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SDCEA Annual Meeting

Sangre de Cristo Electric Association held its annual meeting June 11 at the Wet Mountain Saddle Club in Westcliffe. SDCEA members were invited to attend and participate in the free event.

Reg Rudolph, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Chief Energy Innovations Officer, gave a presentation about new electrification programs. Tri-State is SDCEA's primary wholesale power supplier. The session provided valuable insights into the solutions SDCEA is implementing to improve energy efficiency and sustainability within our communities.

The meeting also included a comprehensive review of SDCEA's projects, programs, and finances from 2023 by the SDCEA Board of Directors. Staff members were on hand to answer audience questions.

Following presentations, SDCEA led an open question and answer session, where members had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the new programs in further detail. This interactive segment allowed for an engaging exchange of ideas and provided clarity on various topics concerning SDCEA's storm response, operating policies, and future initiatives. Tri-State CEO Duane Highley also answered audience questions.

Attendees were treated to a delicious lunch, providing a chance for members to network, share experiences, and build a stronger sense of community.

"We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the meeting. Your

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SDCEA's annual meeting took place on a gorgeous spring day in the Wet Mountain Valley.



SDCEA CFO Sarah Crites listens in on Tri-State CEO Duane Highley's answer to a question from a member during an open Q&A session at the annual meeting.



HR & Corporate Governance manager Tracy Linza and Ruth Eggleston catch up before the meeting.



Linemen Lucas Montgomery and Max Salazar provided a safety demonstration for attendees.



participation and feedback are invaluable to us,” said SDCEA CEO Gary Kelly. “We are excited about the future and look forward to another successful year.”

Looking ahead, SDCEA announced that next year’s annual meeting will be held in Buena Vista. Details regarding the date and venue will be shared closer to the event.

For more information about SDCEA and its programs, please visit myelectric.coop, email info@myelectric.coop, or call toll-free, 844-395-2412.

REBATES

SDCEA and our power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, have teamed up to bring you rebates for energy efficiency upgrades such as water heaters, heat pumps, outdoor power equipment, and more.

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

OUTAGES

Do you have an outage to report?

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.



SDCEA's all-electric Kia and booth at the Mountain Mania Car Show in July.

SDCEA Cruises to the 40th Mountain Mania Car Show

Held annually on Main Street in Buena Vista in July, the Mountain Mania Car Show is a free event. Visitors can see a wide range of cars, from the vintage Ford Model A to modern electric vehicles and everything in between.

This year, Sangre de Cristo Electric was proud to participate in the event. Proceeds from the entries benefit the Buena Vista Optimist Club, which supports youth programs throughout the year.

Temporary Relocation of SDCEA Business Office

SDCEA will temporarily relocate our business office in Buena Vista starting September 1.

The business office will be temporarily located at the Railroad Row Offices, 211 Tabor St., Suite 101, Buena Vista (north of Town Hall). Parking and the office entrance will be located on the east side of the building, there will be signs helping direct visitors to the entrance.

This move is necessitated by a project to replace SDCEA’s non-functioning HVAC system. Construction is expected to be completed in February 2025. During this period, the SDCEA business office on Highway 24 will be inaccessible.

Important Details

Operations: All SDCEA operations will continue as usual. There will be no changes to office hours, phone numbers, mailing addresses, online, or other services such as outage response.

You are welcome to drop by the temporary office to receive help with a billing question, speak with our engineering department, or pay your bill.

Drop Box: Our drop box at the Highway 24 location will remain available for your convenience and will be checked daily.

If you have any questions, please email us at info@myelectric.coop or call our office toll-free at 844-395-2412.

For more information on the project, visit our website at myelectric.coop.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.



2024 & Beyond

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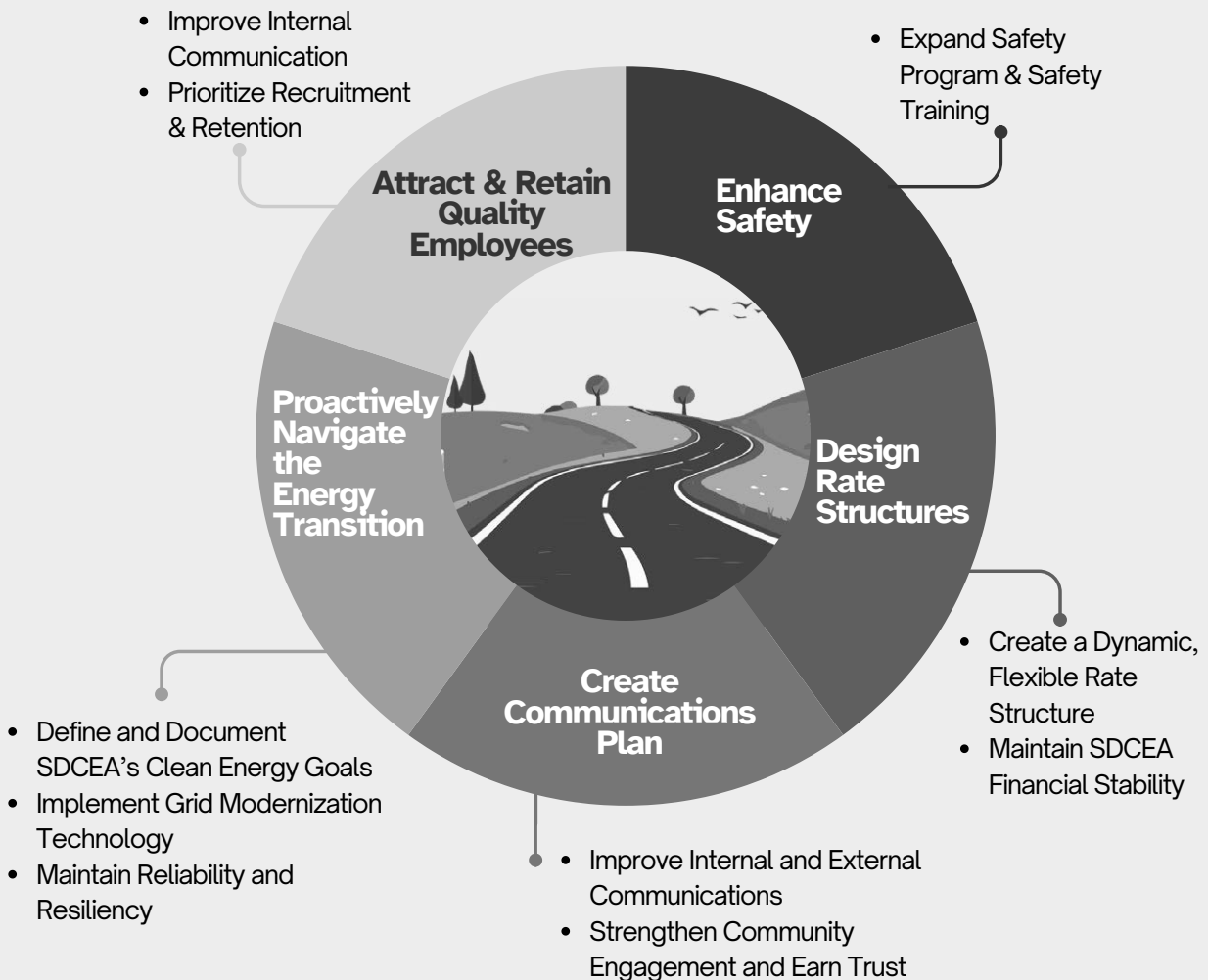
Foundational Principles:

- **Safety** • **Reliability** • **Service** • **Resilience**

Strategic Plan

We're working on a strategic plan, aimed at enhancing our commitment to delivering safe, reliable energy. This plan reinforces our deep-rooted cooperative values while paving the way forward with a focused vision for the future.

Here are our five goals, along with the necessary objectives to achieve them.



SDCEA Matching Grant Program Applications Open

When members or employees of Sangre de Cristo Electric Association support charitable, civic, or educational organizations through financial contributions, SDCEA will match the donation, based on the criteria outlined below, to qualifying organizations.

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. Neither SDCEA nor CCCF support organizations that engage in discriminatory practices.

Program Guidelines

- Requests must be submitted and signed by a member in good standing named on the account associated with the request. Please ensure that 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. Applications cannot be processed for a friend or a family member. 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, or 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 typically qualify: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that meet the criteria listed above and SDCEA's charitable organization criteria. Organizations that do not qualify: clubs, political campaigns, or other organizations where political or legislative (lobbying) activities are a substantial part of the activities of the organization.

Have a question about something to do with SDCEA?

The quickest way to get in touch with someone at SDCEA is to call the office at 719-395-2412 or toll free at 844-395-2412. Or you can send an email with your question to info@myelectric.coop. Please do not report an outage via email.