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ANNUAL MEETING

SDCEA's Annual Meeting is
June 11, 2024 in Custer County.
Details to follow.



Gary Kelly Continues as Interim CEO

The Sangre de Cristo Electric Association Board of Directors has unanimously reappointed Gary Kelly as interim CEO for the next 12 months. The board has been engaged in a nationwide search for a new CEO, but the first round of that search was recently completed without finding a successful candidate.

During this 12-month period, the board will engage in a review of its strategic plan to establish its goals and vision for the near and more distant future of SDCEA. This review will consider the dynamic nature of the industry and the ever-changing policies regarding the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity to its members, always with the goal of maintaining SDCEA's legacy as a resilient and responsible cooperative. The board will welcome input from the public during this planning phase.



SDCEA Interim CEO Gary Kelly

"Gary has taken the reins at a somewhat tumultuous time for our organization and the communities we serve. He's guided us in a way each of us can be proud of. We truly appreciate his efforts and his willingness to continue this important leadership," Board Chair Sandra Attebery said in announcing the reappointment.

Kelly has been with SDCEA since 2022, first as Chief Operating Officer and then as interim CEO. He has a long history of working in the energy industry, having held various positions in the public and private sectors.

"The board is confident that Gary's experience and leadership will help SDCEA continue to provide reliable and affordable energy to its members. Once the strategic plan is completed, the board will restart its search for a new CEO with a firm grasp of the strategic goals he or she will be tasked with implementing," Attebery said.





SDCEA Matching Grant Program

Make your charitable giving go further locally

If you are a member or employee of SDCEA, when you support charitable, civic, and educational organizations through financial contributions, SDCEA will match your donation to qualifying organizations based on the criteria outlined below.

Matching grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis from a limited pool of funds established annually by the SDCEA Board of Directors and administered through the Chaffee County Community Foundation. The SDCEA Board of Directors reserves the right to suspend, amend, or terminate the grants program at any time without notice. Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc. and the Chaffee County Community Foundation do not support organizations that engage in discriminatory practices.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Matching grant requests must be submitted and signed by a member named on the account associated with the request. Please make sure the application comes from an account holder — a member named on the account. Family members, including spouses, are not always named as members on the account — it depends how it was set up by the member at the time of service. Applications cannot be processed for a friend or a family member — only the person named on the account. Any accounts or status associated with the member or employee must be in good standing. Please contact our office if you need assistance filling out the matching grant request form.
- Donations must be made in the calendar year in which you are submitting the request to be considered for the matching grant program.
- Donations must be made to:
 - A 501(c)(3) providing services in Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake, or Saguache counties.

- An accredited, nonprofit educational or civic organization providing services in Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake, or Saguache counties. Matching grants may not be used to offset tuition or other school expenses.
- Donations that do not specifically meet the above criteria may receive a matching grant with approval by the Chief Executive Officer.
- Donations must be in the form of cash, check, credit, or debit. Gifts of in-kind, dues, membership fees, and pledges will not be matched.
- Donations will be matched in an amount not less than \$25 and not more than \$200 in aggregate, per membership per calendar year.
- Donations will be matched in an amount not more than \$1,000 in aggregate per qualifying organization, per calendar year.
- Proof of the member or employee donation must be submitted by the matching grant applicant or the organization to which the donation was made. This can be in the form of a copy of your receipt or canceled check if you have one. If you do not have proof of the donation, the organization for whom the matching grant is requested will need to provide that proof when they submit their information for the matching grant.

Organizations that normally qualify are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Organizations that do not qualify are clubs, political campaigns, or other organizations where political or legislative activities (lobbying) are a substantial part of the activities of the organization.



NEW PHONE/EMAIL

If you've changed your phone number or email address since you've taken service with SDCEA, please update your information with us.

Go to our website, myelectric.coop, to the login box to create an account with updated information or to update information if you already have an account.

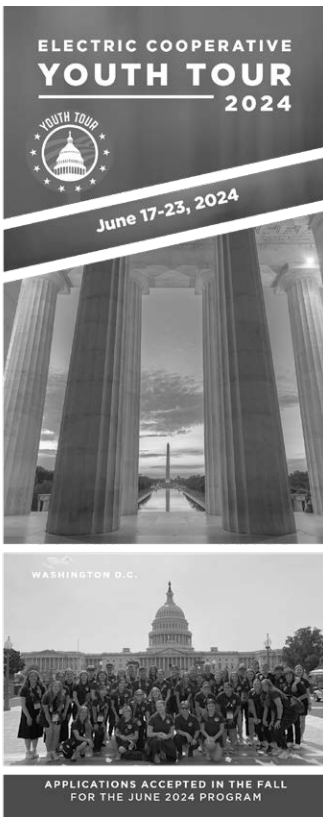
You may also email us at info@myelectric.coop or call us 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F at 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412.



OUTAGES

Do you have an outage to report? Don't hesitate to call 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412.

DO NOT email your outage information or post your outage information on social media. SDCEA cannot monitor that information effectively, especially after hours. The only way to be sure we know you have an outage is to phone it in.



Sangre de Cristo Electric Association
Your Community Electric Cooperative

SDCEA SCHOLARSHIPS & YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- Washington D.C. Youth Tour — Friday, January 12, 2024, by 5 p.m.
- Scholarships — Friday, January 12, 2024, by 5 p.m.

For more information and directions on how to apply for these opportunities, visit myelectric.coop, click on the **Community** tab, and choose **Youth Programs** from the dropdown menu.

Questions? Call 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412; or email communications@myelectric.coop.

Did you see a credit on your November bill?

Sangre de Cristo Electric Association is a nonprofit electric cooperative. At the end of the year, our financial statements show whether revenue exceeded costs and resulted in a positive margin. Margins are used by SDCEA for operating capital and, over time, may be paid back to our members in the form of capital credit refunds when the financial position of the cooperative permits and policy provisions are met.

In November, SDCEA refunded credits to members who received service in 1997, 2004, and 2005. SDCEA posted credits to more than 3,800 accounts for a total refund of \$239,080.

If you had electric service with SDCEA during a year for which the board of directors has approved the return of capital credits, that amount was reflected as a bill credit on your November bill. For those

who move to a new location and no longer receive service on our lines, it is important to leave a forwarding address with us, as we will send you a refund check instead of a bill credit.

Visit our website: myelectric.coop/account-services/capital-credit-information/ to see a list of names from SDCEA's 2022 capital credit retirement to whom checks were mailed that were returned because we did not have a valid address. Or, in some cases, checks were simply not cashed.

If you see a name on the list that you know, you can help them receive their check by having them contact us. If there is a person on the list who is deceased, please have their heirs contact us.

Email us at info@myelectric.coop or call 719 395-2412 or toll-free 844 395-2412.

SDCEA Donates Truck to BV School District

Sanre de Cristo Electric Association is pleased to announce the donation of a truck to the Buena Vista School District. Earlier this year, the truck was replaced as part of the normal changeout process that happens when SDCEA fleet trucks reach approximately 10 years old. Although the truck had reached the end of its useful life as an electric utility fleet vehicle, it still had plenty of life that could be used in a less demanding environment.

The Buena Vista School District expressed an interest in buying the truck to store, organize, and transfer tools to various locations around the district. SDCEA chose to donate it to the district. “We are delighted to be able to donate this truck to the BV School District,” SDCEA Interim CEO Gary Kelly said. “We understand the importance of providing the district with available local resources.”

The donation will help the district save time and money, as they will not need to purchase a truck and can keep necessary tools at hand. The truck will also help the district maintain its tools and equipment, ensuring that they are in good condition and ready to use.

“With so many competing priorities and constraints on funding for public education, we are faced with allocating our resources to



Tony Stromer, transportation director of the Buena Vista School District.

those needs that most directly impact our students. This means that operational items, like our maintenance vehicles, are repaired and restored and utilized often far beyond their intended lifespan. To receive a donation so that our resources can continue to be allocated to more student-centric items is a true gift,” school superintendent Lisa Yates said.

SDCEA is dedicated to giving back to the community in various ways, and the donation of the truck exemplifies this commitment. By providing essential resources to those in need, SDCEA is proud to support the BV School District, and looks forward to continuing its community support in the future.



REBATES

SDCEA and our power supplier, Tri-State G&T, have teamed up to bring you rebates for installing Energy Star-rated appliances, water heaters, heat pumps, outdoor power equipment and more.

Want to learn more? Go to our website, myelectric.coop, click on Save Energy & Money and head to the Rebates tab.



SDCEA offices will be closed all day on December 25 and January 1.

HAVE A QUESTION

about something to do with SDCEA?

Give our office a call at 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412. Our business office in Buena Vista is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed holidays. Or send an email with your question to info@myelectric.coop.

