Power Resources updates

- The Power Resources Team will propose a shortlist of potential to the Board Committee and full Board in January for a RCEA’s Mid-Term Reliability Resource solicitation for new, non-fossil fuel energy sources.

- RCEA and Sonoma Clean Power are planning to work together on transmission issues to deliver renewable energy from Northern California to the rest of the state. The agreement A memorandum of understanding will be considered by the Board at an upcoming meeting.

- The California Community Power Procurement Oversight Committee, including RCEA staff, will evaluate offers for its Firm Clean Resource solicitation this month. The effort is expected to result in new in-state or out-of-state geothermal and/or biomass capacity to deliver power by summer 2026, in accordance with CPUC procurement mandates.

- The Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid is expected to become certified as a Renewable Portfolio Standard-eligible facility by the California Energy Commission this month.
POWERING FORWARD - CalCCA held its first virtual annual conference this month. More than 470 Community Choice Energy program leaders from across the state attended to discuss critical issues facing California’s energy sector. CCEs, once thought of as the new kids on the energy block, then "the cool kids," have grown up to be "the big kids"! Find the meeting recordings and details here.

RCEA’s transportation team is working on a Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Planning Grant. This project will determine the most effective ways to increase MD/HD ZEV use on the North Coast, install advanced fueling infrastructure in our rural setting, and engage key regional stakeholders through partnerships and outreach.

Customer Energy Solutions updates

Custom solutions for local businesses. Our team is working hard to deliver a variety of new energy efficiency and electrification programs to our non-residential customers. Businesses that work with our trusted Energy Advisors can get help with interior and exterior lighting, equipment upgrades, refrigeration, HVAC, rate analysis, referrals, access to rebates and incentives, and much more. To spread the word and maximize the benefits to our community, RCEA will donate $100 to Food for People on behalf of each business that schedules an assessment. Email programs@RedwoodEnergy.org or call us.

Community Grid Program with Swell Energy is making progress with four customers enrolled.

RCEA’s Contractor & Vendor Network open enrollment continues - seven have signed up so far.

RCEA Partner Contractor - SacTown Contractors will install for the RCEA direct install programs.

Workforce education and training - We’re making sure new energy jobs can go to local skilled workers.

Rural Regional Energy Network - We’re developing a 5-year program to begin in 2023.

Mobile Home Solar We’re planning implementation with our project partners.

Heat Pump Installations RCEA was awarded a $99,500 grant for heat pump installation rebates.

Ongoing Agency Projects

City of Ferndale - solar and lighting
Yurok Tribe - multiple project locations
City of Rio Dell - solar, storage, generator
Southern Humboldt Unified School District - solar
Eureka City Schools - solar, storage, EV bus charger
Arcata Elementary - carbon monoxide monitors and HVAC assessment
Coastal Grove Charter - carbon monoxide monitors and HVAC assessment
Redwood Coast Montessori - carbon monoxide monitors and HVAC assessment
CA Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport - exterior lighting project, interior tube lights