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11 May 2011

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FRIDAY 1, APRIL 2011

SCEIP Celebrates 2nd Year



The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program celebrated its 2nd anniversary on March 25, 2011. The program continues to fund energy and water conservation measures as well as generation improvements to residential and commercial properties in Sonoma County. During SCEIP's first two years, over \$43 million has been funded for improvements made to 1,367 properties. These improvements have a tremendous impact across many sectors, including jobs creation, stimulating the

economy, the reduction of energy and water use, and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

In the future, SCEIP plans to continue its financing to residential and commercial property owners, provide additional education and outreach services to the community, offer Energy Evaluation subsidies, and more. Watch SCEIP's website for more information www.sonomacountyenergy.org.

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New Phone Number for SCEIP



SCEIP is presently converting to the County of Sonoma's telephone system and will have new number assignments by Monday, April 4, 2011. This change is being made because of the growth at the storefront, and it will facilitate more efficient communication with our partners in other county

departments.

Effective Monday, April 4, 2011, the main phone number at SCEIP will be changed to (707) 565-6470. The new fax number will be (707) 565-6474. The old numbers will forward for a very short period of time as we transition to the new numbers. Please update SCEIP's contact information to reflect the new numbers. We appreciate your patience as we undergo this technology upgrade.

13 May 2011

[Sustainable Enterprise Conference](#)

23 May 2011

[4:30 Deadline to submit Disbursement Requests for June 1st funding](#)

30 May 2011

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About SCEIP

Sonoma County's Energy Independence Program is an opportunity for property owners to finance energy efficiency, water efficiency and renewable energy improvements through a voluntary assessment.

The program works by placing an assessment on the property which is paid back through property taxes over 5, 10, or 20 years with an interest rate of 7%. Financing is available to both residential and commercial applicants with a minimum amount of \$2500. The amount available for financing is based on the value of the property.

Avoid SPAM

The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program does not sell or share your email address with anyone. To ensure you receive the latest news and updates from SCEIP and that our messages do not end up in your SPAM folder, please add energyinfo@sonomacountyenergy.org to your address book or mark our email items as "safe".

We thank you for your continued interest in SCEIP.

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April Contractor Forum Announced



The next Contractor Forum is scheduled for April 15th from 8:00 - 9:30 am at the SCEIP office located at 404 Aviation Blvd., Suite 200 in Santa Rosa. All contractors are invited to attend.

Topics for discussion include: Energy Upgrade California Updates, Energy Evaluation Program, "Qualifying Contractor" clarification, New Website, and Marketing.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to sceip@sonoma-county.org and include the number of people attending with your group.

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SCEIP Awarded \$3M Grant



The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP) was recently awarded a \$3 million grant from the California Energy Commission to bring PACE to the next level.

Through this award, SCEIP will be subsidizing residential and commercial energy evaluations, executing its first bonding process, creating a replication model for other municipalities to begin a PACE program in their area, and working with [Energy Upgrade California](#) in the development of a one-stop-shop online hub tool. In addition, there are funds available to bring our message to the community through new marketing, education and outreach efforts.

SCEIP is very excited to have this opportunity and looks forward to working with our partners through the next year. Please watch our website to learn about upcoming changes to the program.

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Clean Energy Advocate Events



The Clean Energy Advocate (CEA) is inviting all Solar Community Leaders in Sonoma County to attend a celebration and workshop on renewable energy generation and the solar installation process. The CEA is hosting this free event to recognize those who have already installed solar. If this is you, or you know someone who has installed

solar, join others not only to celebrate our community's promotion of clean, renewable energy but also to help motivate others who can benefit from solar as well. Solar contractors: *Please pass this along to previous customers where you have installed solar* . Click [here](#) for invitation.

The event will take place on **April 20th from 6p - 7:30p at 35**

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Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa (City building across the street from the Finley Center). Appetizers will be provided and small breakout discussion groups will take place to discuss homeowner experience with solar and how local governments can assist in this process. RSVP [here](#) and for more information visit the CEA website or contact your CEA. www.srcity.org/CEA

Clean Energy Champions

The Clean Energy Advocate is recognizing those in Sonoma County who have made upgrades to their home in energy efficiency, water efficiency and solar energy. Is this you? Do you know someone who is a Clean Energy Champion? Please help us recognize them at [Earth Day Fair](#) on April 16th. The Mayor will present a few Champions with an award and continued recognition will be promoted on the CEA website throughout the year. More information visit the Clean Energy Champions [webpage](#).

Clean Energy Champion [form](#)

Clean Energy Champion nomination [form](#)

Clean Energy Meet and Greet (the professionals)

Our free meet and greets will be making the rounds to every Sonoma County city in 2011. Come meet veteran solar professionals who will educate you on how easy and affordable it is to go solar. Learn how to drastically reduce your energy bill and about the many options for financing available.

Join us! From 5:30-7:00 at these locations:

March 30, Songbird Community Center Healing Center
8280 Old Redwood Hwy., Cotati

April 11, Share Exchange
531 5th St., Santa Rosa

Clean Energy Series

The Clean Energy series is a free monthly workshop highlighting guest speakers on energy and water efficiency, and renewable energy. The workshops are available to the public and held from **6p to 7p** at **35 Stony Point Road, Room M**. Please RSVP [here](#) and for more information about presentation topics please see the CEA website at www.srcity.org/CEA.

For more information, call (707) 543-3886 or email cea@srcity.org.

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SCEIP Launches New Website



A new website was recently launched at www.sonomacountenergy.org in partnership with [Energy Upgrade California](#). SCEIP's goal is to provide its viewers with streamlined information through easy navigation. Future enhancements will include an online

application tool, interactive calendar, and more.

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Case Study: SCEIP Financing



Patrick Stoner, from the [Local Government Commission](#) (LGC) recently published a case study on Local Government Energy Efficiency Best Practices for Financing, which featured the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP). SCEIP has been spotlighted as currently being the only sustainable residential and commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program in the United States. Although PACE programs are

now possible in 26 states, few have sustainable funding and even fewer have leveraged the bonding process as Sonoma County. The study is available online at http://www.lgc.org/freepub/docs/energy/case_studies/SCEIP.pdf.

The LGC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization that provides inspiration, technical assistance, and networking to local elected officials and other dedicated community leaders who are working to create healthy, walkable, and resource-efficient communities. Its membership is composed of local elected officials, city and county staff, planners, architects, and community leaders who are committed to making their communities more livable, prosperous, and resource-efficient.

For additional information regarding the case study, you may contact Patrick Stoner at pstoner@lgc.org.

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More Tools for TLL



green energy occupations.

The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP) Tool Lending Library (TLL) is expanding by offering tools for commercial building energy evaluations. SCEIP received an additional \$20,000 to purchase tools commonly used in commercial building energy analysis and testing. Funding was provided through a grant from the [California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program](#) for development of services to identify and train for employment opportunities in

The Tool Library will soon have illuminance meters, anemometers, tachometers and an array of different data loggers to name a few. For more information about SCEIP's TLL, please visit the website by clicking [HERE](#).

The TLL is made possible through a partnership with from the [Sonoma County Human Services Department](#).

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