

Clean Energy Committee (CEC) Report for ROCC Membership Meeting, 03-17-2022

1. Totally Green program – In December 2018, our Clean Energy Committee proposed to the SMPA board that they add an additional renewable energy rate, charging an extra one cent per kWh rate for 100% renewable electricity. Soon after, the SMPA board adopted our recommendation. Their rebranded Totally Green program has grown rapidly and now includes many individual homes, businesses, Ouray and San Miguel Counties, and the municipalities of Ridgway, Telluride, Mountain Village and Ouray.

Are you signed up?!

These funds are supporting new renewables, equity projects for low cost consumers, and will help drive new projects as SMPA pursues other electricity supplier options providing 100% renewable energy. The Totally Green rate is about 13% higher than the standard SMPA rate, a small price to pay to send a totally green message and support local renewable energy and equity goals. If you are not signed up, please do so now. It is easy. **Just [click HERE!](https://www.smpa.com/content/sign-totally-green)**
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2. Ridgway schools continue to explore possible cost-effective ways to provide cleaner energy to heat their classrooms during remodeling. One meeting in January explored the option of ground source heat pumps, but they seem to be still too costly to make the cut.
3. A CEC subcommittee, the Zero Energy Building Ridgway Area – ZEBRA committee, is exploring how to promote electrification of local new construction appliances and replacement of failing gas systems in existing construction with electric heat and hot water systems. Two analyses have been done suggesting how quickly these steps are necessary to meet 2019 CO House Bill 19-1261 climate goals. The ZEBRA committee hopes to present their research findings to the Ridgway Town Council sometime this summer.
4. The San Miguel and Ouray Counties Climate Action Plan coordinated by EcoAction Partners through the Sneffels Energy Board is out in draft form. [Please review and submit your feedback.](#) If you want to learn more about this plan or our CEC, please join us for our next CEC meeting on Thursday 17 March from 0900-1100 in the SMPA Conference Room.