

# October 2022 News and Updates

from the Redwood Coast Energy Authority

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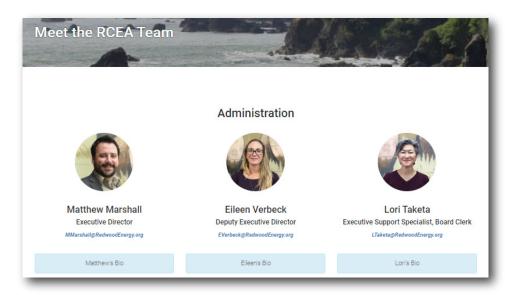
## **Community Choice Energy**

#### Mid-Term Reliability Solicitation:

In August, the RCEA Board of Directors approved the launch of a solicitation for zero-emitting resources in response to the California Public Utilities Commission's Decision 21-06-035 to address the mid-term reliability (MTR) needs of the state's electric grid in 2023-2026. In response to its solicitation, RCEA did not receive any eligible offers that would meet its MTR procurement obligation. Staff are looking at alternatives to meet RCEA's procurement obligation, and plan to bring potential options to the Board ad hoc committee.

#### Fairhaven Energy Storage

The energy storage project at Fairhaven for which the Board approved a contract in June is moving forward. The site owner has removed stockpiled biomass to mitigate fire hazard risk. The project developer Broad Reach Power is working with PG&E on repowering the substation and has submitted final designs for needed modification of the site's grid interconnection.



#### **New RCEA Staff page**

We recently launched a page featuring the full RCEA team, including titles, bios, and contact information.

We also added a poster to our employment page illustrating the wide range of degrees our team holds. We created it for a Cal Poly Humboldt Sustainability Practitioners Mixer, to encourage diverse students to consider joining RCEA or to pursue a career in energy.



## Current Employment Opportunities at RCEA

Manager/Senior Manager - Demand Side Management Programs

Equipment

& Appliance

**RCEA REBATE** 

See our website for details

#### Rebate totals to date

Charging Equipment

approved



Electric **Vehicles RCEA REBATE** 

37 approved

Heat **Pumps RCEA REBATE** 

59 approved 7 reserved



39 approved  $\widetilde{u}$ 5 in progress

## 2022 totals

0

**Residential Services ASSESSMENTS** 

97 consultations 64 res kits

Non-Res Services **ASSESSMENTS** 

132 Completed



## **Customer Energy Solutions** updates

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## **Agency Projects -** ongoing



Arcata School District - CalSHAPE HVAC and CO2 monitor projects are moving ahead

Burnt Ranch Elementary School - roof-mounted solar array is being installed

City of Arcata - energy efficiency project is being planned

City of Blue Lake - best use of OES funding and a possible solar project are being planned

City of Eureka - solar projects are being designed

City of Ferndale - solar and lighting project completed

City of Rio Dell - solar, storage and generator installed

City of Trinidad - solar and storage project completed

Coastal Grove Charter School - CalSHAPE HVAC and CO2 monitor projects are in progress

Eureka City Schools - solar, storage, and EV bus charger project is in progress

Loleta Union Elementary School - assisting with CalSHAPE program application

McKinleyville Union School District - assisting with CalSHAPE program application

Pine Hill Elementary - ECAA loan project kick-off meeting held in September

Redway Community Services District - revisiting possible solar project

**Redwood Coast Montessori School -** CalSHAPE plumbing application submitted, CalSHAPE HVAC and CO2 monitor projects in progress

Yurok Tribe - benchmarking and making connections for multiple project locations

#### **Rural Regional Energy Network**

The RuralREN group is shepherding the proposed customer energy efficiency program through the CPUC regulatory process. The RuralREN partners, representing hard-to-reach rural communities, held its first in-person meeting in September in conjunction with the California Climate and Energy Collaborative Conference.

## Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) Quick Start Grant

Through this grant, RCEA is providing rebates for unregulated fuel users (propane, kerosene, cordwood, etc) to switch to heat pump space and water heaters. RCEA has secured partnerships with area contractors and identified 11 projects so far. The grant will cover a total of 20 projects. RCEA is a finalist for a second round of funding, which will support an analysis of barriers to electrification in the more rural parts of the county and tribal lands.

## Rio Dell's "Light the Night" Project

RCEA continues to reach out and provide residential energy efficiency kits to Rio Dell residents who bring in and dispose of old, inefficient light bulbs at Rio Dell City Hall. The project is part of the Rio Dell Police Department's "Light the Night" initiative aimed at encouraging residents to leave their porch lights on at night to deter crime. Rio Dell city staff approached RCEA to collaborate on this win-win community boosting project.

#### **Rebates Mailer**

On the flip side of our Power Content Label (one of our annual compliance mailings that goes out to all our customers) we included an invitation for our customers to take advantage of all the rebates we have now. The response was robust and the timing was good. The public is curious about fuel switching and is willing to upgrade if the cost is manageable.



