



## BOARD APPROVES AMP'S BUDGET WITH NO RATE INCREASES

As Alameda continues to experience the impacts of COVID-19, AMP customers will see no change in the electric rates they pay. The city of Alameda's Public Utilities Board approved AMP's fiscal year 2022 budget of 66 million with no rate increases.

This is the second year in a row that the Board has not raised rates. AMP's budget reflects the priorities set by the Board through its adopted strategic plan and the annual budget workshop, which was held in April 2021.

### Strong Financial Outlook

The utility's strong financial picture makes it possible for the budget to be approved without rate increases. Throughout the 2022 fiscal year, which began July 1, 2021, rates will not change.

### Benefits of Public Power

AMP, which is owned by the community, does not make a profit on rates. Comparing AMP's rates to PG&E's rates, AMP customers will save 26% on average, or \$22 million total, on their utility bills in fiscal year 2022.

## VIDHI CHAWLA OF AMP WINS NATIONAL "RISING STAR" AWARD

AMP's Assistant General Manager of Energy Resources, Vidhi Chawla, recently won a "rising star" award from a national public power industry group.

The American Public Power Association (APPA) announced Chawla's award at its national conference in Orlando in June. Chawla has contributed to the Alameda community in her efforts to maintain AMP's 100% clean energy mix into the future; launch a rate plan to encourage

electric vehicle ownership; and plan AMP's large-scale solar project at the location of a former landfill.

"Ms. Chawla's focus on leadership and innovation has clearly raised the bar for AMP," AMP General Manager Nicolas Procos said. "Her work has had a direct, positive impact on sustainability in Alameda. We are thrilled to see her receive this national recognition."



AMP's energy resources planning team: L to R: Alan Harbottle, Vidhi Chawla, Johnstone Kipyator

### Independence Day Hours

AMP's customer service team will be unavailable on Monday, July 5 in observation of the Independence Day holiday. You can use our automated phone service 24/7 at (510) 748-3900 to access your account information, pay your bill, or report emergencies.



# RATE PLAN FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNERS LAUNCHES

AMP's new time-of-use (TOU) rate plan for electric vehicle owners launched July 1. Customers who are eligible for the TOU rate plan may benefit from lower pricing and have more control over their electric bills.

The TOU plan is an opt-in program—customers will not be automatically placed on the new rate. TOU rate plans encourage customers to shift electricity usage to the times of day when electricity demand is lower.

## Closure of EV Discount Program

The EV discount program was discontinued as part of the transition to the TOU rate.

## One Meter

The TOU plan for EV owners is not separately metered. This means that all electricity usage, for your home and EV, is reflected through one meter and billed on the TOU plan.

**Learn More:** Find details about the new TOU plan at [www.alamedamp.com/electricvehicles](http://www.alamedamp.com/electricvehicles). Click on the TOU tab to learn more. If you have questions about the TOU plan, please email [EV@alamedamp.com](mailto:EV@alamedamp.com).

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT-OFFS

Are you prepared for potential public safety power shut-offs during this fire season? Read on for steps you can take to get prepared.

## Know the Facts

Public safety power shut-offs are planned power outages intended to keep communities safe during hazardous weather conditions that could lead to a fire. The decision to require a public safety power shut-off will be based on weather criteria such as high winds, assessments from experts, Red Flag Warnings from the National Weather Service, and low levels of humidity.

## Low Wildfire Risk

The risk of a wildfire in Alameda is very low. However, a public safety power shut-off could impact AMP customers.

## PG&E Transmission Grid

Though AMP maintains and operates the distribution and transmission grid inside of the city of Alameda, the larger transmission grid, operated by PG&E, brings AMP's power to Alameda, and some of those transmission lines run through high-threat fire areas. If large transmission lines are de-energized to protect from the threat of fire, AMP may need to act quickly to help the greater electric grid. Depending on how severe the event is, this could mean rolling black-outs or power shutoffs in Alameda.

## Early Warning Notification

When possible, PG&E will aim to notify AMP 72 hours, 48 hours, 24 hours, and before a shut-off.

## Stay Informed

AMP and the city of Alameda will use AC Alert in the event that a public safety power shut-off is announced. Sign up today: [acgov.org/emergencysite](http://acgov.org/emergencysite)

## Additional Ways to Receive Alerts

- Sign up for text or email updates at [www.alamedamp.com](http://www.alamedamp.com)
- Follow AMP on Facebook and Twitter.

# DANGER: METALLIC BALLOONS CAN CAUSE POWER OUTAGES

Make sure balloons are secured to a weight that is heavy enough to prevent them from floating into power lines. From May 2020 to May 2021, AMP responded to 24 mylar balloon incidents, including two power outages. Keep Alameda safe by securing your balloons.



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