



CITY OF SUTTER CREEK

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Sierra Business Council and Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bring Energy Action Plan to Sutter Creek

Sutter Creek, Calif. – Sierra Business Council (SBC) is breaking new ground in the energy efficiency field in the Sierra Nevada. The City of Sutter Creek has partnered with SBC to develop strategies for increasing energy efficiency in the city that will result in reduced emissions and dollars saved on energy bills. The strategies will be augmented by concrete measures the community can readily implement within a reasonable timeframe. The measures will also be designed to help boost the local economy and improve local air quality.

The work is part of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Government and Community Partnerships Program that provides communities with data that can be used for future planning decisions related to energy usage and efficiency. As a part of this program SBC has worked with 26 Sierra Nevada local governments to begin planning for energy use reductions within their communities. The program comes at virtually no cost to the jurisdiction, involves staff and the community, and requires little of actual staff time.

Public input will be needed at an upcoming special planning commission meeting on June 22nd at 6pm at the Community Center, 33 Church Street. The goal of the meeting is to garner as much public feedback as possible and we know not everyone will be able to attend the June 22nd meeting. To account for this, we have developed a brief [online survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SutterCreek) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SutterCreek>) so that residents of Sutter Creek may provide input on how their community's energy use should be managed.

It's a huge achievement that Sutter Creek has taken the first steps in understanding the community's energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing a community's demand on the energy grid helps lighten the load on hydro-generated electricity, the source of which is the Sierra Nevada. Being more energy efficient also reduces the amount of money spent on utility bills, making housing more affordable while freeing up money that can be better spent within the local economy.

Sierra Business Council (SBC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit fostering thriving communities in the Sierra Nevada via "on-the-ground" projects that promote social, natural and economic capital. Information on SBC's projects can be found at www.sierrabusiness.org. This program is funded by California utility rate-payers and administered by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

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