



## March 2022 News and Updates

from the Redwood Coast Energy Authority

RCEA's Commercial Rebate Catalog cover image

Our monthly updates summarize RCEA's progress during the previous month. Please check our website for more information, and please ask us if you have any questions.

### Power Resources updates

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#### ● Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid

- Final tests are successfully completed and the team is wrapping up site commissioning.
- Some inverter hardware is still being corrected at the manufacturer. Pending successful repairs, the site will reach 100% operation during April.

#### ● Tierra Buena Battery Energy Storage

The Tierra Buena battery energy storage project being developed by Ormat is set to reach commercial operation by April 7. It will begin providing resource adequacy for RCEA and our sister community choice energy program Valley Clean Energy as of June 1.

#### ● CA Community Power - Long Duration Storage

The CC Power Board approved and executed agreements for the second LDS project (Goal Line proposed by the developer Onward). The RCEA Board will be receive agreements for the Goal Line project in Spring 2022 for review and approval.

#### ● Mailers

##### Late Payment Notices:

At the January Board meeting, the RCEA Board of Directors approved reinstating Late Payment Notice to RCEA customers in alignment with PG&E resuming account shutoffs for customer non-payment. In total, 10 RCEA commercial customers with outstanding bills received their first Late Payment Notice in March.

#### ● Customer Accounts

##### RCEA Rate Change:

In response to a PG&E rate change, RCEA instituted a rate change that went into effect on March 1st. Due to the rising cost of energy, both PG&E and RCEA electric generation rates increased. However, pursuant to RCEA Board goals, RCEA will continue to provide a 0.5% discount from PG&E rates.

To date

During February 2022

Residential EV  
Charging Equipment  
REBATE

10  
approved



Electric Vehicles  
REBATE

21  
approved



Heat Pumps  
REBATE

36  
approved  
9 reserved



Non-Res Services  
ASSESSMENTS

23 Completed



Residential Services  
ASSESSMENTS

12 consultations  
7 residential kits





## Customer Energy Solutions updates



**RCEA Commercial Rebate Catalog** We're excited to announce we've published a wide range of rebates, now available on RCEA's website - <https://redwoodenergy.org/rcea-rebates>

### **RCEA's Contractor & Vendor Network**

Current open enrollment for contractors and vendors now has 16 contractors and 5 vendors. The network is for RCEA customers, in support of their energy projects.

**RuralREN application and legal filing** submitted March 4, 2022.

## Agency Projects - ongoing



**City of Ferndale** - solar and lighting installation is in progress

**City of Rio Dell** - solar & storage installed, generator in progress

**Eureka City Schools** - solar, storage, and electric bus charger installation project is nearing completion

**Yurok Tribe** – benchmarking & continuing to connect for multiple project locations

**City of Arcata** – working to outline an energy efficiency project at Arcata Community Center

**City of Eureka** – solar and lighting upgrades at Water Treatment Plant and High Tank

**Burnt Ranch Elementary School** – released RFQ/RFP for roof-mounted solar array

## Community Grid Program

### **SGIP / Swell Energy**

**16** Sign ups so far

**115 kW** aggregate capacity of enrolled customers



## Events

**Solar & Battery First Responder Training** in April 5-7, 3 locations, 3 different days. See website for details.

## Advanced Transportation

- Lee Valenzuela left RCEA for a position with the City of Denver.
- RCEA staff submitted a CEC grant application for \$700,000 to install 10 more EV charging sites in the county.