



**ALAMEDA  
MUNICIPAL POWER**

*A Department of the City of Alameda*

# The Flash

Volume 28 • Number 8 • August 2015

Connect with us on [www.alamedamp.com](http://www.alamedamp.com)

## NEW LEDs AT SOUTH SHORE



Nighttime visitors to South Shore Center may have noticed new lights in the parking lot of one of their favorite shopping spots. That's because in June, South Shore joined the growing number of Alameda businesses that have signed up for AMP's Commercial Lighting Retrofit Program and installed LEDs in all of its parking areas.

These LEDs provide the same amount of light as their predecessor high-pressure sodium bulbs, but the new technology uses 70 percent less energy and will last over 20 years, saving over 300,000 kWh per year and \$51,000 in annual energy costs.

These savings, plus the sense of comfort and safety that comes with a properly lit area, and the fact that you and your vehicle will no longer glow alien-orange from the light above, add up to South Shore showing how good going green can be. Find out more about AMP's retrofit program at [www.alamedamp.com/retrofit](http://www.alamedamp.com/retrofit).

## ELECTRIC DOLLARS AND SENSE

In June, the Public Utilities Board approved AMP's \$62.5 million budget for fiscal year (FY) 2016. Purchased power continues to be AMP's largest expense, followed by labor and service and materials.

The budget also includes a transfer of \$2.8 million to the City of Alameda's General Fund, as well as \$1.5 million as

payment in lieu of taxes.

Some of the major capital projects found in the FY 2016 budget include continued work on the second electrical crossing to Coast Guard Island, expanded implementation of the advanced metering pilot, and upgrades to

*ELECTRIC DOLLARS AND SENSE continued on Page 2*

### WHERE YOUR ELECTRIC DOLLAR GOES



PURCHASED POWER

**40¢**



SERVICE AND MATERIALS

**18¢**



LABOR

**14¢**



DELIVERY OF POWER

**12¢**



CAPITAL COSTS

**9¢**



CONTRIBUTION TO CITY

**7¢**

## AMP Customer Spotlight!



AMP's *Commercial Lighting Retrofit Program* just got a new fan! *School Foodies by Upton* recently completed its installation of LEDs throughout its Central Avenue location.

The program is helping Alameda small and medium-sized businesses to become more energy efficient. The rebates cover most of the project costs.

*"I got a great education on how to be greener, while saving money and helping the environment," said Dennis King, owner of the Alameda business that serves up healthy lunches to schools all over the Bay Area.*

**Estimated savings = \$2,485 per year**  
**Rebate = \$2,948**

Funding for the program comes from the short-term sale of some of AMP's renewable energy not needed for compliance with the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard. This is just one of the many projects AMP has implemented to reduce greenhouse gases in the City of Alameda.

## The Future - Let's Keep Talking!

Over 80 people turned out for the first town hall meeting in the *Choosing Alameda's Energy Future* series. This first meeting focused on Rooftop Solar.

Participants shared their thoughts on solar and provided feedback to AMP staff. We will use this feedback to determine how we plan for Alameda's energy future. We appreciate all the great comments and thoughtful feedback we received from the community.

Both the presentation and the audio recording from the meeting can now be found on AMP's website at [www.alamedamp.com/future](http://www.alamedamp.com/future).

The next meeting in the series is planned for Wednesday, September 23 at 6 p.m. This time the topic will be Power Supply Options. Please join us at the Alameda Free Library, Regina K. Stafford Room. For more information on the *Choosing Alameda's Energy Future* series, please visit our website at [www.alamedamp.com/future](http://www.alamedamp.com/future).

## Stay in the Know About Energy

### SIGN UP FOR AMP NEWS UPDATES

Want to know the latest on undergrounding? Energy efficiency? Electric vehicles? Or maybe you would like regular updates on the actions taken by the Public Utilities Board.

With *AMP News Updates*, you decide what information you want and AMP will email or text you whenever there's information to share.

To sign up, visit [www.alamedamp.com](http://www.alamedamp.com) and click on *AMP News Updates*. From there, you'll create an account, choose to receive your updates via email or text, and indicate your topics of interest. There's no cost to join. What a great way to stay in touch with AMP!

### ELECTRIC DOLLARS AND SENSE continued from Page 1

transmission, distribution and substation equipment.

The budget also provides funding for the conversion of most of the city's streetlights to LEDs as well as expanded energy efficiency rebate programs for residential and commercial customers.

Several of AMP's new programs are focused on reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions and are being funded by revenues received from AMP's participation in the state's Renewable Portfolio Standards and Cap and Trade programs.

To learn more about the budget, visit AMP's website at [www.alamedamp.com](http://www.alamedamp.com).

## CLIP and KEEP!

Important AMP contact numbers:

Customer Service .....	748-3900
After Hours/Emergency .....	748-3902
TDD (hearing impaired) .....	522-7538
Email .....	<a href="mailto:amp@alamedamp.com">amp@alamedamp.com</a>
Internet .....	<a href="http://www.alamedamp.com">www.alamedamp.com</a>

The FLASH is published as a service to the customer-owners of Alameda Municipal Power. Readers are invited to submit ideas, suggestions, comments, or questions by writing to the editor at Alameda Municipal Power, P.O. Box 11, Alameda, CA 94501-0263 or by email to [adam@alamedamp.com](mailto:adam@alamedamp.com)

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

Mary Sutter, President  
Madeline Deaton, Commissioner, Ann McCormick, P.E., Commissioner  
Laura Giuntini, Commissioner  
Liz Warmerdam, Interim City Manager

**ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL POWER**  
Glenn Steiger, General Manager