



San Mateo Customers Save \$2.375 million City Earns National Recognition for Commitment to Clean Energy

San Mateo, CA – The City of San Mateo is thrilled to announce local customers saved \$2.375 million on their electricity bills in 2018 by using Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), a community choice energy program that helped the City earn national recognition for its commitment to clean power.

“This is wonderful news for San Mateo residents, but that’s not all,” said San Mateo Council Member Rick Bonilla, who represents the City on PCE’s Board of Directors. “By choosing clean energy and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions we are helping the statewide effort to fight the devastating threats we face from hugely destructive wildfires, floods, droughts and sea level rise. When we first launched PCE in 2016, there were only four other similar programs. Now, there are more than a dozen and others starting to form.”

This year, the City was also recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a Green Power Partner based on San Mateo’s commitment to purchase 100 percent renewable energy for municipal operations. Through PCE’s voluntary ECO100 program, all City of San Mateo facilities – such as buildings, parks, light fixtures and more – are powered with 100 percent renewable energy.

PCE consistently sets its rates at 5 percent below PG&E’s electricity generation rates for its ECOplus product, resulting in millions of dollars in savings annually across its 290,000 San Mateo County customers. More than 97 percent of San Mateo County households and businesses purchase their electricity through PCE, and collectively saved an estimated \$18 million in 2018.

The EPA also recognized the city as a new member of its national Green Power Community program, based on community members’ use of PCE’s ECOplus clean energy mix containing at least 50 percent renewable energy.

PCE exceeds not only the EPA’s clean energy targets, but also California’s ambitious goals. PCE plans to provide 100 percent renewable energy by 2025, while the statewide goal is currently set at 60 percent renewable by 2030.

About Peninsula Clean Energy

Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) is San Mateo County’s official electricity provider. PCE (www.PeninsulaCleanEnergy.com) is a public nonprofit local community choice energy agency that provides all electric customers in San Mateo County with cleaner electricity at lower rates than those charged by the local incumbent utility. PCE is estimated to save customers more than \$18 million a year. PCE, formed in March 2016, is a joint powers authority made up of the County of San Mateo and all 20 cities and towns in the County. PCE serves approximately 290,000 accounts.

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