

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

POWERED BY COMMUNITY



WHO WE ARE & WHO WE SERVE

San José Clean Energy, or SJCE, is San José's local, not-for-profit electricity supplier operated by the City of San José.

Since 2019, we have provided clean energy for residents and businesses at competitive rates, while also offering community programs, local control, and more transparency and accessibility.



Lori Mitchell

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

2025 marked a defining year for San José Clean Energy and our city.

Together with our customers and partners, we helped make San José the No. 1 Greenest City in America, as recognized by WalletHub. This milestone reflects years of commitment to clean, reliable electricity and smart investment in renewable energy. From supporting Caltrain’s transition to greener transportation to delivering cleaner power to every customer, we showed that bold climate action and dependable service can go hand in hand.

Affordability remained central to our mission.

In 2025, customers saved over \$40 million on electricity generation through San José Clean Energy. We also expanded programs to lower energy costs and improve access for those who need it most, including enhanced discounts, bill relief, and solar access for income-qualified households. These efforts ensure that clean energy is accessible, inclusive, and within reach for all San José residents.

We strengthened our connection to the community we serve.

Through local partnerships, community events, and collaboration with trusted organizations, we deepened our role as a truly community-powered energy provider. This meant hosting our largest ever electric vehicle Ride & Drive and EcoHome Expo at PayPal Park and electrifying Santa’s house at Christmas in the Park. We are rooted in the San José community we serve, and as we continue to be at the forefront of technological advancements like data centers, our mission will always be about reducing emissions and building a cleaner, more sustainable future for San José—today and for years to come.

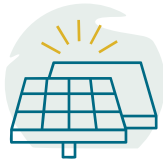


GREENEST CITY IN AMERICA

- San José was proud to be recognized as the [#1 Greenest City in the United States in 2025 by WalletHub](#), a national honor that highlights our leadership in clean energy, sustainability, and innovation.
- San José scored an impressive 95 out of 100 in the Energy Sources category, one of the highest marks in the nation. Powered by San José Clean Energy— all customers receive at least 62% renewable energy, while many receive 100% with our TotalGreen option.

Green Energy & Savings

- **Over \$40 million:** customer bill savings in 2025 (or an average of 9.8%) compared to PG&E
- **70,000:** lower-income customers saved nearly \$10 million with SJ Cares in 2025



950: Lower-income Solar Access Program customers received 100% renewable energy at a 20% discount.



\$37 million of additional projected savings from Energy programs launched in 2025 through discounts and energy savings.



20 MW of solar power and battery storage added to the grid in 2025, enough to power over 5,000 average San José homes.

POWER CONTENT & RATES

- GreenSource and SJ Cares are projected to provide 62% renewable energy in 2025.
- TotalGreen provides 100% renewable energy for only \$4 more per month for the average residential home.
- SJ Cares provides a 10% discount to customers enrolled in CARE or FERA programs and 16,800 affordable housing units.

[Learn more about your rates](#)

Power Content Label



- **387,735 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions reduced in 2024** compared to the California Utility Average



- **Equivalent to taking 90,400 gas-powered vehicles off the road all year**



- **65% renewable in 2024**

Power Content Labels provide a breakdown of the energy supplied over a year. Our latest audited Power Content Label from 2024 showed we delivered our highest-ever renewable content at 65%, nearly 3X the renewable content per customer than PG&E over the same time period. The 2025 Power Content Label will be available in Fall 2026.

[View the 2024 Power Content Label](#)

Renewable Energy

Since 2019, SJCE has contracted for over 1 gigawatt of new renewable energy and storage resources, enough to power nearly 600,000 average San José homes. We've contracted for:

528 MW Solar	225 MW Wind	27 MW Geothermal	370 MW Battery Storage
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SAVING YOU GREEN



Green Bond Financing

With Green Bond Financing, we deliver over 12% savings annually on prepaid energy, or \$8.7 million per year on average, amounting to \$66 million by the year 2032. SJCE is planning to expand Green Bond financing in 2026, increasing savings even further.



Electricity Bill Relief

We work with Sacred Heart Community Service and the County of Santa Clara's Homeless Prevention Program to provide emergency relief to customers at risk of losing power.

Since launching the Electricity Bill Relief Program in July 2025:

- \$100,000 in bill credits provided
- 113 eligible low-income residents received help
- 43 power disconnections paused or reversed



Solar Access Program

Our Solar Access Program expanded to another 150 low-income customers thanks to support from the CPUC and a new solar power plant in Merced County.

- 950 low-income customers are receiving 100% renewable energy at a 20% discount
- 8.5-acre solar power plant in Merced County

[Read the blog](#)



EcoHome Rebate

In 2025, our EcoHome rebate program helped more than 1,000 customers save on energy-efficient equipment and installation costs to electrify their homes.

- \$1.5M customer savings on heat pump water heaters over the equipment lifetime
- \$5.5M customer savings on heat pump heating, cooling, and ventilation (HVAC) over the equipment lifetime
- \$5.7M customer savings from installing home batteries over the lifetime of the battery – helping customers save on their electric bill and reduce their carbon footprint.

Plus, **93** customers took advantage of our interest-free **EcoHome Payment Plan** – reducing the upfront costs of energy-efficient appliances.

[Learn More About EcoHome Rebate](#)



EV Instant Rebates

Our Electric Vehicle (EV) Instant Rebates program launched in September 2025, offering thousands of dollars in savings on EVs to customers meeting income eligibility.

- Over \$200,000 in savings were claimed in 2025
- 100 customers saved thousands on new and used electric vehicles
- 65 dealerships across the Bay Area joined the program

[Pre-qualify for your EV Instant Rebate](#)



Peak Rewards

Our Peak Rewards program provides bill credits to customers who use less energy during a few select hours per year, saving you money while making our grid more resilient.

- 4,600 customers participated in Peak Rewards in 2025
- 27 MWhs saved, preventing 13.6 metric tons of greenhouse gases from entering atmosphere
- \$290,000 in customer savings and sign-up bonuses

[Sign up for Peak Rewards](#)



Go Electric Advisor

Our Go Electric Advisor is a free live service that launched in November 2025 to help SJCE residential customers take the guesswork out of going electric with home appliances and electric vehicles. Our team of friendly, trained professionals help customers at every step along the way – from simple questions to connecting them with savings.

[Give our Go Electric Advisor a call](#)



Incentives Finder

In 2025, we launched a new tool to help customers find rebates, tax credits, discounts, and financing from energy-efficient appliances to electric vehicles, and everything in between. Customers enter basic information, including their address and income, to find incentives specific to them.

[Find savings with our Incentives Finder](#)

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Investing in our Community

- **\$82,500** in local sponsorships
- **82** community events attended
- **6,500** conversations about clean energy
- **325** free children’s books distributed



EV Ride & Drive + EcoHome Expo

In April 2025, we hosted a Ride and Drive & EcoHome Expo at PayPal Park in San José. Over 350 people came out to test drive electric vehicles, e-scooters and bikes, and learn about energy-efficient appliances at our EcoHome Expo.

[Watch the video](#)



Christmas in the Park

After sponsoring Christmas in the Park for the past six years at Plaza de Cesar Chavez, we decided Santa needed an upgrade this year. For the first time ever, Santa’s House and sleigh were fully powered by clean electricity, thanks to San José Clean Energy. Santa also enjoyed using his Wi-Fi smart thermostat to heat his home along with his electric fireplace.



Betty the Brave Little Battery

In a joyful milestone for community education, we launched our first children’s book, Betty the Brave Little Battery. Through a fun, engaging story, Betty helps kids understand where clean energy comes from and how battery storage supports a more reliable, renewable future. Hundreds of copies in multiple languages are being shared with families, libraries, and community partners across San José to spark curiosity, learning, and a love for clean energy.

[Read More](#)

CLEAN ENERGY ADVOCACY



We work to expand access to equitable clean electricity at fair rates for our customers. As a department of the City, we work with government officials, community-based organizations, non-profits, and other CCAs throughout the state to ensure that customers' needs are addressed, from policy formation to bill advancement. Through our trade association California Community Choice Association (CalCCA), and individually, some of the legislative proposals that SJCE engaged on included:

- Supported Senate Bill 254 (Becker, 2025), California's comprehensive affordability measure to help lower energy costs and improve energy affordability for ratepayers.
- Supported Assembly Bill 825 (Petrie-Norris, 2025), legislation that enables California to establish a voluntary western energy-market that will reduce ratepayer impacts and improve energy reliability.
- Supported Senate Bill 302 (Padilla, 2025), legislation that conforms the state's tax code with the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to maximize clean energy benefits and speed up infrastructure projects.
- Supported Assembly Bill 531 (Papan, 2025), legislation that seeks to improve energy reliability by encouraging and reducing barriers for the development of geothermal powerplants and projects.
- Supported the reauthorization of the Cap-and-Invest Program, which will help fund clean energy projects, decarbonize homes, and advance clean transportation, and provide additional bill relief through the California Climate Credit.

Regulatory Advocacy

San José Clean Energy engaged with the [California Public Utilities Commission \(CPUC\)](#), the California Energy Commission, and other agencies to advocate for clean, reliable energy at fair and reasonable rates. For example, SJCE has consistently urged the CPUC to adopt balanced procurement orders and has requested the Energy Commission ensure its statewide energy demand forecasts are as accurate as possible. Accurate forecasting supports prudent power procurement, which in turn helps protect customers from unnecessary costs.

The Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

SJCE partnered closely with the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) to advocate for stronger Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) protections. The PCIA is a costly and unpredictable PG&E charge set by state regulators to pay for past power contracts and assets. San José Clean Energy supported efforts urging the CPUC to increase transparency, stabilize costs, and protect customers from PCIA charges that significantly impact customer affordability. Our advocacy seeks fair, understandable pricing so customers aren't unreasonably burdened by older utility costs.

SJCE customers continue to face sharp increases in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA). In 2026, the PCIA increased 470% compared to 2025, which means SJCE customers will pay \$132 million to PG&E

[CalCCA Urges CPUC to Protect Customers from Unfair Rate Increases in PG&E and SCE Rate Applications](#)
[CalCCA Criticizes CPUC Use of New PCIA Calculation Methodologies | Regulation Status | newsdata.com](#)
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

