



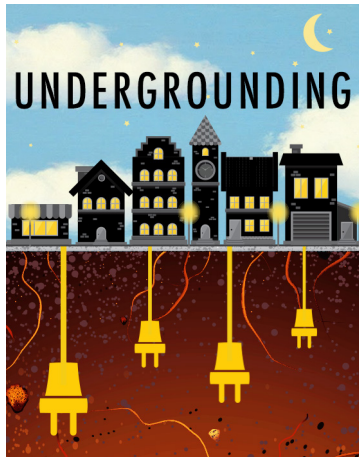
## UNDERGROUNDING UTILITY LINES IN ALAMEDA

### MOVING UTILITY LINES UNDERGROUND

You may already have heard about the city of Alameda's program to move utility lines and equipment underground. But undergrounding is a complex process, and we want to ensure that you have all the information you need. Here's an inside look at undergrounding in Alameda.

### SELECTING DISTRICTS

In an undergrounding project, overhead utility lines, including power, phone and cable, are moved below ground. A new District Nomination Board (DNB) was created earlier this year to recommend neighborhoods for undergrounding. The board, which includes four public members, is currently holding public meetings. To date, the DNB has examined a list of 50 focus



areas for potential undergrounding and brought it down to 20 areas. The board is tasked with narrowing the list even further to recommend four-to-eight areas. The DNB's recommendations will go to a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for evaluation.

### AMP, PUBLIC WORKS, AT&T, AND COMCAST

At least one member of the city's Public Works department and representatives of the other local utilities who have overhead lines (AT&T and Comcast) will sit on the TAC. An AMP staffer runs the TAC, which will assess the technical aspects of the DNB's recommendations. The TAC will then make recommendations to the City Council, for its determination.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

There will be a public meeting to gather feedback before the recommendations are presented to the City Council for approval. AMP, which administers the city's undergrounding program, plans to underground lines in a few new districts in 2018.

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## AMP CUSTOMERS MAKE SOLAR PROGRAM A SUCCESS

### A BIG THANKS

We need to say a big THANKS to you for your support of solar power in Alameda.

The remaining funds in a \$4.2 million solar rebate program for AMP's commercial and residential customers have been committed to a local solar project, which shows our community's support of clean, sustainable and renewable power. Harbor Bay 1 LLC's solar project

recently became the final project to reserve the solar program funding.

### SOLAR REBATES

In 2008, the State of California mandated in a state law (SB1) that all electric utilities provide rebates over the following 10 years to residential and commercial customers who install an approved solar energy system. In compliance with SB1, AMP allocated \$4.2 million for rebates, with approximately two-thirds of the total reserved

commercial projects and the remaining one-third for residential projects (based on the proportion of revenue that AMP received from each). All of AMP's rebates for residential customers were reserved by 2013.

### CLEAN ENERGY IS A PRIORITY

Now that rebate funding has been reserved for Harbor Bay 1 LLC, AMP has fully subscribed the program and

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AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION:  
PUBLIC POWER WEEK IN OCTOBER



Did you know that Oct. 2-8 is Public Power Week? Here are just a few of the ways that public power directly impacts you:

**YOU OWN AMP**

Because AMP is community owned, you are an owner of your public utility and you have a strong voice in its policies and operations.

**YOUR MONEY IS USED WISELY**

Your rates are 18 percent below those of neighboring communities served by an investor-owned utility. As a public utility, AMP does not make a profit from your rates. Unlike investor-owned utilities, your money doesn't go to shareholders.

**YOUR 129-YEAR-OLD UTILITY IS LOCALLY CONTROLLED**

AMP, a department of the city of Alameda, is overseen by the local Public Utilities Board. The board's meetings are always open to the public and subject to the Sunshine Act. Your utility must answer to the community's needs.

**PUBLIC POWER WEEK EVENTS**

To recognize Public Power Week, AMP will host a special Shop Clean & Local week and celebrate our Alameda Green businesses.

Events will be held throughout the week to honor these local green leaders for their support of renewable energy. Go to [www.facebook.com/alamedamunipower](http://www.facebook.com/alamedamunipower) for details on the events.

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**A REDESIGNED PROGRAM**

The undergrounding program was redesigned in 2015 to ensure a high level of public involvement and to consider customer costs. As a result, the program now has seven criteria to help score proposed districts for undergrounding, which increases the transparency of the selection process. In addition, the majority of customers will no longer pay conversion costs.

**WHAT IT COSTS**

The undergrounding program is funded by 2 percent of AMP's gross electric revenues annually. About half of the city's power lines are currently underground. Alameda has 93 miles of overhead power lines and undergrounding can cost as much as \$3 million per mile. When you consider the costs, you can see why Alameda is undergrounding utility lines on a gradual basis instead of all at once.

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

There are many ways to get involved in the undergrounding program. To stay informed, go to [www.alamedamp.com/undergrounding](http://www.alamedamp.com/undergrounding) to sign up for email news updates and notifications of DNB meetings.

You can attend a DNB meeting or email city staff at [undergroundamp@alamedamp.com](mailto:undergroundamp@alamedamp.com). Keep an eye out for an announcement of a town hall meeting in the months ahead. 📍

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you've demonstrated that clean energy is a key priority for you.

Though AMP is no longer accepting applications for the solar rebate program, there are other ways that you can invest in renewable power, such as Alameda Green ([www.alamedamp.com/green](http://www.alamedamp.com/green)). You can still, of course, install solar on your home or business. Go to [www.alamedamp.com/solar](http://www.alamedamp.com/solar) for more information. 📍

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