SEC Membership Application

Yes! I wish to become a member of the School Energy Coalition (SEC).
My organization is a:
- ___ School District $105.00
- Under 2,500 ADA & Charter Schools $260.00
- Over 2,501 ADA, County Offices of Education and Community Colleges $425.00
- ___ Non-Profit Organization $425.00
- ___ Business/Associate $780.00

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A Coalition focused on clean and efficient use of energy and water projects for California's students.
Who We Are

The School Energy Coalition (SEC) seeks to present new ideas that work to provide healthier learning environments for California’s students while lowering school spending on energy and water. Our membership consists of school districts (large and small), community colleges and representatives from the private sector who specialize in energy and water efficiency and renewable energy.

Membership provides access to legislative information and educational forums that allow schools seeking to learn more about general fund savings through energy and water efficiency and renewable projects.

SEC was started in February 2011 by a small group of K-12 public schools interested in utility bill savings through energy efficiency and renewable installations. In 2012 and 2013 the SEC organization was instrumental in shaping the K-14 focus of the Proposition 39 program that was passed by California voters and has provided millions of dollars in energy efficiency and renewable energy funding for local education agencies (LEAs) and community colleges statewide. Since that time our membership now has members in every corner of the state.

SEC continues to work tirelessly to ensure that schools have a voice before the State, California Legislature, Federal agencies and Congress to address pertinent legislative and regulatory actions being considered. We advocate for programmatic and budgetary opportunities for school energy and water projects, along with technical assistance and training for schools that are seeking to become more efficient and to avail themselves of renewable sources.

SEC Activities

- SEC continues to advocate on behalf of California’s school districts.
- SEC is tracking funding on both the state and federal levels.
- Governor Newsom signed the State Budget in June 2020 that provides $50 million for resiliency for school districts.
- HR 2 in Congress which would provide funding.
- AB 841 which would provide Indoor Air Quality funding.
- Successfully advocated the California Legislature to extend the Proposition 39 program and provide options for more funding for energy efficiency and renewable generation for K-14 schools.
- Provided State Budget recommendations to Governor Brown and various state agencies in support of the Proposition 39 Program extension.
- Presented public school progress with school districts at the Proposition 39 Citizens Oversight Board meetings on the program’s progress as a whole on the individual site level.
- Discussed public school energy options that build resiliency on school sites in the face of utility rate increases, drought and water conservation mandates, natural disasters that cause emergency outages and proactive outages that are now occurring in anticipation of wildfires.
- Provided SEC members with valuable information on Zero Net Energy for greater building efficiencies, Net Energy Metering, as well as the impacts of Time of Use rate changes to school energy investments.
- Monitored Cap-and-Trade action proceedings to the CPUC and the California Legislature.
- Participated in stakeholder meetings with the Division of State Architect and hearings before the State Building Standards Commission on Irrigation and Landscaping regulations related to potable water use on school sites.
- Advocacy on legislation that allow more options for schools and water and energy legislation.

Executive Director and Legislative Advocates

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