# Southern California

# **SoCalREN** Year in Review

Can you believe another year has already gone by? The SoCalREN Public Agency Programs accomplished so much in 2019, and we could not have done it without the dedication of our enrolled public agencies. Let's take a look at what agencies enrolled in the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs have been able to achieve together.

#### **Overall Program Impact**

In 2019, SoCalREN agencies grew the cumulative Program impacts on Southern California communities. The graphic below summarizes program benefits to date.



\* Overall Program impacts determined based on energy savings and assumed benefits per kWh/therm reduced

Photo: Cumulative impacts of SoCalREN Public Agency Programs projects, as of December 2019. Some savings/benefits for 2019 still pending CPUC verification.

#### New SoCalREN Enrollments



SoCalREN's public agency network gained 19 members in 2019, reaching 137 agencies in total! Growing the network allows us to work closely with more public agencies and create a community where public agencies can participate in peer-to-peer learning (let us know if you have a neighbor that might be interested in joining!).

We are proud to welcome the following agencies to

SoCalREN: Baldwin Park Unified School District, Ocean View School District, Pleasant Valley School District, City of El Monte, County of San Bernardino, City of La Verne, City of Paramount, San Bernardino City Unified School District, City of Walnut, South Orange County Wastewater Authority, City of Westminster, City of Stanton, Metrolink, Santa Ana Unified School District,

### Workshops, Webinars, and Conferences, Oh My!

In 2019, the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs hosted a total of 5 workshops, facilitated 2 webinars, and attended 14 conferences to engage with Southern California public agencies and their communities. Below are some of the most notable events.

 New Programs Webinar - SoCalREN designed and launched three new <u>Public Agency Programs</u> based on feedback from public agencies on our yearly satisfaction survey. This



webinar provides an overview of all the services these new programs offer. (watch the webinar)

- Resiliency Workshop In collaboration with the West Side Partnership, SoCalREN cohosted a workshop in which speakers from public agencies, utilities, and businesses came together to speak on energy resilience. (watch the webinar)
- Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) SoCalREN shared four presentations at this year's SEEC Forum. Topics ranged from funding energy efficiency projects at schools to distributed energy resources for disadvantaged communities. (<u>read more about the forum</u>)

#### **Continued Customer Satisfaction - Thank You!**

Last year we achieved a satisfaction rating of 94% on our annual satisfaction survey! We also received valuable feedback from enrolled SoCalREN agencies on how we could better improve our services. Key takeaways from the survey include:

- Agencies are interested in resources related to incorporating emerging technology into energy efficiency projects;
- Marketing resources should be made available for public agency internal outreach; and,
- Frequent updates and communication between agency Energy Champions and SoCalREN Project Managers are key.

We are always looking for ways to improve SoCalREN's service offerings and delivery methods for public agencies. Have additional feedback you'd like to provide? Email us at <u>info@socalren.org</u>.

#### Looking Ahead - 2020

We look forward to growing SoCalREN's Programs and regional reach to continue to serve our network in 2020. Contact us at <u>info@socalren.org</u> to get involved now!

# To Our Energy Consultant Partners - Thank You!

SoCalREN works with various energy consultants that assist with performing audits, identifying energy efficiency measures, and providing valuable technical expertise for all of our agencies' projects. We recently hosted an end-of-year debrief with each of our consultants to reflect on all of our 2019 accomplishments. A special congratulations to **TRC and Enpowered, who received the highest satisfaction rating** in our 2019 performance assessment. Thank you to all of our consultants for the valuable work they do. We look forward to another successful year in 2020!

We are always looking for feedback on program services or team-members. If your agency has feedback for one of our SoCalREN-partnered consultants, let us know at <u>info@socalren.org</u>. We'd love to hear from you.

\*Satisfaction ratings based on SoCaIREN 2019 consultant performance assessment.

## **Upcoming Happenings**

Check out our event calendar for more upcoming events!

## Participate in SCE's Local Government Stakeholder Survey (January 17th)

Southern California Edison (SCE) has released a survey based on discussions from an October webinar on California's Analysis Tool for Locational Energy Assessment (CATALENA). Responses from the survey will inform the scope of the competitive solicitation of the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) CATALENA tool. If you have feedback to provide or you did not attend the October webinar, make your agency's voice heard and <u>participate in the survey today</u>! Survey responses will be closed after January 17th.







## Energy Efficiency, Electrification & Public Agencies Workshop (January 30th)

SoCalREN and Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) invite you to attend our upcoming networking workshop on implementation best practices, emerging technologies, and adoption of cleantech at the local level. Attendees will learn about challenges and opportunities in energy efficiency and electrification in the public sector, new emerging technologies, and get a RSS

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#### Click here to RSVP. We can't wait to see you there!

## Energy Disruption: How Local Governments Can Respond to the New Normal (January 31st)

Join the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC)'s quarterly meeting sponsored by SoCalREN. The meeting will take place in San Diego from 9:00 AM -3:30 PM with optional coffee networking beginning at 8:30 AM. This workshop will feature presentations on the role of local governments in supporting energy resilience and opportunities to meet California's climate ambitions and mandates. The meeting will also feature a regulatory update by LGSEC's regulatory consultant and an opportunity for participants to share best practices from the field.

LGSEC is offering a 25% discount off registration when you bring a friend! <u>Register today.</u>

## **Recent Happenings**

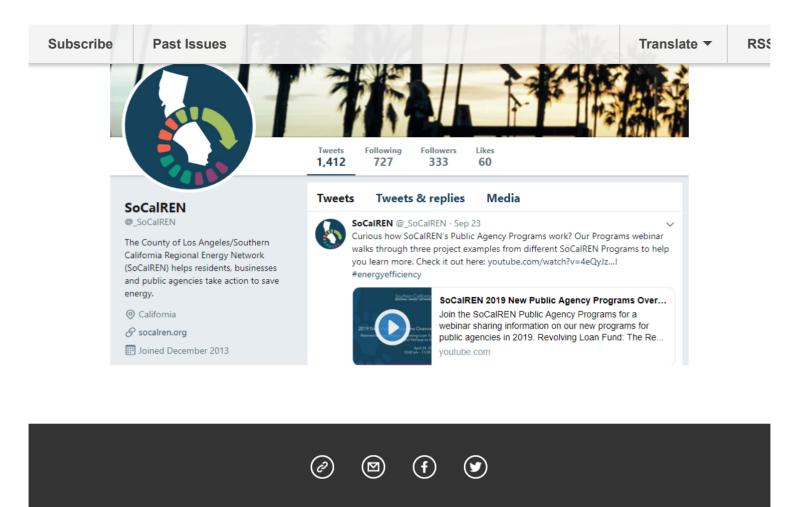
## League of California Cities Municipal Finance Institute (December 11th)

SoCalREN attended the <u>League of California Cities</u> <u>Municipal Finance Institute</u> on December 11th to host an exhibitor table and engage with participants throughout the conference. We spoke with several attendees about our Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) bridge financing program and comparative energy analysis services. Thank you, League of California Cities, for having us!



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