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Also this month

SCEIP Contractor Forum

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4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
2300 County Center Dr., Ste
A212

Topic: Residential Financing
Options & Refinancing with a
PACE Assessment

Featuring guest speaker
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Help SCEIP Go Viral

Have you visited our YouTube channel recently? Watching our short video testimonials is a fun way to hear your Sonoma County neighbors talk about their reason for upgrading. We've posted videos featuring a variety of households (one of them historic) and commercial businesses. Our latest comes from Walter Byck, founder and co-owner of Santa Rosa's own Paradise Ridge Winery. It will definitely make you want to stroll through their sculpture garden! Check back often as we continually add new content: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SonomaCountyEnergy>.



In addition to the testimonials, we've posted a 1.5 minute long video called "How Does SCEIP Financing Work?" This is a clear and informative look at our financing product for both residential and commercial property owners. Also on our page, you can explore our playlists and featured channels with videos on saving energy, the statewide initiative Energy Upgrade California, and our partners such as Sonoma County Energy Watch.

You can help more Sonoma County property owners learn about SCEIP by sharing our videos on your social media pages or through email. Thank you!

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Greentivities at the Sonoma County Fair

Greentivities returns for its third year as a partnership between the Sonoma County Fair and the County's Energy and Sustainability Division. This award-winning showcase fills the 3800-square-foot Garden Building and includes hands-on, interactive exhibits from non-profit, private, and county agencies about water conservation and catchment, renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste reduction, healthy



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Free "Laundry to Landscape" Workshop

June 21, 9:00am - 1:00pm

City of Santa Rosa - Utility Field Office Building

35 Stony Point Rd, Santa Rosa

Learn how to design, install, use and maintain your own Laundry to Landscape graywater irrigation system. City of Santa Rosa and City of Cotati utilities customers will be eligible for indoor plumbing parts or a \$75 rebate upon completion.

Call (707) 543-3942 to register

living, and more!

This year, with everyone's attention on the drought, Greentivities will offer a wide range of water conservation methods and programs to help you be water wise at home. There will be a Kid's Zone with fun activities for the whole family and a relaxing lounge for connecting with others on their local efforts to regenerate and inspire. Be sure to pin your own project up on the map so we can see what the people of Sonoma County are doing in their communities!

Are you interested in sustainability and "green" issues affecting our planet? The Energy and Sustainability Division is seeking energetic and creative individuals to assist with hosting Greentivities this summer. Volunteers will assist the exhibitors educating the community on ways to recycle, reduce, conserve, and live more sustainably. Volunteers will receive a free fair admission pass with parking along with an additional pass to share or for a return visit another day. Students will also receive verification of volunteer hours upon request.

Interested volunteers can obtain the application from <http://hr.sonoma-county.org/content.aspx?sid=1024&id=1364> and submit the completed application to Sonoma County Human Resources by fax to 707-565-3770 or by email to volunteer@sonoma-county.org. Contact Sylvia Lemus at sylvia.lemus@sonoma-county.org with any additional questions.

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CalCERTS Update Classes for Raters in Santa Rosa July 10 & 11

The 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards are scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2014. CalCERTS, Inc. has announced the availability of the 2013 Residential Alterations Update Class (Class UA) and 2013 Newly Constructed Homes Update Class (Class UN). The requirements for updating your Non-Residential certification will be announced at a later date.



Current Raters may continue to do ratings for the 2008 Standards, but must take and pass the update course(s) in order to do ratings on projects where permits are applied for under the new 2013 Standards. Raters who have not taken and passed the update class(es) or taken the full version of the 2013 class(es) WILL NOT be able to enter 2013 Standards projects into the CalCERTS registry. Unfortunately, there can be no exceptions, and no grace period beyond July 1, 2014.

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As part of the update process, CalCERTS requires all Raters who have not already done so to complete the Refrigerant Charge certification. Raters who have not yet already passed a Refrigerant Charge exam with CalCERTS or who have not provided a copy of a current EPA 608 type II or universal certification, will need to do either or both in order to be certified for 2013 Standards.

Unsubscribe

For steps required to update your certification, please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the list that corresponds with your current level of certification. Please be sure to follow steps for each level of certification that you hold.

Please visit the CalCERTS website for the latest 2013 code update and new



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Rater training schedule at https://www.calcerts.com/Training_schedule.cfm to register.

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Pool Pump Upgrade Now Eligible for Advanced Home Upgrade Incentives

Build It Green is now accepting variable-speed pool pump upgrades for modeling savings in EnergyPro for Energy Upgrade California™ Advanced Home Upgrade. Contractors must be upgrading single or two-speed pool pumps to variable-speed pool pumps in order to be eligible.



Participating contractors may either hire an approved participating contractor from PG&E's single-measure pool pump incentive program or hire/certify their own staff to perform existing system data collection, EnergyPro modeling input, and installation. In order to perform these tasks for Advanced Home Upgrade jobs, contractors and/or appropriate staff must be Certified Aquatic Energy Installers (CAEI). This certification is offered by the Foundation for Pool and Spa Industry Education (FPSIE) in cooperation with PG&E. Applicants must have prior pool system installation experience to register. For more information on courses and trainings, please contact FPSIE at 916-922-8895 or visit www.fpsie.org/courses-events.

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President Obama Announces Commitment to Solar and Energy Efficiency Programs

On May 9, 2014, President Obama announced "more than 300 private and public sector commitments to create jobs and cut carbon pollution by advancing solar deployment and energy efficiency."

In addition, he announced "new executive actions that will lead to \$2 billion in energy efficiency investments in Federal buildings; smarter appliances that will cut carbon pollution by more than 380 million metric tons - equivalent to taking 80 million cars off the road for one year - and will save businesses nearly \$26 billion on their energy bills; and training programs at community colleges across the country that will assist 50,000 workers to enter the solar industry by 2020."



To view the White House Fact Sheet in it's entirety, click [here](#).

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Coming Next Month:

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Topic: Solutions for Implementing Effective Programs from the Contractor's
Perspective



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