



## 60 and 40 Watt Incandescent Light Bulbs Phased Out This Year...BUT...

On January 1, California began phasing out more energy-sucking incandescent bulbs: 60 and 40 watt bulbs. The ban means that manufacturers will no longer make these bulbs and stores can only sell the remainder of their existing inventory. 100 watt bulbs have been banned since 2011 in California and 75 and 100 watt bulbs have been banned nationwide since 2013.



funds to enforce the standards. They could be enforced in the future if money is appropriated.

The ban aims to shift customers toward halogen, CFL, and LED bulbs. So, to make sure you're getting the amount of light you need, make sure you're looking at the bulb's lumens rather than the old measure of watts. And the next time you shop for new light bulbs, you might want to take along this handy table with a lumens vs. watts comparison from the EPA.

These changes are part of the federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which was designed to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions and included a phased-in minimum efficiency standard for common residential lighting.

Although the ban did go into effect, in mid-January Congress was in the midst of passing a new spending bill that would eliminate funding to enforce the new standards. The standards would not be repealed, but the proposed budget resolution did not include

Previous Lamp Watt	Lumen Equivalency
100 watt	1600 lumens
75 watt	1100 lumens
60 watt	800 lumens
40 watt	450 lumens

For more information about lighting, visit AMP's website.

## It's Official: Alamedans Love Renewable Energy

Alameda Green is proud to announce that after a 2012 program launch, Alameda residents have taken their energy use to heart and fallen in love with renewable energy. By the end of 2013, over 770 Alamedans showed their love for wind and sun by enrolling in Alameda Green!



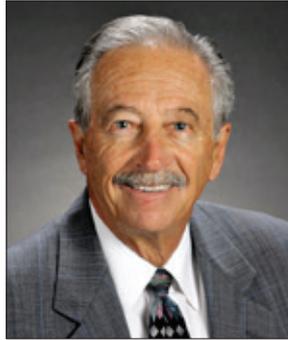
Overwhelming support for Alameda Green helped reduce the City of Alameda's carbon footprint by 4.5 million pounds of carbon dioxide—that's equivalent to taking

425 cars off the road for a year!\*

Alameda's love affair with renewable energy doesn't end there. While residential support of Alameda Green has been impressive, local businesses have also jumped on the love boat and opted to purchase green energy. In 2012, the Marketplace led the way as the first Alameda business to join Alameda Green.

## AMP Welcomes Interim General Manager

In January, AMP welcomed Ronald Stassi as its new interim general manager (GM). Mr. Stassi replaces former General Manager Girish Balachandran who left in early January to become the general manager of the City of Riverside's Public Utilities. As the interim GM, he will ensure AMP's excellent performance continues and will assist City Manager John Russo and the Public Utilities Board in conduct-



ing the search for a permanent GM. Mr. Stassi has over 40 years of experience with California municipal utilities, including the cities of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena and Los Angeles. Most recently he served as the utilities director for the City of Lompoc from 2007 through 2012. He also served as AMP's interim GM back in 2006 and 2007 before Mr. Balachandran's hiring. 🌱

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Since then many Alameda businesses have pledged their support for renewable energy including, most recently, the Altarena Playhouse—Alameda's community theater. These business leaders are doing



their part to make Alameda a green-powered community!

Make sure to return the favor and show your love for these local green businesses. A complete list of participating businesses is available at [www.alamedamp.com/alameda-green-businesses-list](http://www.alamedamp.com/alameda-green-businesses-list).

Help us spread the love of renewable energy to other residents and businesses in Alameda. Does your neighbor or maybe your favorite shop sound like a perfect match? Let them know about Alameda Green. This voluntary program is available to all AMP residential and commercial customers and provides an easy and affordable way for customers to show their support for new renewable energy resources. Participating residential customers pay 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour extra on their bill each month (about \$6 for the average household) and receive 80 percent western wind and 20 percent California solar—all Green-e certified from facilities put online since 2000. What's not to love?

Pledge your support for renewable energy by calling (510)748-3900 or visit us online at [www.alamedamp.com/power/green](http://www.alamedamp.com/power/green). 🌱

\*Based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculations.

## Thanks for Making the Holidays Greener, Alameda!

AMP was overwhelmed by the interest in our 2013 Holiday Light Exchange and hope that everyone enjoyed their greener holidays! We're happy to report the electricity saved by switching from incandescent lights to LEDs was equivalent to the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in over 3,600 gallons of gasoline! Way to go, Alameda! 🌱



*All of the old lights traded in for LEDs are off to the electronics recycler.*

## CLIP and KEEP!

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