



**SDCEA'S ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 19
IN BUENA VISTA. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.**

SDCEA Headquarters: Work Continues

The HVAC system replacement at Sangre de Cristo Electric Association's Buena Vista office and warehouse is moving along smoothly and is on track to be completed by the end of January. Following completion, there will be a brief period to transition back into the building and prepare it for reopening to the public.

For the latest updates, please visit SDCEA's website. Once the building fully reopens to the public, the community room will be available for meeting reservations.

Until then, we are operating at 211 Railroad Right-of-Way, Suite 101, Buena Vista, with office hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

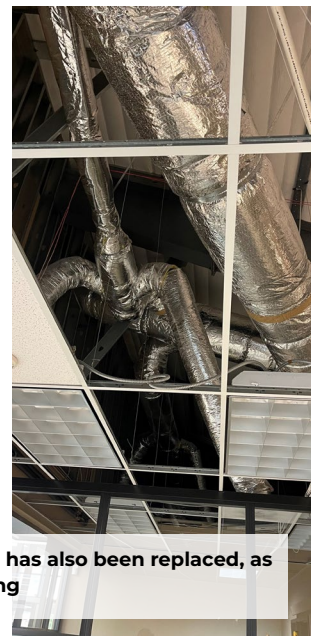
Thank you for your understanding.



Work continues to replace the HVAC system at SDCEA's headquarters in Buena Vista, including this section in the board room.



HVAC conduit in the ceiling has also been replaced, as has duct work in the building



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SDCEA 2025 Member Bill Information



WILDFIRE MITIGATION RATE RIDER

The Sangre de Cristo Electric wildfire mitigation rate rider will not increase this year. It will remain \$8 per month for our members through 2025.

The rate rider plays a vital role in supporting wildfire preven-

tion and ensuring reliable electric service across our community. Here's how it makes a difference:

- **Wildfire Prevention** — By clearing overgrown vegetation, we reduce wildfire risks and help keep our neighborhoods safe.
- **Improved Service Reliability** — Removing hazards means fewer disruptions. It also allows our crews easier access to make quick repairs, ensuring your electric service stays dependable.

Together, we're taking proactive steps to protect our community and enhance the quality of your electric service.

Would you like to learn more about the rate rider? Visit myelectric.coop/safety/vegetation-management/ or scan the QR code to access more details.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

SDCEA is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative that is committed to providing reliable, quality service while keeping costs down. To continue delivering and maintaining these vital services amidst rising expenses, our annual financial review has indicated a necessary adjustment to the Service Availability Charge. As approved by SDCEA's

Board of Directors in 2023, the monthly charge for Residential Rate 1 customers (most SDCEA accounts) will increase by \$3.50, effective January 1, 2025.

The Service Availability Charge increase varies by rate class. To view the applicable updated rates for all other rate classes, as well as projected Service Availability Charge rate increases through 2027 (subject to review each year), please visit the website by scan-



ning the QR code or visit myelectric.coop/boardinfo/bylaws-rates-policies/.

The service availability charge includes expenses related to:

- Infrastructure maintenance and upgrades
- Operational costs including materials, taxes, and labor
- Consumer services, including outage response and system software
- Compliance with regulatory requirements

As your cooperative, we are committed to minimizing the impact of increasing power costs on your household. Contact us to learn how to save more energy throughout your home and to learn more about our energy efficiency rebates.

TOWN OF BUENA VISTA RESIDENTS ONLY – TOWN OF BUENA VISTA FRANCHISE AGREEMENT



Power delivered to residents of Buena Vista by SDCEA is provided under a contract — a 15-year franchise agreement between SDCEA and the Town of Buena Vista government.

This agreement grants SDCEA the ability to supply electricity to residents and businesses, ensuring reliable energy for the town. Scan the QR code to read the full Franchise Agreement.

FRANCHISE FEE COLLECTION

- On behalf of the Town government, SDCEA collects a 2% fee from the total monthly bills of residents and local businesses located in the town of Buena Vista. This fee is based on a member's kilowatt-hour sales, service availability charges, the wildfire mitigation rider, and other service charges if applicable. Starting this year, the fee will increase to 3%.
- This fee is **not revenue for SDCEA**. Instead, it is remitted or passed on directly by SDCEA to the Town as a source of revenue for the Town.

KEY DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT

- The franchise agreement is for 15 years (beginning in 2023) and allows SDCEA to build, maintain, and make long-term investments in the facilities needed to deliver electricity throughout the Town. It also helps secure the multi-million-dollar debt incurred to finance this infrastructure.
- SDCEA is also given the non-exclusive right to utilize public streets, rights-of-way, and easements within the Town's limits to support electricity distribution.

By working together under this agreement, SDCEA and the Town aim to maintain dependable power services while supporting the growing needs of our community. If you have questions or would like further details, feel free to contact the Town of Buena Vista or SDCEA.



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY
TIP OF THE MONTH**

Taking steps to help your home heating system run more efficiently can reduce energy use and lower your winter bills. Check to see if any air vents around your home are blocked by furniture, curtains, or other items.

Obstructed vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and can increase pressure in the ductwork, causing cracks and leaks to form. If necessary, consider purchasing a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture or other obstructions.

Source: energy.gov



Apply Today for Student Opportunities

APPLICATION DEADLINES

WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR

Friday, January 10, 2025, by 5 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Friday, January 10, 2025, by 5 p.m.

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

QUESTIONS?

Call 719-395-2412

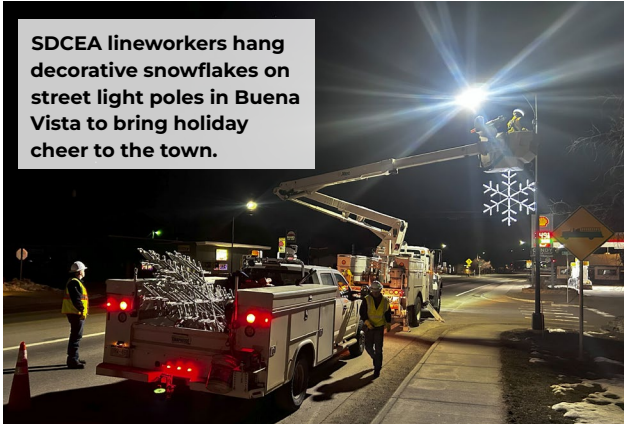
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SDCEA in the Community

SDCEA lineworkers hang decorative snowflakes on street light poles in Buena Vista to bring holiday cheer to the town.



SDCEA and various local businesses and organizations in Buena Vista brighten Main Street with themed holiday trees to celebrate the season.

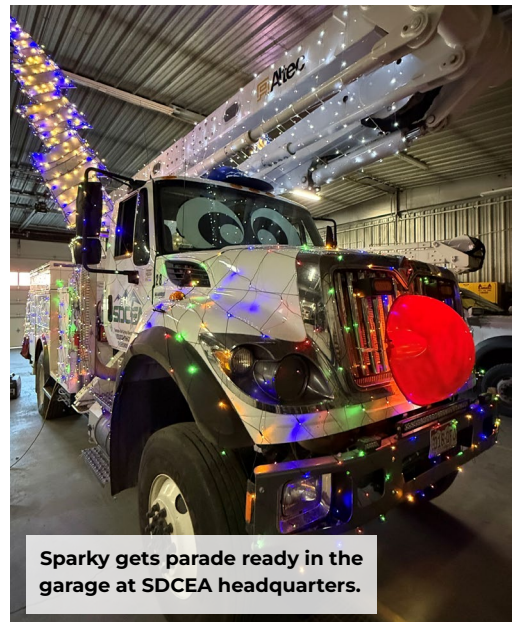
Buena Vista Parade of Lights viewers enjoy Sparky, a fully decorated SDCEA bucket truck.



December's Custer County Parade of Lights gets a special visit from a lit-up SDCEA bucket truck.



Sparky gets parade ready in the garage at SDCEA headquarters.



BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The SDCEA Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on January 30 at Tony's Mountain Pizza, 630 Main St., Silver Cliff.