



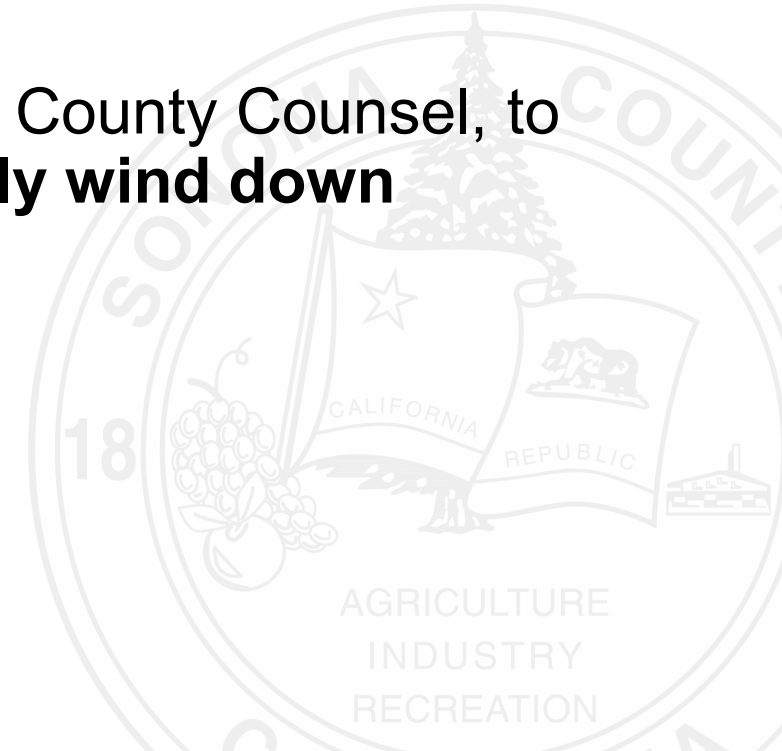
Sonoma County Energy Independence Program Update and Recommendations

Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector



Recommended Actions

- Receive Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP) program update
- Authorize an **orderly wind-down** of the commercial program
- Direct staff to **stop accepting new commercial applications** effective **July 14, 2026**
- Authorize the ACTTC, in consultation with County Counsel, to take all actions needed to **administratively wind down SCEIP**





How We Got Here / Roadmap

- Launched in **2009** as the nation's first countywide municipal PACE program
- Created to expand financing during the **post-financial-crisis** period
- Supported water conservation, energy efficiency, seismic upgrades, and wildfire hardening
- **July 2025:** Board approved closing the residential program (following newly issued CFPB regulations)
- **January 2026:** Residential applications closed; CFPB rules effective March 2026
- Commercial program continued to assess its long-term viability
- **No commercial applications or financed commercial projects** in the past year



Commercial Program Challenges

- Targeted marketing and outreach conducted; inquiries monitored
- **No commercial applications or funded projects** in the past year
- **Broader market conditions impacting demand:**
 - More financing alternatives available
 - Higher interest rates
 - Rising construction and insurance costs
 - Phase-out of federal incentives
 - Lender consent requirements
 - Early pay-offs

Without new project volume, the Program **cannot sustainably support ongoing operations** while servicing a small, declining portfolio





Program Achievements

- **\$116M+** in energy, water, and resilience improvements financed
- **3,200+ residential** projects completed
- **Approximately 100 commercial** projects completed
- Estimated **160,000+ metric tons** of GHG reductions
- Equivalent to removing **34–35k gas-powered cars** for one year
- Projects helped **strengthen grid reliability** and **support local economic activity**



Thank You

- Thank you to the **homeowners, contractors, and cities** that supported SCEIP for more than 15 years
- Appreciation to County staff whose dedication sustained the program:
 - Water Agency
 - Assessor-Recorder's Office
 - County Counsel
 - Clerk of the Board
 - CEO's Office
 - Public Infrastructure/General Services
 - ACTTC
 - And the **Board of Supervisors**

And to all other contributors we may not have named, your support has been essential. Thank you.

