



Hello Compact folks! Make sure to join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, April 28th** at the [Castroville Library](#). Now let's see what some of our members have been up to over the last quarter!

## MBRCAC Quarterly Newsletter | Spring 2016

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### Compact Memberships

The Compact is aware that Spring time is Budget time for many of our local government partners. During the **April 28th meeting** we will revisit the issue of annual memberships contributions for Compact members in an effort to assist us in better supporting our region in achieving our Climate action goals. As you prepare your FY 2016-2017 Budget, we hope that you will also keep the Compact in mind.

In 2016-2017, your contributions will be leveraged to pay for such activities as: Fall 2016 Compact Summit, administrative costs to run quarterly meetings, webinars and other training events, support to identify grants, resources and best practices to catalyze projects across our region, and to maintain and expand promotional efforts including the Compact website. Since 2007, the Compact has provided members opportunities to learn best practices around carbon reduction projects, leverage the larger group to increase project impact, and provide a platform to share a common voice with others to educate and

motivate Monterey Bay citizens about climate issues. We are looking to you for your annual contribution to help ensure these services can continue into the future.

As we prepare, we also want your input as to how the Compact can better serve you and your organization. Prior to the April meeting, please think about what more the Compact can offer you for your donation. As an added incentive, members who commit donations by July 1, 2016 will see their logos included in marketing and promotional materials for the upcoming 2016 Annual Summit. Join Us!

**We look forward to hearing your feedback!**

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## **Monterey Bay Community Power partners with Compact on Annual Summit**

This fall, the Compact will host the third Compact Summit to highlight key Climate initiatives and achievements accomplished by the Compact and Compact member since the last Summit held in May 2013. Among these successes is the tremendous progress made by [Monterey Bay Community Power](#), Community Choice Energy project being led by [Santa Cruz County](#) and the PDAC, as an initiative that first arose from the Compact. To help us in launching this year's Summit, the Compact has partnered with the project to provide seed funding for the event. The event will serve as an important community outreach event to highlight this initiative, as well as an opportunity to shine the spotlight on other Member and Compact projects. Join us for the **April 28th** meeting to share your ideas for Summit topics and speakers. Your contributions will help ensure the event is a success!

**Where:** TBD

**When:** September 2016 (exact date TBD)

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## **Community Choice Energy Charges Ahead**

During the the 1st quarter of 2016, the Project Development Advisory Council

(PDAC) leading the Monterey Bay Community Power effort received presentations on the draft Technical Study completed by consultants Pacific Energy Advisors. The results of the study demonstrate favorable economic and environmental benefits of a Community Choice Energy program for the region, including local control over electricity rate and complimentary services, significant increase in renewable energy procurement and generation and potential value of redirected revenue to benefit the local economy and create green jobs. Such results bode well for the Program's ability to be leveraged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with Compact climate action goals. A peer review of the study will be presented at the upcoming **April 14, 2016 meeting** to be held **at Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors Chamber 9am - 12:15pm**. For more information on the status of the program, visit: <http://www.montereybaycca.org/meetingsresources>

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## Compact Member Update

*(From Elisabeth Russell, Special Projects Manager, AMBAG Energy Watch)*

**The [AMBAG Energy Watch Program](#) continues to improve energy efficiency through multiple outlets within their 21 local jurisdictions. Here's a summary of some of the program's most recent accomplishments!**

- Received approval from the [CPUC](#) for 2016-2019 to continue serving the tri-county region with energy efficiency programs and support 21 AMBAG jurisdictions for GHG inventory studies and climate action planning
- Assisted the region's school districts in securing \$20,000,000 of energy efficiency and renewable energy products that have been completed in 2015 or will be completed in future years of the program
- Working to identify and secure, \$2,271,615 of Prop 39 funding for local schools
- Received approval from the [Salinas Union High School District School Board](#) to continue with energy retrofits valued at \$1,775,722
- Completed work to support school districts to take smaller scale projects out for bid
- Supporting a multi-facility computer power management project estimated to save the county 723,000 kilowatt hours/year
- Continuing to meet with public works staff in all AMBAG jurisdictions in

April to identify new energy efficiency projects for 2016

- Provides incentives for installing energy efficient equipment through their direct installation program
- Provides the [PG&E Middle Income Direct Install Program](#) (MIDI) offering free energy efficiency to residents just above low income levels who are unable to access low income programs

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## [California State University Monterey Bay](#) - Master Plan Update

Please join CSUMB at the public presentation of their [Master Plan Draft](#) where you can see their presentation and provide feedback.

**When:** Tuesday, April 12th at 4:00pm

**Where:** [Student Center - West Lounge](#)

For those unable to attend, presentation materials will be posted after the event at [csumb.edu/masterplan](http://csumb.edu/masterplan)

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## 2016 Quarterly Steering Committee Meetings

**Where:** [Castroville Library](#) Community Room located at 11160 Speegle Street, Castroville, CA 95012

**When:**

- Thursday, April 28th from 2:00-4:00pm
- Thursday, July 21st from 2:00-4:00pm
- Thursday, October 20th from 2:00-4:00pm

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