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New Solar Project Offsets Two-Thirds of Oakland Affordable Housing Community’s Energy Use

The CPUC this month joined a ribbon-cutting celebration for a community-driven solar project in Oakland that received funding through the [Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing \(SOMAH\)](#) program, providing residents with clean energy and monthly savings.

The [SOMAH](#) program provides incentives for solar energy photovoltaic systems for multifamily affordable housing. St. Mary’s Gardens offers 101 affordable-living homes to seniors 62 years or over who qualify as very low or extremely low income. SOMAH par-

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Commissioner John Reynolds



tially funded the St. Mary’s Gardens project, for which Sunrun installed solar panels on apartment rooftops, providing tenants with 117 kilowatts of solar power. The solar system generates enough energy to offset nearly two-thirds of tenants’ energy usage, saving each household about \$35 per month on their electricity bill through virtual net metering.

The St. Mary’s Gardens project marks a significant milestone for SOMAH, demonstrating the realization of community-backed clean energy solutions through the partnership of public programs and building owners. The Asian Pacific Environmental Network, an early supporter of the creation of the SOMAH program in 2015, helped educate the majority Mandarin- and

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POWER UP YOUR COMMUNITY:

Learn About Funding Opportunities and How To Apply For A CPUC Clean Energy Grant

Join the CPUC for a free webinar to demystify the application process for its new [Clean Energy Access \(CEA\) Grant Program](#), which aims to empower tribes and community-based organizations across California by supporting projects that actively engage them in CPUC processes and promote clean energy programs.

An expert-led panel, featuring application evaluators and clean energy program specialists, will provide a comprehensive walkthrough of the application process, empowering participants to take advantage of the full potential of this innovative opportunity.

WHEN: February 7, 2024, 10 a.m. - Noon

WHAT: The CEA Grant Program will award grants up to \$500,000 for projects that enhance access to or education about the following 3 CPUC clean energy programs: [Microgrid Incentive Program \(MIP\)](#), [Self-Generation Incentive Program \(SGIP\)](#), and [Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating Initiative \(TECH\)](#). These initiatives provide substantial financial support for developing microgrids, battery backup in vulnerable communities, and incentives for home electrification.

WHERE: Remote access via WebEx or phone:

- Attendees should register in advance of the webinar. Video and call-in options will be provided through email after registration.
- WebEx registration link: [REGISTER HERE](#)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Insightful Presentations:** Understand the purpose of the grants and how the CPUC's clean energy programs can benefit your community.
- **Expert Guidance:** Application evaluators and clean energy program experts will provide a detailed overview of the application process.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Get your questions answered and gain clarity on specific details.

For requests related to the CEA Grant Program, please email capacitygrants@cpuc.ca.gov. ■

CPUC Invests More Than \$6 Million to Close the Digital Divide in Rural and Tribal Communities

In a continued effort to support California's [Broadband For All](#) initiative, the CPUC this month acted on grant funding of more than \$6 million to enhance high-speed internet access in tribal and rural communities.

Details of the awards are as follows:

Round Valley Indian Tribes' (RVIT) Fiber to the Home Project

- **Grant Amount:** Up to \$723,000 with an additional \$277,000 in Tribal Technical Assistance
- **Funding Source:** [Local Agency Technical Assistance](#) (LATA) and [Tribal Technical Assistance](#) (TTA)
- **Impact:** [This initiative](#) lays the foundation for a state-of-the-art Fiber to the Home network to provide enhanced connectivity, improved internet speeds, and increased accessibility.

"I appreciate that these grants will help achieve the goal of Broadband for All by extending high-speed access to underserved communities," said CPUC Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma.

"This grant represents a significant step forward in our efforts to ensure reliable and affordable broadband access for the Citizens of the Round Valley Indian Tribal Community and the surrounding community," said RVIT Tribal Chairman

Lewis Whipple. "With the support of this grant, we are now better equipped to take control of our broadband infrastructure and make it more accessible to our people."

This funding brings the total allocated to Round Valley Tribes to \$1 million to help bring internet access to tribal communities.

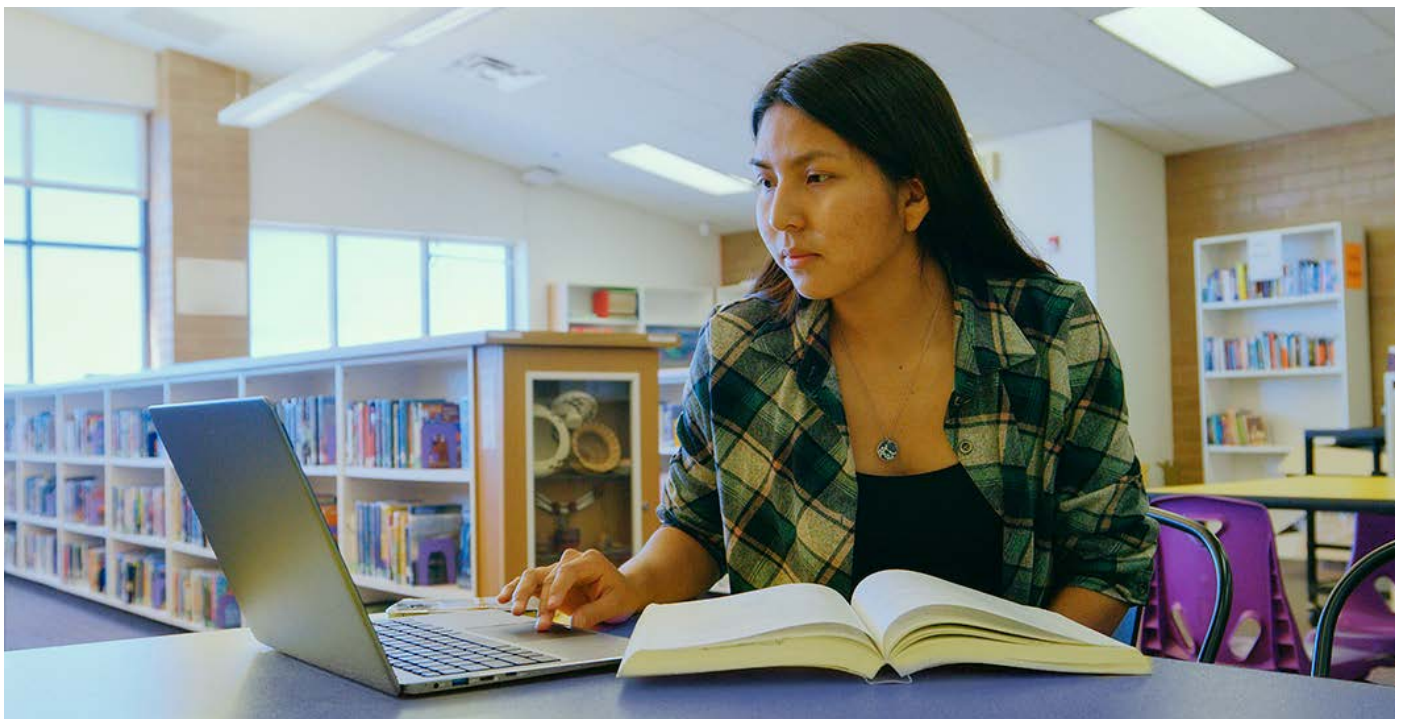
Long Valley-Spring Garden Project

- **Grant Amount:** Releases grant funding approved in December 2021 of up to \$5 million, following approval of the project's exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.
- **Funding Source:** [California Advanced Services Fund](#)
- **Impact:** [This project](#) will provide broadband access at speeds of up to 1 Gbps download and 1 Gbps upload covering approximately 1.37 square miles in Cromberg, Spring Garden, and the Greenhorn Ranch community areas of Plumas County.

CPUC Final LATA Award – A Milestone in Broadband Expansion

This marks the final LATA award, in concert with TTA program funding, utilizing the entire \$50 million program allocation. Launched in 2022, the LATA grants supported tribes

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and local governments in expanding broadband services to unserved Californians. This funding, including a \$5 million set-aside for tribes, facilitated high-speed broadband infrastructure projects. These grants empower local governments to develop, design, and build networks, contributing to scalable, future-proof public broadband. This milestone is a game-changer in addressing the digital divide in California, advancing the goal of Broadband For All.

“I am pleased that with this decision the CPUC will have successfully distributed all of the funds set aside by the Legislature for tribes to help achieve the State’s goal of digital equity for all,” said Commissioner Shiroma.

“Broadband is not accessible if it is not available to use in your home. Therefore, I am excited to support the \$5 million CASF

grant to provide gigabit ethernet to 31 rural and low-income households in Plumas County,” said Commissioner Darcie L. Houck. “I am also pleased to support funds awarded to support Round Valley Indian Tribes’ plan to build a Fiber to the Home network to under and unserved communities within its aboriginal territories. This is an example of collaboration and coordination between tribal and state sovereigns as we work to close the digital divide across California.”

The LATA program awarded 97 LATA applications, all of which can be found on the CPUC’s [LATA website](#).

While funding is exhausted for LATA, California Tribal Nations can continue to access the LATA program, which provides grants for market studies, feasibility studies, business plans and the like in support of broadband infrastructure deployment. ■

UTILITY RATE INFORMATION

The CPUC has directed PG&E, Southern California Edison, SDG&E, and SoCalGas to provide rate information to their customers to improve transparency about electric and natural gas rates. Find the Rate Alert for your utility on the [CPUC’s website](#). ■



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Cantonese-speaking residents at St. Mary’s Gardens about the benefits of solar energy. Committed to providing residents with free solar energy, the St. Mary’s Board sought technical assistance from SOMAH’s program administrator in assessing the property’s solar potential, leading to the identification of Sunrun as an eligible installation partner. Technical assistance from SOMAH was a springboard to other income-qualified programs. St. Mary’s Gardens also received incentives for energy efficiency measures to upgrade and electrify water and space heating equipment.

“The St. Mary’s Gardens project and the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing Program are concrete examples of how we are going to achieve California’s goals for clean energy for all. As a CPUC Commissioner, I am inspired to see the on-the-ground results of what our collaboration can accomplish,” said CPUC Commissioner [John Reynolds](#), who attended the ribbon-cutting.

Also attending the celebration was CPUC Executive Director [Rachel Peterson](#), who said, “This project delivers on the CPUC’s mission of ensuring access to clean energy for all Californians, and we are working to bring more projects like this one to people and communities across California.”

The SOMAH program has funding available for new solar projects on qualified affordable multifamily properties statewide. Technical assistance like what St. Mary’s Gardens received is available to any interested property owner. If interested, please [submit your contact details](#). ■

THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC December 2023

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

A1610012 | 10/12/2016 | DCR TRANSMISSION, LLC

In the Matter of the Application of DCR Transmission, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Ten West Link Project.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520515910>

R2008020 | 8/27/2020 | CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Revisit Net Energy Metering Tariffs Pursuant to Decision 16-01-044, and to Address Other Issues Related to Net Energy Metering.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521963276>

A2210004 | 10/3/2022 | THE PONDEROSA TELEPHONE CO.

In the Matter of Application of The Ponderosa Telephone Co. (U1014C) to Modify Intrastate Revenue Requirement and Rate Design and Adjust Selected Rates.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522429365>

C2311018 | 11/28/2023 | JOHN HALL

John Hall, Complainant vs. 5225 Adams LLC (20121097873) d/b/a Waters Edge Trailer Park; and David W Webster & Joyce E Webster Joint Living Trust C/O Jodie Goodman d/b/a Waters Edge Trailer Park, Defendants. [Charging allegation is billing errors in violation of Public Utilities Code Section 739.5.].

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521747933>

C2311019 | 11/28/2023 | JOHN WYLAND

John Wyland, Complainant vs. 5225 Adams LLC (20121097873) d/b/a Waters Edge Trailer Park; and David W Webster & Joyce E Webster Joint Living Trust C/O Jodie Goodman d/b/a Waters Edge Trailer Park, Defendants. [Charging allegation is billing errors in violation of Public Utilities Code Section 739.5.].

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521589431>

A2312017 | 12/5/2023 | IMPACT TELECOM, LLC.

Application of Impact Telecom, LLC for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522262039>

A2312010 | 12/15/2023 | BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.

In the Matter of the Application of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (U 913 E), for Preapproval of Power Purchase Agreements and Benchmark Price Process; Authority to Recover Costs; and Authority to Establish Memorandum Account.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521572685>

A2312018 | 12/15/2023 | CITY OF GUADALUPE

Application of the City of Guadalupe to construct two new overhead grade separations in the City of Guadalupe, Santa Barbara County, California over the track of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad at Milepost 0.47 (Obispo Street) and Milepost 0.82 (Arroyo Seco Road). The Proposed CPUC Crossing Number and DOT Number, respectively, are 038-0.47-A and 975487E for Obispo Street and 038-0.82-A978417A for Arroyo Seco Road.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522005935>

R1105005 | 12/18/2023 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Proposed Decision Denying Petition to Modify Decision 14-12-081.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521754849>

R1706024 | 12/19/2023 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC

Proposed Decision directing utilities to pursue improvements to affordability and assistance in general rate cases and closing proceeding.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521754897>

A2207011 | 12/20/2023 | ALJ/MELVIN/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting Signalwire, Inc. a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold Interexchange Services.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521745698>

A2312014 | 12/20/2023 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Pacific Generation LLC to Recover Helms Uprate Costs. (U39E)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521888027>

A2312019 | 12/20/2023 | UNIVOX, LLC

Application of UniVox, LLC for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522374595>

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A2301004 | 12/21/2023 | ALJ/BEMESDERFER/CPUC

Proposed Decision Denying Application.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521754927>

A2312015 | 12/22/2023 | PORT OF STOCKTON

Application of the Port of Stockton authorizing construction of a new public at-grade railroad crossing on McCoy Avenue with a new track owned by the Port, operated on by CCTC, and for the benefit of a Port tenant in the City Stockton in San Joaquin County in the State of California.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521879718>

K2312016 | 12/22/2023 | JEFFREY A. THORNE

Appeal of Jeffrey A. Thorne, Thorne Transportation Services from T.23-11-001 in the amount of \$5,000 issued by the California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521999762>

A2401001 | 1/2/2024 | SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY

In the Matter of the Application of SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY (U168W) for an Order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service by \$55,196,000 or 11.11% in 2025,) by \$22,041,000 or 3.99% in 2026, and by \$25,809,000 or 4.49% in 2027.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522429326>

A2401002 | 1/2/2024 | LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

Application of Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U 314-W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service by \$9,260,000 or 22.08% in 2025, \$2,182,928 or 4.24% in 2026, and \$2,139,448 or 3.96% in 2027.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522378727>

A2401003 | 1/2/2024 | LIBERTY UTILITIES (APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER) CORP.

Application of Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. (U 346-W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service by \$3,105,867 or 10.15% in 2025, \$2,139,978 or 6.31% in 2026, and \$2,238,205 or 6.18% in 2027.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522448211>

A2401004 | 1/3/2024 | SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION APPLICATION OF SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION FOR RE-HEARING OF RESOLUTION E-5301.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522378745>

A2401005 | 1/3/2024 | SARAH ANDERSON

Application for a Special Ruling under PG&E Electric Rule 15.1.3 Granting an Equitable Exemption from the Customer Cost-Responsibility Provisions of Rule 15 for Distribution Service Extensions.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522814358>

A2202019 | 1/4/2024 | ALJ/WILSON/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting Intsigna a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold Interexchange Services.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522745875>

R1812006 | 1/4/2024 | CMMR/ALICE REYNOLDS/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting Compensation to Natural Resources Defense Council for Substantial Contribution to Decision 22-11-040.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522745878>

A2205015 ET AL. | 1/10/2024 | ALJ/LAKHANPAL/LARSEN/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting in part San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Motion for Interim Rate Relief and Extending the Statutory Deadline.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523071388>

A2210015 | 1/9/2024 | ALJ/WILSON/CPUC

Proposed Decision Recognizing the Transfer of Control of Coredial, LLC to BCM One, Inc. and SIP.US LLC.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523071359>

A2210018 | 1/12/2024 | ALJ/WILSON/CPUC

Proposed Decision Dismissing Application for Lack of Jurisdiction.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523197160>

A2304011 | 1/12/2024 | ALJ/MATHEWS/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting Digital Technology Solutions, Inc. DBA DTS Fiber a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange Services and Resold Interexchange Services.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523197158>

A2308009 | 1/12/2024 | ALJ/LAKEY/CPUC

Proposed Decision on Financing Order Authorizing Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Third Issuance of Recovery Bonds Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1054.<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523181110>

R1807005 | 1/9/2024 | CMMR/HOUCK/CPUC

Proposed Decision Approving Community-Based Organization Arrangements Case Management Pilot [Program.https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523071353](https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523071353)

R2002008 | 1/10/2024 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC

Proposed Decision Establishing the California Lifeline Foster Youth Program.<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522696389>

R2005003 | 1/10/2024 | ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Proposed Decision Adopting 2023 Preferred System Plan and Related Matters, Addressing Two Petitions for Modification.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523201875>

R2111014 | 1/11/2024 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC

Proposed Phase 1 Decision to Implement the Clean Miles Standard Program.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=523124840>

A2401006 | 1/4/2024 | CITY OF IRVINE

Application of City of Irvine to construct a four-lane roadway grade-separation for a new box bridge undercrossing to connect Marine Way south of the railroad to north of the railroad, just south of

Metrolink/Amtrak Irvine Station in the City of Irvine on the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Orange Subdivision at MP 185.36 (Proposed CPUC Crossing No. 101OR-185.36-B and Proposed DOT No. 977312H).

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522378777>

C2312020 | 12/12/2023 | COUNTY OF NEVADA

County of Nevada, Complainant vs Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is violation of Commission General Order 177.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522696353>

C2401007 | 1/8/2024 | BRIAN RYUJIN

Brian Ryuji and Allison Kong, Complainants vs Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant. [Charging allegations are safety violations and improper billing.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522814384>

C2401008 | 1/8/2024 | STEPHEN SIMONI

Stephen Simoni, Complainant vs. Southern California Edison Company (U338E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing errors.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=522745920>

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