choice energy premium service offering 100% renewable energy
RFP	Request for Proposal
TOU	Time of Use, used to refer to rates that differ by time of day
WECC	Western Electricity Coordinating Council
WREGIS	Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System – a system that tracks renewable energy generation from registered units

See also the California Energy Commission's extensive glossary of energy terms at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/glossary/>.