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MEET GARY KELLY, SDCEA'S CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



GARY KELLY

Prior to joining the team at SDCEA, Gary Kelly was the manager of engineering and operations for Trico, the 50,000-member electric cooperative north of Tucson, Arizona. He has had a successful career in the energy industry in both private and public utilities. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be invaluable to SDCEA as we continue to grow and serve our communities.

Kelly's prior experience includes working for an investor-owned utility and Western Area Power Administration. While these have different business models than SDCEA, all have similar challenges in the management of time, money and resources, he said.

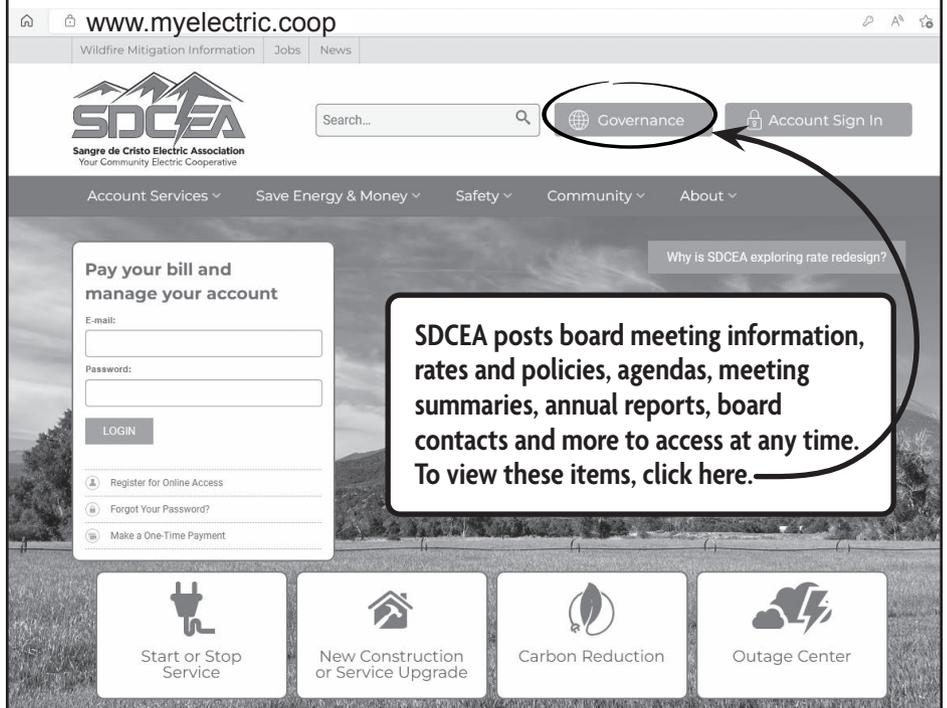
Kelly started his career as an apprentice lineman and then earned his journeyman

designation. He became interested in engineering and embarked on his career path from there. At SDCEA, he will manage the operations department, which includes engineering, line crews, wildfire mitigation, workplans, and system infrastructure and reliability.

Balancing his role as a mix of management and in-the-field experience, Kelly said, "I still think of myself as a journeyman lineman." His experience and technical expertise will be invaluable in his new role as he works to keep the lights on for SDCEA's customers.

Kelly has been married to his wife, Donna, for more than 30 years and has a son and a daughter who are grown.

VISIT SDCEA'S WEBSITE HOMEPAGE FOR INFORMATION



REBATES

SDCEA and our power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., have teamed up to bring you rebates for installing Energy Star-rated appliances, water heaters, heat pumps, outdoor power equipment and more. Want to learn more? Go to our website, myelectric.coop, click on Save Energy & Money and head to the Rebates tab.

Supply Chain Challenges Continue

We at SDCEA do our best to provide excellent service day-in and day-out, including timely installation of quality equipment to support our members.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, SDCEA has been preparing for supply chain issues by ordering equipment in advance, working closely with our long-term supply partners, finding alternative manufacturers and closely tracking equipment delivery schedules.

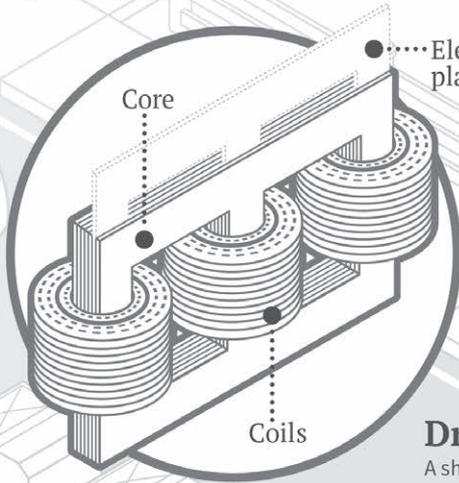
Due to the current global supply chain issues, certain parts and pieces of equipment, including transformers, have unusually long manufacturing and delivery

lead times. SDCEA buys American-made products when practical, but even those products have been affected by production and shipping delays. Unfortunately, we are beginning to feel the effects of the global supply chain issues and our transformer inventory is critically low. Transformers are required for all electric services. The shortage of transformers may delay new construction projects.

Thank you for your support as we continue to strategize and work hard to maximize the equipment inventory available. We are dedicated to serving our members throughout this latest challenge.

Trouble With Transformers

Months of constricted operations at electrical transformer factories caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have strangled inventory of these essential grid devices. Add to that spiking demand from new housing developments, scarcity of raw and finished materials, bottlenecks at shipping ports and a shortage of freight drivers, and it's a recipe for a long-term supply crunch. Here are some of the key drivers of the current national transformer shortage.



Labor Shortages

A tight labor market is causing difficulties in hiring and retaining factory worker and technicians.

Electrical Steel

A global shortage of electrical steel, a key component in transformers, is slowing production.

High Demand

Developments in growing areas of the country and summer storm prep are spiking the need for new transformers.

Driver Shortages

A shortage of truck drivers and warehouse workers is impeding deliveries of finished products.

Shipping Bottlenecks

Imports of components made overseas are being delayed by labor shortages at U.S. shipping ports.

Electric Vehicles

Much of the world's tight supply of electrical steel is being absorbed by the booming EV market.

Source: NRECA; Design: Kevin Kepple

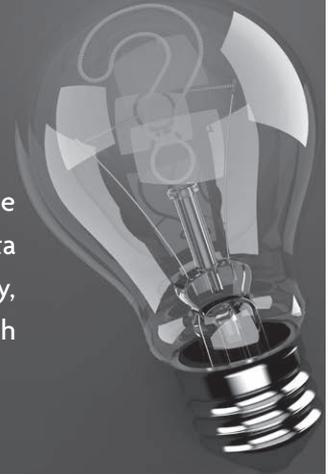
THE SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



HAVE A QUESTION

about something to do with SDCEA?

Give our office a call at 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412. Our business office in Buena Vista is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m Monday through Friday, closed on major holidays. Or send an email with your question to info@myelectric.coop.



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Offices closed November 11

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

SDCEA offices will be closed November 24-25.

NEW PHONE/EMAIL

If you've changed your phone number or email address since you've taken service with SDCEA, please update your information with us.

Go to our website, myelectric.coop to the login box to create an account with updated information, or to update information if you already have an account.

You may also email us at info@myelectric.coop or call us 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F at 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412.

OUTAGES

Do you have an outage to report? Don't hesitate to call 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412.

DO NOT email your outage information or post your outage information on social media. SDCEA cannot monitor that information effectively, especially after hours. The only way to be sure we know you have an outage is to phone it in.



SDCEA SCHOLARSHIPS & YOUTH TOUR

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- Washington D.C. Youth Tour — Friday, January 13, 2023, by 5 p.m.
- Scholarship Application — Friday, January 20, 2023, by 5 p.m.

For more information and directions on how to apply for these opportunities, visit myelectric.coop, click on the **Community tab** and choose **Youth Programs** from the dropdown menu.

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