



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

County of Lake Courthouse
255 N. Forbes St., Lakeport, CA
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Special Meeting 5:00 PM

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AGENDA

MEETING PROCEDURES: *All items on agenda will be open for public comments before final action is taken. Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public meeting on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Administrative Services Director/City Clerk prior to the meeting date so that the material may be distributed to the City Council prior to the meeting. Speakers must restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a three minutes time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.*

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AGENDA REPORTS

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Collaborating entities: County of Lake, City of Clearlake, and City of Lakeport

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. JOINT WORKSHOP AND PRESENTATION ON SONOMA CLEAN POWER

- [1.](#) Presentation and Discussion by Sonoma Clean Power

C. ADJOURNMENT

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BY:



Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion by Sonoma Clean Power

MEETING DATE:

September 30,
2025

SUBMITTED BY: Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☒ Information only ☐ Discussion ☐ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to hear the presentation and receive public comment. No further action is necessary.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

At the July 17th, 2025 Regular Meeting, your Council heard a presentation and discussed a feasibility report from Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) to provide service within the City of Clearlake. At that time, direction was given to staff to bring forward additional information and discussions to consider joining the SCP Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement.

This workshop is a joint workshop to hear additional information, along with the County of Lake Board of Supervisors, and the City Council of the City of Lakeport, and hear public comment on joining the JPA.

OPTIONS:

1. Receive report. No further action is necessary.
2. Other direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments:

SUGGESTED MOTIONS: No action necessary.

Consideration of Joining Sonoma Clean Power

Joint Meeting of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, and the City
Councils of Lakeport and Clearlake

September 30, 2025

Why Consider SCP?

Local Control

SCP is part of a statewide transition to shift more decisions to local communities.

SCP allows our communities to steer decisions over which sources of electricity we should use.

SCP would allow Lake County to use the local geothermal energy produced here, and have a stronger voice over what new resources are built.



SCP microgrid partnership with PG&E





Why Consider SCP?

Improve Service & State Policy

SCP adds strong customer service support to customers struggling with high bills.

SCP invests locally and sponsors scholarships, local events and non-profits.

SCP advocates for better laws and regulations to cut energy costs and accelerate affordable renewable energy.

SCP helps stabilize total power costs and provides a small amount of direct savings in most years.





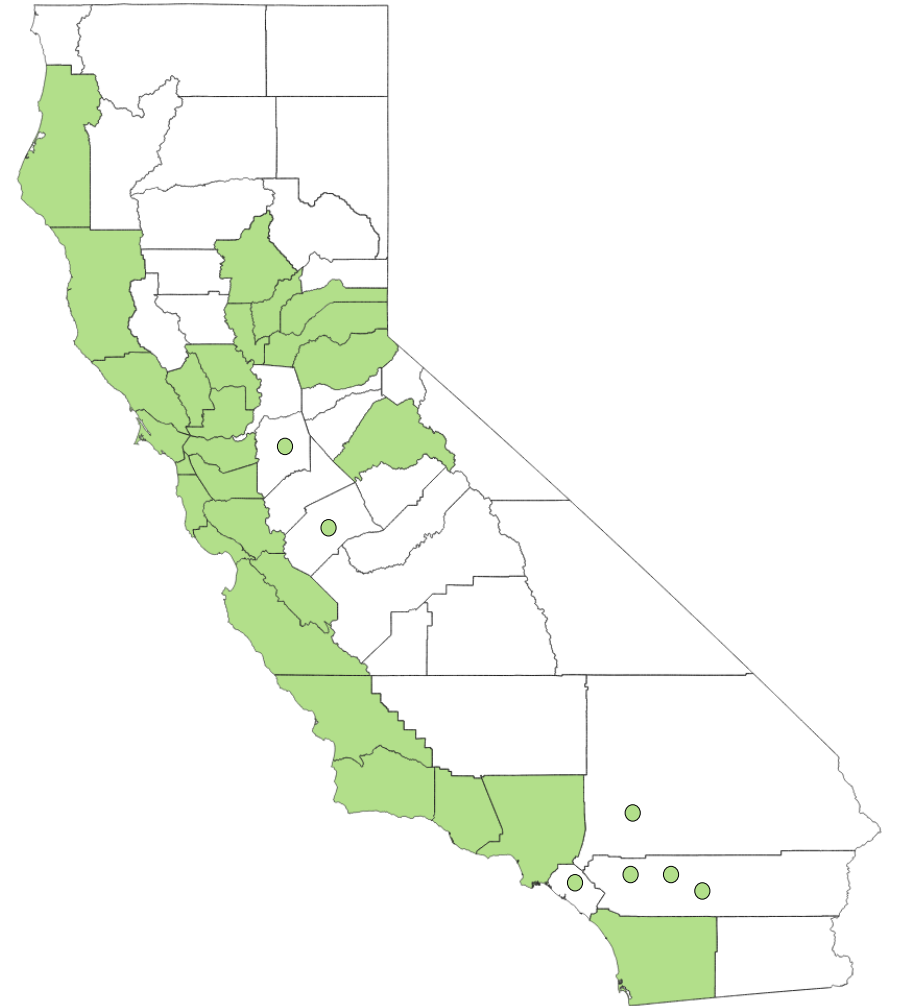


What is a CCA?

SCP is a "CCA" - Community Choice Aggregation

25 operating CCAs all around California, serving over 1/3 of all California homes and businesses

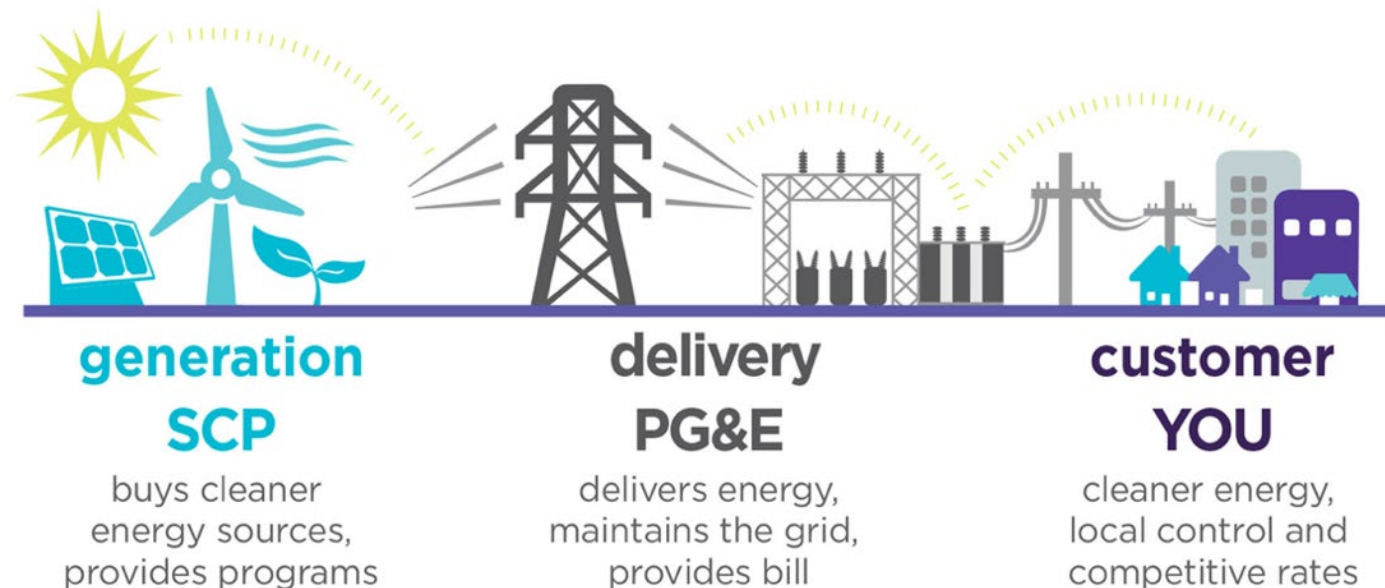
CCAs replace utility power sources, build new renewable energy and trim rates whenever possible



SCP Does Not Replace PG&E

PG&E still:

- Sends out the electric bill
- Maintains the poles and wires of the grid
- Decides when to shut off power for safety



SCP Offer for Service

Early in 2025, Lake County, Lakeport and Clearlake asked SCP to study the feasibility of extending service.

This August, SCP's Board voted to offer service with 1 Board seat for Lake County and 1 shared seat for the Cities of Lakeport and Clearlake.

SCP recommends Lake County Board members be appointed in January 2026 to take advantage of advocacy opportunities, but understand jurisdictions may choose to wait until January 2027.

SCP Offer for Service

If the county and both cities accept, all electric customers in Lake County will start receiving SCP's power starting in May 2027.

This presentation explains more about SCP, the process of starting service, and the benefits to Lake County.

Who is SCP?

Started service in 2014

Public agency generates power for 87% of all homes and businesses in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties

11-member Board of Directors, appointed by the participating cities and counties

Self-funded through revenues - no tax dollars

Working to improve oversight, lower rates, cut pollution, invest locally and help customers



SCP Offer for Service

Necessary to confirm:

Alignment across all three jurisdictions:
Lake County, Lakeport and Clearlake.

Alignment with SCP's goals of
developing next-generation geothermal
resources, including in Lake County.

Alignment with SCP's governing
purposes. See right →

SCP's Governing Purposes:

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Provide electric power at competitive
costs

Help reduce total energy consumption

Invest locally

Advocate for energy affordability,
security, reliability, resilience

Process for Joining SCP

October 2025 - Lake County and cities vote on whether to join SCP.

November 2025 - SCP Board formally accepts Lake County.
SCP staff add Lake County into its Implementation Plan.

December 2025 - SCP Board certifies the updated Implementation Plan. SCP files the Implementation plan with the CPUC for a start date of May 2027.

January 2026 (or 2027) - Lake County appoints a Supervisor to the SCP Board
The Cities of Lakeport and Clearlake appoint one shared representative

NOTE: *If votes to join SCP are delayed past Oct 31, all dates will be pushed back one year, and the SCP Board will need to authorize a new offer.*

What Customers Can Expect



2026

One year before service starts, SCP will start to introduce itself to the community.

SCP will also begin participating in community events to start to meet people.

May - October expect SCP to participate in a few key events and meetings to build awareness.



2027

Beginning in March 2027, SCP will start to be more visible in the county through community presentations, tabling at local events, and attending key events.

During this time, Tribal engagement will also ramp up as we engage with all stakeholders.

March - July 2027: Residents and businesses will receive five mailed notices over a five-month period. During this time, people may opt out at no cost. After that window, residential customers who choose to opt out will pay a \$5 fee, and commercial customers will pay a \$25 fee.

May 2027 - SCP service begins for all customers.



New Customer Choice

California law requires that SCP become the default provider when we start service.

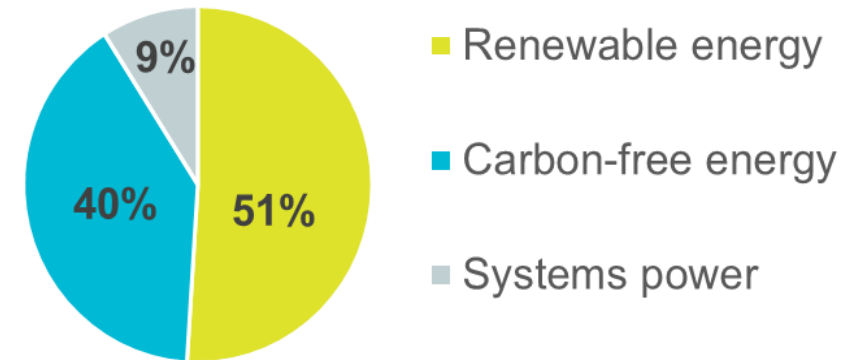
But - for the first time - customers will be able to choose for themselves who generates their power:

- PG&E (investor-owned utility)
- SCP (local agency operated by cities and counties)

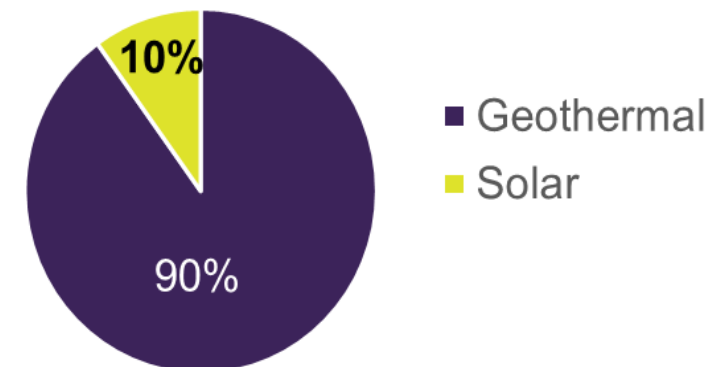
SCP also offers you a choice of power mixes:

- Default Mix - 51% Renewable
- Optional Mix - 100% Renewable

2024 SCP Power Mix
51% Renewable



2024 SCP Power Mix
100% Renewable & 100% Local



Customer Benefits



Improved Customer Service

SCP adds new customer support while customers keep all of PG&E's existing support.

SCP also proactively looks for customers who are paying too much and helps them cut their bills by ensuring they are on the right rate. Recent examples of small businesses saving money by changing their rate includes:

- Senior Care Center: \$4,000 per year savings
- Treatment Plant: \$60,000 per year savings
- Small Retail Store: \$17,000 per year savings
- Warehouse: \$20,000 per year savings



Customer Benefits

- Exclusive access to SCP programs, including rebates for heat pumps and induction stove tops, free energy savings boxes, and GridSavvy Rewards which pays customers for reducing their energy use.
- CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline/PG&E Employee discounts remain in effect and unchanged, there is no need to re-apply.
- Equivalent program for solar customers as PG&E. Switching to SCP will not affect your NEM status.
- In-house, local call center. Agents are local SCP employees and all are bilingual.

Geothermal Power



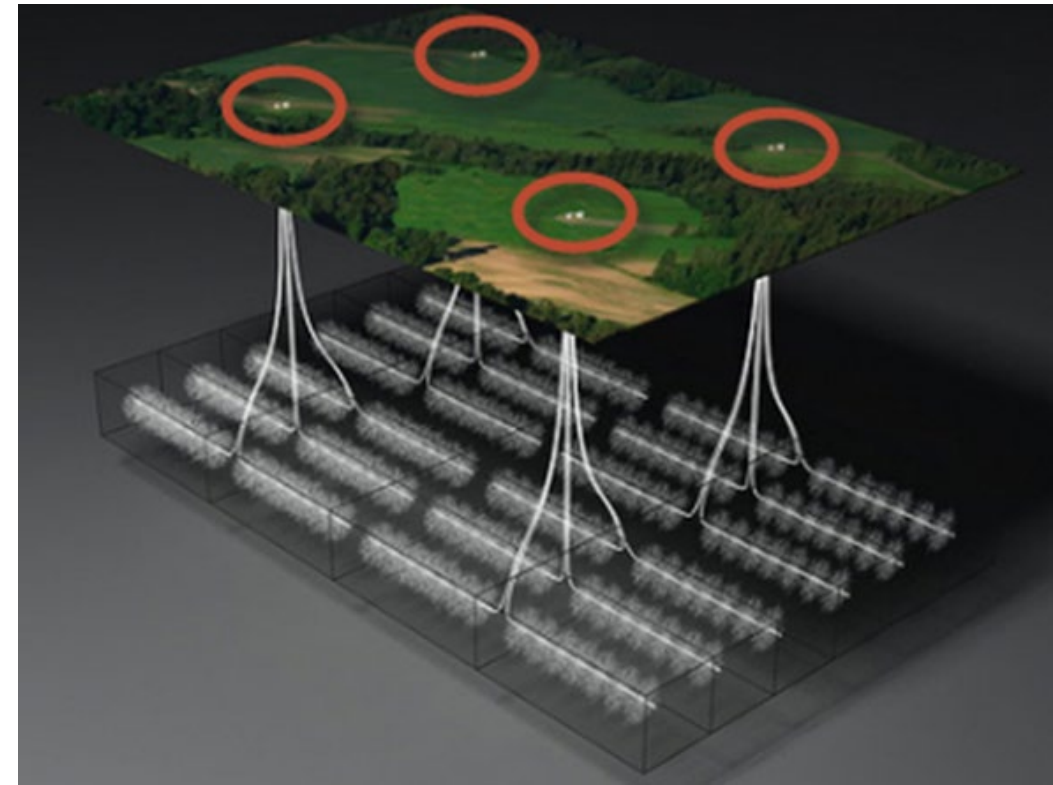
Geothermal Power Development

SCP is committed to increasing local access to geothermal power and lowering long-term energy costs.

SCP aims to attract local investment and drive development that aligns with local values and creates well-paid, highly skilled local jobs.

California has already ordered 2,000 MW of new geothermal construction.

New technologies expand opportunities beyond current geologic, land, and water constraints.



New technology improves flexibility to site geothermal projects with reduced surface impacts

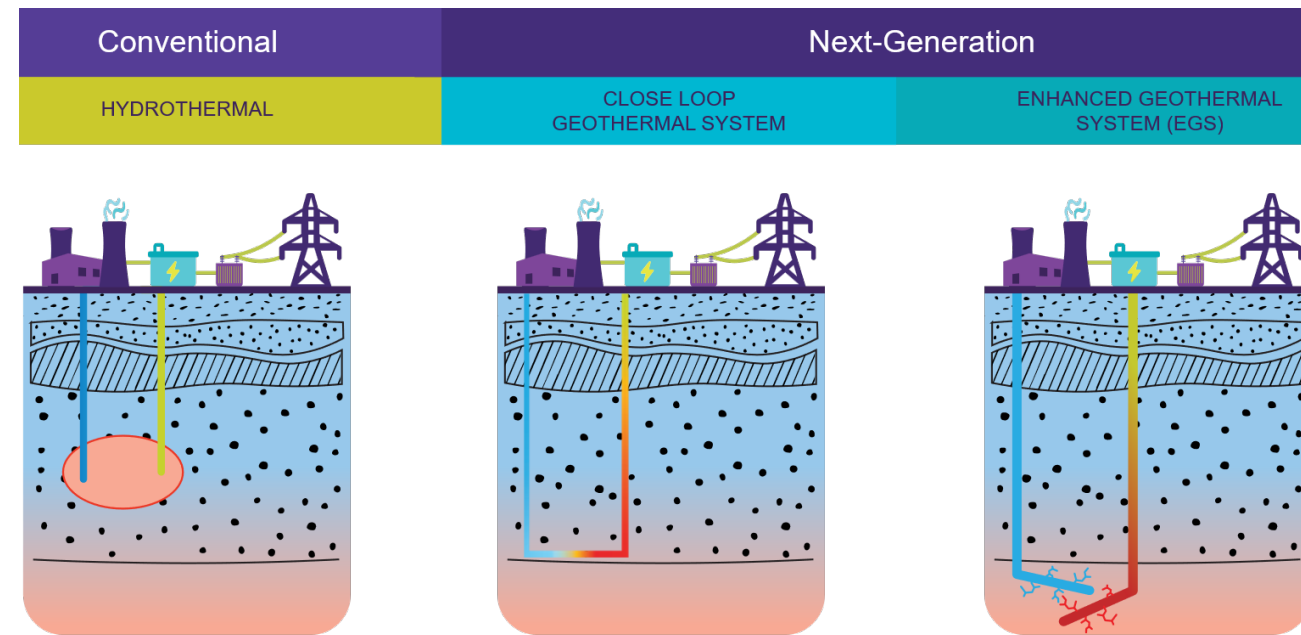
Geothermal Opportunity Zone

SCP has led the formation of the “GeoZone” across Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

Goal is to build 600 MW of local clean power that meets established community criteria.

SCP customers get first opportunity to purchase power from GeoZone projects.

SCP also advocates for steering state development of geothermal in our region into preferred places and technologies.



Advocacy



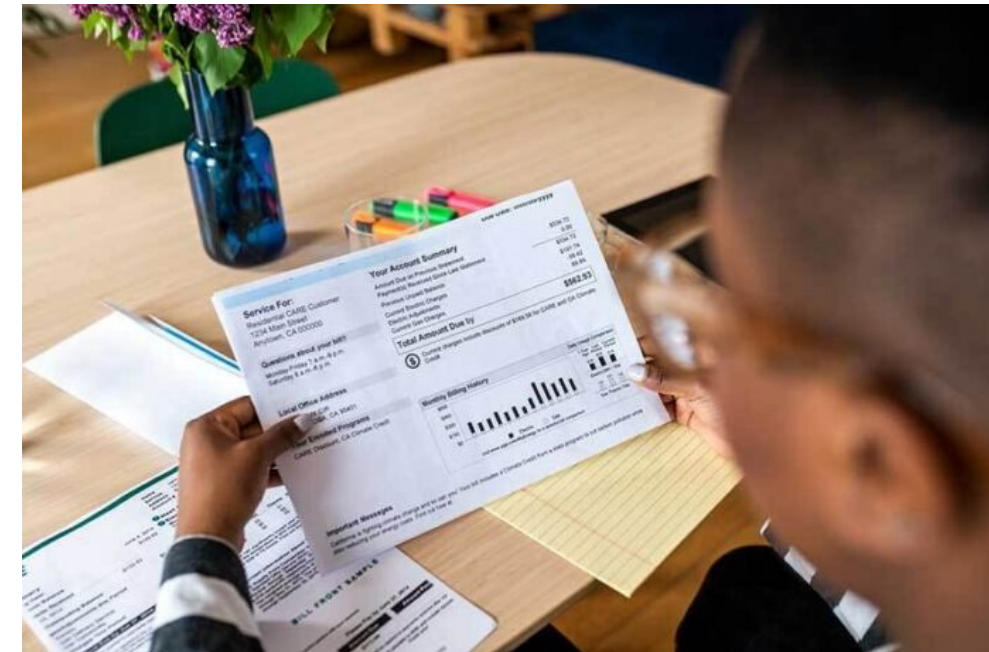
A Stronger Voice

SCP pushes back when PG&E tries to raise rates, and once in a while we win. Those wins aren't small change: to date, we've reduced customer bills by over \$100 million.

SCP's Advocacy Department fights for better laws in Sacramento and better regulations at the CPUC.

Recently, we've:

- Helped defeat a CPUC proposal to reduce the credit promised to customers who install solar on their roofs.
- Forced PG&E to share data about which customers they shutoff and who's subject to repeat outages.



Mendocino Perspective



Questions





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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September 24, 2025

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Lake County to Explore the Option of Public Power Generation with Sonoma Clean Power

An urgent and important Joint Message from the Cities of Clearlake and Lakeport and the County of Lake

Lake County, CA (September 24, 2025) – The public is invited to learn more about how Lake County could offer an alternative to PG&E’s electric power sources, cut emissions and potentially trim rates while maintaining PG&E for grid maintenance. Attendees will learn how Mendocino and Sonoma counties have successfully replaced PG&E’s power sources with their own, and how Lake County is considering a similar action through Sonoma Clean Power (SCP).

Meeting Details

- What: Joint Workshop of the Lake County Board of Supervisors and Clearlake and Lakeport City Councils
- When: Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
- Where: County Board of Supervisors’ Chambers, 255 N Forbes St., Lakeport, CA 95453
- Agenda: Hear a presentation from SCP on its power sources and services. SCP will then answer questions from Lake County, Lakeport and Clearlake elected officials, as well as the public.

Earlier this year, the Lake County Board of Supervisors and the Cities of Lakeport and Clearlake sent requests to SCP to consider extending service into Lake County. This meeting will continue to explore that option in detail. The expectation is then that the Board of Supervisors (*Tuesday, October 21*) and City Councils will vote on this decision in October (*Clearlake, Thursday, October 2; Lakeport, Tuesday October 21*).

About SCP (*Background Provided by Sonoma Clean Power*)

SCP is a community-owned organization fighting for lower rates and more renewable energy. Starting in 2014, SCP began replacing PG&E’s power sources for customers across Mendocino and Sonoma counties. SCP is not a full municipal utility as it still relies on PG&E to maintain all of the poles and wires in the power grid.

SCP has trimmed power bills for its customers by over \$100 million over the past decade, and built large solar, wind, and battery systems. SCP is also leading an effort to build 600MW of new geothermal power to secure affordable rates and improve our region’s energy independence. Today, SCP generates the power for 87% of all electric customers across Sonoma and Mendocino counties

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