

MBCA News

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As 2015 draws to a close, a few messages to pass on to you...

First of all, the MBCA Board of Directors would like to express gratitude for your support for the wellbeing of the Basin. You have responded to the plenitude of issues that came to us in 2015 with great passion, concern, and activism. It's so important that decision makers hear our voices. Sometimes we have to wonder, but with continued diligence ***we do make a difference***. I am hopeful in 2016 we will see our efforts bear fruit!

SAVE THE DATE: [MBCA's 47th Annual Meeting](#) / Sat., Jan. 23rd, 12:00-3:30pm
Location: Yucca Valley Community Center, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway.

We have a great program in the works in conjunction with the California Desert Coalition (CDC). We will present a Local Energy Symposium with presenters sharing how communities are using the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) structure authorized under California's Assembly Bill 117 to buy green / renewable energy for their own citizens.

Engineer Bill Powers is the founder of the San Diego Energy District Foundation, and is one of the country's most respected engineers in utility and energy resource management. Shaping strategy to achieve renewable energy objectives for the country's leading public and investor-owned utilities. He will present the report created for the CDC that outlines the resources and opportunities within the Morongo Basin to locally generate rooftop solar.

Barbara Boswell, Director of both Choice Energy and Finance Departments for the City of Lancaster, will detail Lancaster's successful CCA program including ratepayer cost savings. Boswell recently noted, "We've only been a full-fledged electricity provider for a couple of months and we've already saved Lancaster residents and business owners thousands of dollars on their energy bills."

Woody Hastings, the Renewable Energy Implementation Manager for the Center for Climate Protection in Santa Rosa, will discuss Sonoma County's successes with the one of the very first CCAs in California, Sonoma Clean Power.

You won't want to miss this program – mark your calendars to attend!

MBCA Memberships

MBCA achieved the goal of becoming a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization in 2015. Our gift to you is that your membership dues and donations are **tax deductible** this year! It's time to **renew your membership** & show support for MBCA – it's easy to do online at mbconservation.org. For those of you who receive the E-Blasts and have yet to become a member, this is a good

time to sign up! Consider taking an extra step and give a membership as a gift to a friend and neighbors – welcome them into the Basin community that's making a difference and get them involved in the informational and educational exchanges that MBCA offers! A large membership does influence decision makers.

Sincerely,
Sarah Kennington, President

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