California Solar & Storage Association2019 **ANNUAL REPORT**

ONE MILLION SOLAR ROOFS & COUNTING!

Celebrating Smart Local Energy For All Californians



2019 NEW DECADE, NEW GOALPOSTS **1,000,000 SOLAR BATTERIES**

In 2006, California set out to build a million "solar roofs". At the time, the initiative was visionary and audacious, but also highly achievable. By 2019, we hit the goal and then some by building not just the 3 gigawatts called for in SB 1, but three times that amount.

A new decade calls for a new goal: One Million Solar Batteries by 2025.

Solar remains a popular choice for many different types of consumers illustrated by the fact that Clovis, where CALSSA officially celebrated hitting the Million Solar Roofs mark with former Governors Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jerry Brown, has three times more solar consumers than Berkeley. But, it is solar-charged batteries that represent a game changer for us all.

With declining costs, advances in installation, and rapid innovation, solar-charged batteries can transform our energy system, benefiting state power grids and providing customer savings. Bringing on one million solar batteries is a simple, yet revolutionary, way to help reach California's 100 percent clean energy goal.

California's success with building a million solar roofs shows us the path to also building a million solar batteries: sustained and consistent government support, protection of policies like Net Energy Metering, eliminating barriers and red tape, and robust incentives to encourage solar battery choices.

If California is going lead the way in clean energy, secure an increasingly unstable grid, and help people keep the lights on, we must think boldly. Leaders' support for real solutions needs to match their values and rhetoric. One Million Solar Batteries is poised to be California's next energy breakthrough. Yet, big ideas never just happen. They require sustained commitment from those who champion the cause.

So, let's keep working together, both on the job site and in the State Capitol, to score another historic clean energy milestone for California and the world.

Thank you for your support of the California Solar & Storage Association.

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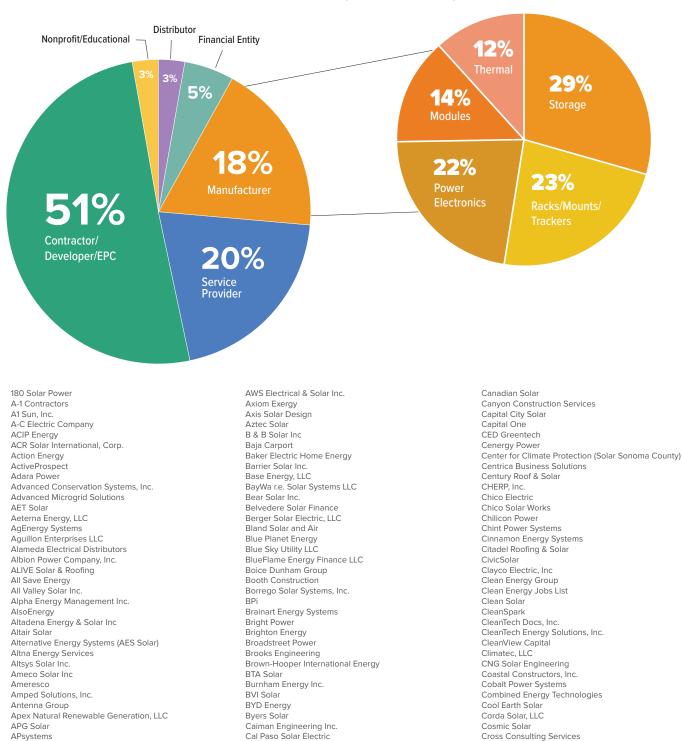
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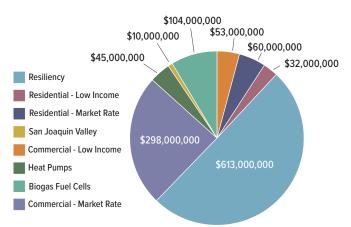
Local energy took center stage after a series of planned outages and another season of wildfires. CALSSA worked with legislators, reporters and community leaders to make sure they have accurate information about backup power and to develop policy options.

NEM Solar Plus Storage

In January, the CPUC approved our petition to ease restrictions for solar plus storage under net metering. It then took multiple rounds of pushback until the utilities got the right language added to their NEM tariffs.

Self-Generation Incentive Program

CALSSA's 2018 bill – SB 700 (Wiener) – authorized up to \$800 million in additional funds for SGIP. We convinced the CPUC to use the full authority with most of it for energy storage. They added a strong focus on



AVAILABLE SGIP FUNDS

providing backup power for vulnerable people and critical facilities in fire zones.

We won support for streamlining some of the steps in the SGIP application process, but also had to push back against excessive regulation intended to ensure every storage system reduces greenhouse gas emissions. The new GHG rules were finalized with some of the most difficult provisions pulled out.

Rates

This year was dominated by questions around implementation of previous decisions on TOU rates. We also helped negotiate a deal with SCE to make their residential TOU rate more tolerable for solar customers.

Defending the New Homes Solar Mandate

As we headed toward the beginning of a mandate estimated to lead to 65,000 new solar installations per year, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District proposed to allow homebuilders to buy into existing solar farms rather than putting solar on new rooftops. We convinced the California Energy Commission to reject the first two versions of the proposal.

Consumer Protection

The CPUC continues to press for more rules ensuring consumers are not harmed by unscrupulous contractors. While supporting the overall effort, we convinced the CPUC to back down from unreasonable parts of the proposals,



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such as prohibiting electronic signatures, regulating solar companies through a new registration process, and banning companies from using their own solar savings calculators. We also organized forums in the Central Valley to educate people about solar and resolve outstanding complaints.

Codes and Permitting

When the International Residential Code Committee proposed to restrict the size of residential batteries and where they could be installed, CALSSA defeated the proposal and later won support for more reasonable code updates. We also helped lead efforts to update the California Solar Permitting Guidebook and have been engaged in a storage counterpart. CALSSA's permitting hotline helps members respond to cases where local officials are misinterpreting codes with unreasonable requirements or charging excessive fees.

Interconnection

The gradual rewrite of Rule 21 continued in 2019 with weekly working group meetings throughout most of the year. The CPUC approved the first round of changes, which allow applicants to avoid transmission studies and modify pending applications, among other things. Other changes under consideration include tighter timelines for studies and upgrades, improvements to application portals, and easier approval for nonexport controls. In addition, CALSSA is fighting utility attempts to use smart inverter standards to shut down the market.

Other Soft Cost Issues

We sponsored and passed AB 1208 (Ting), which extends an exemption of solar generation from local energy taxes. We also campaigned vigorously at the Contractor State Licensing Board to ease restrictions on solar contractors installing batteries and to oppose increased restrictions.

Net Metering

The official proceeding for NEM-3 will not open until mid-2020, but CALSSA has been working with the CPUC on methodology for calculating the value of solar that will provide the foundation for the upcoming battle. We fought a proposal at SMUD that would have gutted net metering and set a dangerous precedent.

Solar Water Heating Incentives

We have been busy teeing up the next phase of policy support after the CSI-Thermal program expires in 2020. Solar water heating will be eligible for incentives in a new program on building decarbonization. The eligibility details and program support are still under development.

Our fact sheets and webinars are available on our website at **www.calssa.org/members-only.** Be sure to use these resources to stay informed.

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Chapters are where professionals from across the storage, PV, and thermal value chain get together, network, share best practices, and learn the latest industry developments. In 2019, our six chapters organized 16 events with nearly 600 attendees covering important topics such as energy storage, the latest on modules, solar financing, and consumer protection. Meetings are open to all employees at member companies so if you have not attended a meeting yet, make sure to join us in 2020! You can sign up for chapter updates on our website.



CALSSA members mingle before an LA chapter meeting begins at Edisun Microgrids in Pasadena, CA.

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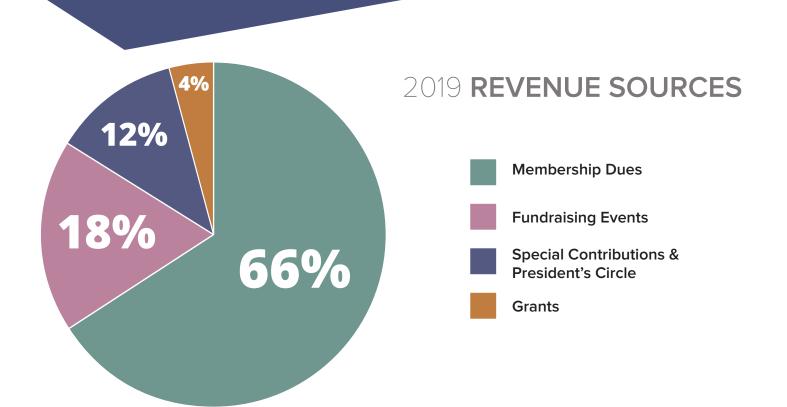
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MEMBER EDUCATION

In 2019, CALSSA helped members understand, navigate, and succeed in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Each week we publish a high-level weekly update for members only, that provides timely information about changes and developments in the market. We also publish fact sheets, hold webinars and provide in-person trainings throughout the year to keep our members armed with the latest information to continue to run their business successfully.





2019 EVENTS

In 2019, we organized events throughout the state to support business-to-business networking, professional development, and policy advocacy, all while also providing CALSSA with much needed resources to keep the California market growing. From huge parties like Solar Battle of the Bands to our more intimate events like Contractor Day and our SoCal Golf Tournament, thousands of business professionals joined in the fun. We'd like to thank all of the companies that support our events through sponsorship and involvement. Without the industry's active participation in our events, our work would not be possible!









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