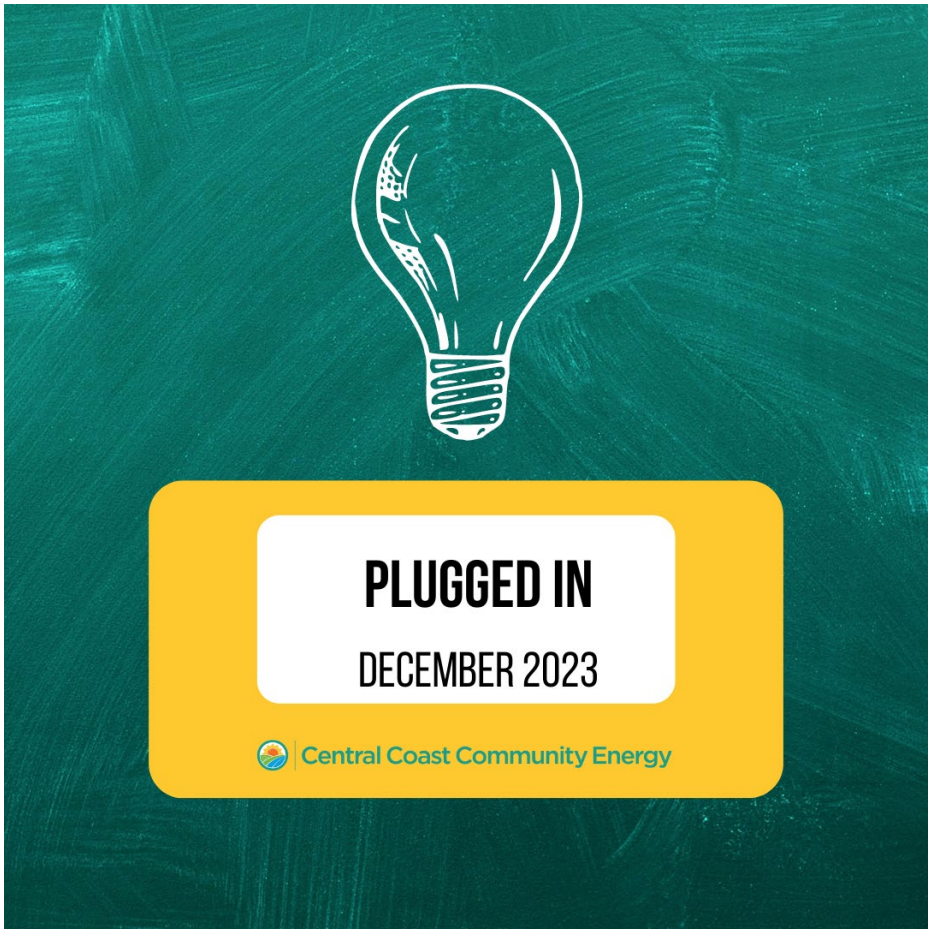
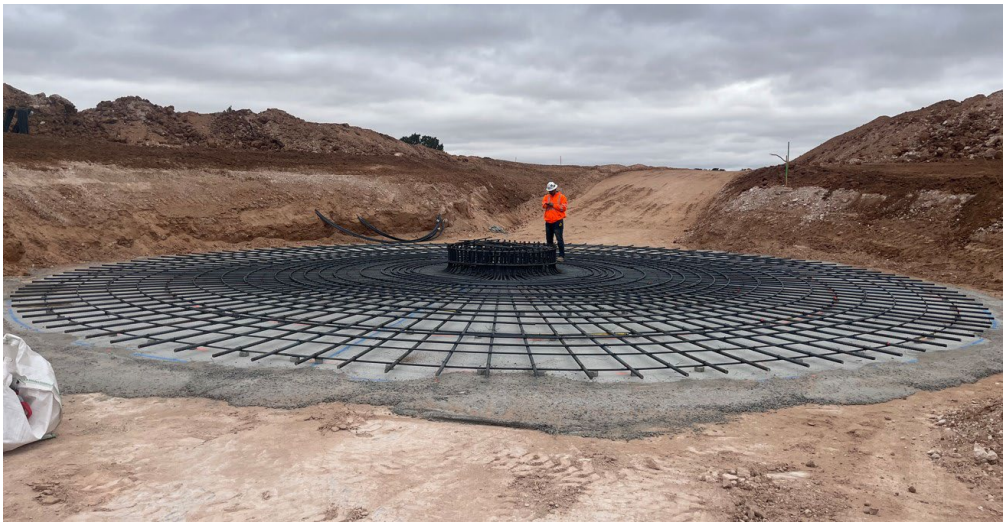


Happy Holidays! Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) wishes you a happy and healthy holiday season. In the colder months, when we start to spend more time indoors, electricity is everything. We have just the program to help keep your house warm and save costs on electricity: OhmConnect. The program helps you lower your bill and get rewards for doing so. Turning to the great outdoors, 3CE staff is visiting its communities and spreading cheer by sponsoring holiday lights in the City of Solvang, celebrating the City of Capitola's new electric street sweeper, and attending the SLO Chamber's State of the State. As we wrap up 2023, 3CE continues to light the way for your clean and renewable energy future.

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3CE Supporting Largest Clean-Energy Infrastructure Project in U.S. History

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) and Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) have each signed 15-year contracts with Pattern Energy Group to receive electricity from SunZia Wind, a new renewable energy project in New Mexico. Pattern says the facility, together with its new 550-mile transmission line enabling the delivery of power to California, will be the largest clean-energy infrastructure project in the nation's history. The project is expected to come online in 2026 and provide more than 3,500 megawatts (MW) of new generation, enough to power the needs of more than 3 million Americans.

3CE will receive 200 MW of the total output for our customers, enough to power 150,000 homes and meet 11% of our communities' electricity needs. The project is in one of the windiest areas of the country and will provide a continued source of clean electricity during peak demand in the late afternoon and early evening, when solar output decreases. SunZia's energy will also reduce the need for fossil fuels to meet t peak demand during extreme summer heat conditions.

Robert Shaw, 3CE CEO, said, "This project will help to diversify and enhance the reliability of our renewable portfolio and will help accelerate the cleaning of California's grid and our collective transition away from fossil fuels." To date, 3CE and SVCE have signed 12 joint power purchase agreements, totaling 1,513 MW of clean energy and 316 MW of storage.



3CE Member Agencies Ramping Up Efforts to Electrify Their Fleets

The City of Capitola on Dec. 11 unveiled its first all-electric street sweeper at City Hall. The purchase of the new sweeper was aided by incentive awards of $250,000 from Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)'s Electrify Your Fleet Program and $60,000 from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. Speaking at the event, 3CE CEO Robert Shaw praised the power of partnership with local government to meet the community's needs, calling Capitola "a city that invests in its future and demonstrates leadership for the region."

This all-electric, zero-emission street sweeper replaces a traditional diesel model that has been in operation for more than 10 years. Over its lifetime, the R3Air sweeper will save 90 metric tons of carbon emissions, the equivalent of not burning nearly 9,000 gallons of diesel, helping Capitola meet the goals set forth in its Climate Action Plan.

3CE also recently approved a $72,000 rebate for the City of Santa Maria's six new electric transport vans. Since launching Electrify Your Fleet in 2022, 3CE has funded 32 projects and set aside more than $1.7 million in funds for fleet electrification.

3CE Attends SLO Chamber's Annual State of the State Event

On Dec. 12, 3CE Manager of Customer Accounts and Services Jenna Espinosa and Senior Accounts Manager Judi Young attended the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce State of the State. Moderator Christine Robertson, Executive Director of the San Luis Coastal Education Foundation and founder of the Institute for Advanced Technology & Public Policy at Cal Poly, led an informative discussion with District 17 Senator John Laird and David Lesher, veteran journalist and state policy expert. Topics ranged from the expected — affordable housing, the economy, homelessness — to the unexpected: the Cal Poly project to provide transcripts of all State Legislature public meetings. Offshore wind, Diablo Canyon Power Plant, and even the inner workings of our state government were also discussed.



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3CE Helps City of Solvang Light Up Julefest 2023

On Dec. 1, the City of Solvang kicked off its annual Julefest celebration with a tree-lighting ceremony at Solvang Park, featuring Christmas music by the Santa Ynez Valley Wind Ensemble and the Santa Ynez Valley Jazz Band, made up of students in grades 4-12. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) is sponsoring the electricity lighting up the Solvang Christmas Tree for the duration of Julefest. The month-long festivities include a scavenger hunt, Santa's Village in the park, tours of the best local light displays, and a nightly light and music show, culminating in the annual burning of gathered Christmas trees on Jan. 5.

True-Up Statement for 3CE NEM Customers Coming in January

Attention all customers on Central Coast Community Energy's Net Energy Metering program! Your annual true-up with 3CE will occur this month, and your annual true-up statement will be on your January bill. If eligible, you may request your net surplus compensation in the form of a check here. To learn more about the annual true-up process, watch our recent webinar or reach out to us directly at 1-877-455-2223.



Happy Holidays from 3CE!

Season's greetings from all of us at Central Coast Community Energy; may the holidays fill your home with warmth and light. We look forward to continuing to serve you in the New Year with clean and renewable energy chosen by our local communities, making the Central Coast a healthier and more sustainable place for everyone.

Automatically Lower Your Bill & Get Rewards

3CE has partnered with OhmConnect, a free service that will alert you when electricity prices spike in your area due to high demand so you can conserve energy, ultimately lowering your electric bill while you earn rewards. It takes just two minutes to join and if you sign up with this link you can receive $50!*

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Invite 3CE's Outreach Team to Present to Your Group

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) offers outreach presentations to local groups, focused on providing information about the agency's commitments to clean and renewable energy, competitive rates, and community investment. If you are interested in having 3CE present to your group, please contact Sophia Schwirzke at sschwirzke@3ce.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Central Coast Community Energy encourages public participation in agency meetings, held in person and on ZOOM with available dial-in options. Attendees may provide live public comments remotely through ZOOM or submit them in advance via email at publiccomments@3ce.org. Sign up to receive public board notices that include meeting details.

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