

Department of General Services

Energy Cooperation Agreement (ECA)

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What is the ECA?

- Condition of awarding the Electrical Franchise to SDG&E
- Agreement between City of San Diego and SDG&E to cooperate and work together towards the shared goals of clean, safe, reliable and equitable energy for San Diego residents and businesses
- Identifies commitments from SDG&E to support the City priorities outside of the Public ROW, such as Climate Action Plan goals

Collaboration Areas

- Clean Energy
- Safe Energy
- Reliable Energy
- Equitable Energy
- Transparency



Clean Energy Collaboration Opportunities

Clean Energy Collaboration	Safe Energy Collaboration	Reliable Energy Cooperation	Equitable Energy Cooperation	Ensuring Transparency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Diego Community Power Evaluate Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Opportunities with SDCP Enhanced Tree Planting Expand Green Waste Recycling Expand Clean Transportation Efforts Energy Benchmarking Municipal Energy Strategy GHG Reduction Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildfire Safety Increase Safety and Resiliency through Energy Intelligence Facilitate Development of 100% Virtual EOC and City Outreach Develop Resiliency Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize & Refresh Central Dashboard for Energy Management CCA Cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity-Focused Solar Expansion Affordable Housing Encourage Diversity in Local Clean Energy Workforce Undergrounding Prioritization Energy Efficiency Campaign within Communities of Concern State & Federal Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate Transparency Major Projects & Undergrounding Supporting Customer Equity Supporting Climate Equity Supporting Municipal Staff & Operations Compliance Review Committee



Implementation Plan

Energy Cooperation Agreement Implementation Plan Matrix						
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5.c.	Enhanced Tree Planting. SDG&E will continue to support the City's tree planting efforts through SDG&E's Right Tree, Right Place program (or successor programs),and identify additional tree planting locations, assist with tree species ideas, and provide technical support through SDG&E's highly trained arborists. SDG&E plans to supplement the City's efforts with direct in-community charitable support for planting up to 2,500 trees in the City in the ten years following the Effective Date. The City may claim any GHG credits that may be earned for this program.	Vegetation Management & Community Relations	City Arborist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership with San Diego Parks Foundation. Trees were planted in the following City of San Diego parks: Mountain View Community Park (21 trees, Jan./Feb. 2021), Southcrest Community Park (32 trees, Sept. 2021) and Montclair Neighborhood Park (23 trees,Dec. 2021).• Partnership with Downtown San Diego Partnership, planting 10 street trees in East Village (began Apr. 2021, to continue in 2022)• Tree planting event and community tree giveaway in partnership with Forever Balboa Park, planting 10 trees in Balboa Park and distributing more than 300 saplings to park visitors (Nov. 2021).• Partnership with SD River Park Foundation to plant 40 native trees in the riparian area in Mission Valley (May 2021).• Partnership with SD Unified School District and Healthy Day Partners to plant 29 fruit trees at school gardens in SDUSD (May-Nov. 2021).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 400 trees in Cherokee Point, including door-to-door bilingual canvassing, park event for community education and tree sign-up, and planting street trees to begin in Spring 2022.• Implementing of a comprehensive tracking system with Davey tree that documents our progress; including number, type, location of tree to be report to Sustainability Department for GHG tracking.• District Wide Tree Planting identifying parks where districts would like trees planted.• Park event to educate community and do a tree sign up.• Allied Gardens - identifying and moving forward on street trees after Cherokee Point wraps up (2022-2023).	Reporting out of Cherokee Point tree planting; timeline development for future tree planting sites.
5.d.	Expand Green Waste Recycling. SDG&E and the City will work to identify vendors open to receiving green waste, which can help reduce the City's carbon footprint by diverting waste from landfills. Furthermore, SDG&E and the City will investigate the opportunity to utilize this diverted waste as a fuel source as such technologies become available and feasible, potentially reducing GHG emissions.	Vegetation Management	Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SDG&E currently tracks waste tonnage diversion; specifically, total tonnage delivered to landfill vendors and the percentage of that diverted to recycling material.• In addition, SDG&E has two 100% recycling vendors where our tree trimming contractors deliver green waste material.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City and SDG&E teams to explore waste as a fuel source in 2030 once technology capabilities become available.	Share successes of vendors that SDG&E works with to expand the City's efforts for green waste recycling.



Cooperation Agreement Summit

- **Section 3** “Every three years after the Effective Date, the City and SDG&E agree to convene a Cooperation Agreement Summit (“CAS”), chaired by the Mayor of the City and the President of SDG&E or designees. The CAS will review the actions already taken under this Agreement, new developments since the Effective Date or previous CAS, and make mutually agreed upon changes to this Agreement... Any changes to this Agreement are subject to approval by the San Diego City Council (Council).”



Considerations in Renegotiations

- City Departments
 - Environmental Services, Transportation, Planning, OES, Fire Rescue
- Independent Auditor Report
- Franchise Compliance Review Committee Report
- Franchise Compliance Review Committee Meetings
 - Inclusive of Public Comment
 - 12 meetings between January 2023 and July 2024



Ongoing Commitments

- Benchmarking
- Tree Planting
- Wildfire Safety Coordination
- San Diego Community Power Coordination
- State & Federal Grants



New Commitments in the ECA

- Supporting electrification throughout the City
 - Quarterly electrification meetings to discuss project coordination, schedule, prioritization, funding, and future City efforts to reach the CAP targets.
 - SDG&E has committed to supporting the City's ongoing building and fleet electrification efforts by providing load analysis and proactive conversations about potential infrastructure and capacity constraints.
- SDG&E will share with the City biannual reports on energization timelines
- Supporting SDCP and the launch of SDREN
 - SDG&E will work cooperatively with San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) to support the launch of SDREN's energy efficiency programs.



Additional Changes to the ECA

- Updating existing commitments with measurable goals and timelines
 - Feedback from the Independent Franchise Auditor and the FCRC recommended revisiting the ECA to make the agreement enforceable with measurable commitments
- Increased coordination on affordable housing projects
 - SDG&E agrees to pursue operational enhancements to improve energization timelines for Affordable Housing Permit Now projects
- Reorganized commitments to support City's Climate Action Plan
- Streamlining reporting and presentations

- **Section 6.b Building Performance Standards** – remove references to the White House and generalize commitment to Building Performance Standards. **ACCEPTED BY SDG&E**
- **Section 7.a Equity-Focused Solar Expansion** – increase the commitment of SDGE shareholder funds to the Equity-Focused Solar Expansion from \$1 million annually to \$1,150,000 annually, to account for inflation between June 2021 and December 2024, as measured by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. **NOT ACCEPTED BY SDG&E**
- **Section 9.b. Wildfire Safety** - Add reference to the regulatory items that dictate SDG&E's brush clearing **ACCEPTED BY SDG&E**
- **Section 11.c Rate Transparency** – to read: “Once a year, an SDG&E executive shall offer to present to the City Council on current and forecasted average electric rates for all customer classes and the associated impact to unbundled residential electric bills. The presentation shall also include plans to address electric affordability actions taken and plans to limit costs for customers.” **ACCEPTED BY SDG&E**
- **Section 11.d Ensuring Transparency** – strike ‘on one day.’ **ACCEPTED BY SDG&E**



ECA Implementation Plan

- The City and SDG&E continue the commitment to develop an Implementation Plan outlining the roles, responsibilities, processes, timelines, programs, and estimated costs to achieve the goals and deliverables outlined in this ECA.
- The Implementation Plan will be provided to the City Council within 120 days of final ECA approval.

Thank you

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Revised Energy Cooperation Agreement (ECA) with SDG&E

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