

12pm December 9, 2020 Workshop Zoom Chat Questions and Answers

The following provides the questions collected from participants at the County's Climate Change Workshop on December 9th. These questions were sent via chat to our workshop host. Answers to these questions are provided directly after each question.

Q: Does this apply to So Cal Edison customers? in reference to 3CE and Garrett's slides

A: All Santa Barbara communities in PG&E and SCE territory with the exception of Lompoc and the City of Santa Barbara will be enrolled as customers of Central Coast Community Energy. Lompoc has a municipally owned utility and the **City of Santa Barbara will be launching their own CCE program in 2021.**

Below are the enrollment dates for each community.

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Q: Is there a link for this engagement map?

A: Here is the link to the map: <https://sbco.mysocialpinpoint.com/sbc-climate-adaptation/map#/>

Q: And for customers, on 3CE, what does opting in do for the customer, what should their expectations be?

A: You may not notice any change other than the current utility's electric generation charge being replaced by a CCE electricity supply charge on your utility bill. You will still receive a single consolidated bill from the existing utility and will continue to contact their utility for any customer service needs. The real difference is that the electricity procured on the customer's behalf is typically cleaner, with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than what is currently offered by the investor-owned utilities. While there is no guarantee, 3CE's program may offer lower generation rates than the existing utilities. You may also have access to new energy efficiency and other clean energy programs to help make your home or business more efficient and comfortable.

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Q: Goleta Beach was listed as an asset, but is it also considered an at-risk ecosystem / natural resource (the beach, and slough)?

A: Yes, assets have been classified into various categories including those that are recreational resources as well as ecosystems and natural resources. Many resources, like Goleta Beach, fall into multiple categories. We will do our best to account for these important

Q: How will you verify/qualify the community inputs to the map?

A: All comments from the community will be posted and can be viewed by others who visit the map page, as long as they contain no offensive language. All map comments will be collected and analyzed when developing the vulnerability scoring for each asset and hazard, and will assist us in drafting the narrative for the Vulnerability Assessment Report.

Q: How will you be coordinating with the City's recently approved update process for the municipal CAP that has been approved by the City?

A: The County and City of Santa Barbara are planning to continue to coordinate on ways to implement regional climate strategies and to combine efforts on public outreach, where feasible.

Q: What is the timeline for 3CE in Buellton?

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Q: I already pay extra to get clean energy from Southern California Edison. Am I already a customer of 3CE?

A: See the above answer.

Q: Is there a cost difference in the 3CE versus PG&E?

A: See answer below

Q: How are rates expected to change under 3CE?

A: In 2018 and 2019, 3CE matched the utility providers' electric generation rates, providing a periodic cost savings to customers through a 3CE rebate applied to customer's electric bill. As of January 2020, customers now receive their 3CE cost savings directly on their monthly bill through a lower electric generation rate.

The Central Coast Community Energy Board is committed to providing clean and renewable electricity at the most competitive prices possible. As a public entity, Central Coast Community Energy is here to serve and benefit all of the residents and businesses in its service territory.

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Q: For Whitney, The models predicting the SLR at Goleta beach Park look highly optimistic even give the admission it does not include storm surge. Which Climate scientists and or climate organizations are do consulting with? Are these models available on the website?

A: The sea level rise modeling shown in the example at Goleta Beach comes from the Coastal Storm Modeling System (CoSMoS) developed by the US Geological Survey. These model results can be accessed at: <http://ourcoastourfuture.org/>. The specific scenarios examined were sea level rise with permanent flooding (no storm surge or extreme tides) for the year 2050 (approximately 100cm) and 2100 (approximately 200cm).