



## IS COMMUNITY SOLAR FOR ALAMEDA?

Is community solar a good fit for Alameda? This is what AMP asked customers who turned out for the second in AMP's series of town hall meetings.

### LIKE A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Instead of putting solar on your own home, community solar lets many people come together to build one larger solar array. Like a community garden, individuals share a large garden space, only with solar panels

**People come together to build one larger solar array.**

You enroll in the project by paying upfront or by monthly subscription to purchase energy from a portion of the garden. The electricity that your share produces is then deducted from your monthly utility bill as if the solar were on your roof.

### TOWN HALL MEETING

AMP received valuable feedback at the September 22 meeting and is compiling the comments to present to the Public Utilities Board later this fall.

To learn more about the proposal, visit [www.alamedamp.com/future](http://www.alamedamp.com/future).

## VALLEY FIRE POSED LITTLE THREAT TO POWER SUPPLY

In September, as the Valley Fire raged through Middleton, AMP's geothermal plants at The Geysers were briefly threatened. While the facilities did sustain some damage, it was minimal and Alameda's power supply was not affected. AMP is supporting efforts to clean up and restore The Geysers.

### DIVERSE SOURCES SAFEGUARD ALAMEDA

AMP maintains a highly diversified mix of carbon-neutral generation throughout Northern California that

includes biomass, geothermal, wind and hydroelectric. Should one of these sources become non-operational due to an emergency, it would be unlikely to impact Alameda's power supply.

### FACILITIES SUSTAINED LITTLE DAMAGE

While we were fortunate that our facilities sustained little damage, the Valley Fire serves as another reminder of the increasing risk of potential disasters related to climate change and their impact on people's lives and important infrastructure. 

## AMP GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



In October, AMP recognized Public Power Week, a nationwide celebration of the benefits of community-owned power. AMP employees used this time to give back to the community by rolling up their sleeves to sort food donations and assemble bags for needy families at the Alameda Food Bank. 

**CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT:  
PARK CENTRE ANIMAL HOSPITAL**



Park Centre Animal Hospital has been green a long time. Not only are they an Alameda Green Business, they installed solar panels three years ago. Now, with help from AMP's Commercial Lighting Retrofit Program, Park Centre joins the growing list of Alameda businesses that have converted to LED lighting.

*"We are very happy with the new lighting. We know we are helping the environment and saving a little money too," said Office Manager Steve Busse.*

**Estimated Savings = \$500 per year  
Rebate = \$711**

For more information on the program, visit the AMP website at [www.alamedamp.com/turnkey](http://www.alamedamp.com/turnkey).

*PARK CENTRE ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
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**SAFETY:  
PREPARING FOR STORMS**



With an El Niño winter expected to bring significant wind and rain, now is a great time to plan for the possibility of a power outage now, instead of scrambling for a flashlight when the lights go out.

**IT'S BEST TO ALWAYS BE PREPARED**

AMP is committed to keeping the lights on and keeping our customers and employees safe during winter storms, but it's best to always keep your household prepared for a short power outage by having basic supplies on hand such as a flashlights and extra batteries, and stock up on nonperishable food.

Find the many other ways you can best prepare at [www.alamedamp.com/outages](http://www.alamedamp.com/outages).

**RENEWABLE ENERGY:  
ALAMEDA GREEN IS GROWING**



This summer, Alamedans proved that, when given the choice, they choose to go green! AMP's voluntary renewable energy program, Alameda Green, grew by over 1,000 participants this summer - doubling its size in just three short months!

Alameda Green gives residents and businesses the option of choosing 100 percent renewable energy. By paying a little extra on each monthly bill (\$6 for the average Alameda household), each Alameda Green customer's monthly electricity use is matched with renewable energy, helping reduce their carbon footprint!

Thanks to our residential and commercial customers, Alameda Green is one of the leaders in clean power programs across the country, with over 6 percent participation citywide. In fact, over the next year, our new participants alone will reduce their carbon footprint by 2.9 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> - the equivalent of taking 281 passenger cars off the roads! Keep up the great work, Alameda!

For more information or to sign up for Alameda Green, check out [www.alamedamp.com/green](http://www.alamedamp.com/green).

**AMP's Service Center will be closed**

**on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day  
and on Thursday, Nov. 27 and  
Friday, Nov. 28 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**CLIP and KEEP!**

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