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Also this month

SCEIP will be at these events

[Petaluma Chamber Business Expo](#) – October 4

[Harvest Fair](#) – October 5-7

[Impact Sonoma](#) – October 18

[Hispanic Chamber Business Expo](#) – October 25

[Mermaid Fest](#) – October 28

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SCEIP Success So Far – Looking at the Numbers

From its beginning in March 2009 through August 2012, SCEIP has made significant progress in financing energy upgrades, job creation, and eCO₂ reduction:

- 1698 residential energy upgrade projects financed, for a total of \$47.3 million
- 57 commercial energy upgrade projects financed, for a total of \$10.7 million
- 86% of these jobs were completed by Sonoma County contractors
- 75 local construction jobs created / maintained
- 4851 tons of eCO₂ reduced from solar upgrades, the equivalent of 809 cars removed from the road each year
- 7.8 MW of power generated by solar projects
- >1600 energy efficiency projects completed

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Welcome New SCEIP Staff

Adam Zwick

Adam oversees SCEIP's Tool Lending Library, assisting contractors with energy analysis equipment. An intern with the Climate Corps program, Adam wants to get a better understanding of how a local government agency functions. He also wants to gain experience with green house gas mitigation through residential and commercial building improvements and retrofits. Adam has a B.S. in Sustainable Design and Technology, as well as Environmental Policy, through Unity College in Maine. He worked in Washington, DC doing over 200 energy assessments of homes, weatherization and air sealing. He also ran community workshops to educate homeowners on weatherizing their homes for winter. Adam was the Sustainability Monitor for the college, tracking GHG emissions and developing mitigation projects to improve the overall environmental quality of the campus. His main areas of interest include passive house construction and Zero Net Energy buildings. Adam says he is "passionate about the great outdoors, environmentalism, living on the coast, and a good microbrew."

Ravahn Samati

Ravahn is a SCEIP Program Representative, the traffic control and data collector, and the first person that most people interact with when they visit or

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call us. Of working with SCEIP staff, Ravahn says, “They know how to have fun, get things done and are technically savvy.” He saw SCEIP’s leadership in sustainability while he worked with the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA). While with RCPA, Ravahn reached out to community groups about Energy Upgrade California, helping them see the value in investing in their home and in themselves. “Insulation is inspiration!” Ravahn is interested in the vision of the green economy that employs a workforce that does the work that most needs to be done. His focus is on workforce/business development skills to create sustainable change within. Fun fact about himself: “I am half Iranian, claim my Quaker heritage with gusto, and my middle name is ‘Thor’.”



Brian Yuen

Brian is a Program Representative assisting homeowners with solar, energy efficiency, and water conservation improvements. He joined SCEIP because of the commitment to promoting sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Prior to joining SCEIP, Brian was employed by Solar Sonoma County as the coordinator of the Clean Energy Advocate Program. Brian holds a BS in Sonoma State University’s Energy Management and Design Program. As a current participant in the Sustainable Future program at the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy, Brian hopes to become a key player in the climate action community. In his free time, he enjoys reading and spending time outdoors, and plans to “take up roller-coaster riding”.

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SCEIP joins the Harvest Fair this Weekend

The Sonoma County Harvest Fair is a celebration of the local harvest featuring three full days of wine tasting & sales, chef demonstrations and workshops, farm and harvest agricultural activities for children and adults, live music, an art show and sale, crafters pavilion, and much more.



SCEIP’s booth is located in the Hall of Flowers, and will feature the latest information on our PACE financing, Energy Upgrade rebates, and partner programs Windsor PAYS® and Healdsburg Electric’s programs and rebates. Our local participating contractor “Experts” will be available to answer questions.

Event hours are noon – 8:30pm on Friday, 10am - 7pm on both Saturday & Sunday. General admission: adults \$10, children \$5, 6 and under free. Follow SCEIP on Facebook for a chance to win FREE Harvest Fair Tickets!

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FHFA Litigation Update

The County of Sonoma and its partners in the litigation (the California Attorney General, the City of Palm Desert, County of Placer, and Sierra Club) continue to be successful in their challenge to the process used by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) in directing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (“the

Enterprises”) to take anti-P.A.C.E. actions. On August 9, 2012, the District Court granted our motion for summary judgment, and held that the FHFA violated the Federal Administrative Procedures Act by not following notice and comment rulemaking procedures before issuing its anti-PACE statements. FHFA has appealed this decision. We anticipate briefing will be completed before the end of the year, and the appellate court has indicated it will expedite a hearing on the matter.



In the meantime, as required by the District Court's order, FHFA has published a proposed rule, which is available [here](#). The comment period on the rule closed on September 13th, 2012. Given the volume and complexity of the comments, FHFA has indicated it will take several months to analyze the data and formulate a final rule. We do not anticipate final action until at least April.

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Contractors' Corner

Trainings

Keep up to date with training opportunities by visiting the Training Resources [webpage](#) on our website.

- Energy Auditing Techniques for Small and Medium Commercial Facilities - Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 3-5, 8am - 4:30pm at SCEIP
- CALGreen Workshop - Presented by CALGreen - Friday, October 5, 8:30am - 12pm
- Energy-Wise Renovation of Foreclosed Homes - Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9am - 4:30pm
- Energy Audit Skills: Tools, Data Collection Techniques & Calculations (Commercial Facilities) - Friday, Oct. 19, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Monthly SCEIP Contractors' Forum – Friday, October 19th 8:30-10am at SCEIP



Help Beta-Test the Action Tool!

Working with Planet Ecosystems, SCEIP is preparing for a multi-stage roll out of Phase 2 of the Action Plan tool on our website. We are adding content and functionality, including more tools to help contractors work with customers. Before the release of each stage, we invite any interested contractors to

participate in beta-testing the tool. If interested, please email sceip@sonoma-county.org and put “Beta-test Action Plan tool” in the subject heading.

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