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*Preservation of the Santa Teresa Foothills – Creation of a public trail along the Coyote-Alamitos Canal
Public Education and Awareness – Safe Neighborhoods – Hillside Development Enforcement*



Neighborhood Meeting Featuring SAN JOSE CLEAN ENERGY

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Southside Community Center

5585 Cottle Road, San Jose 95123



Be an Informed Resident – Attend the May 22nd Neighborhood Meeting

We invite you to attend the Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA) meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Southside Community Center featuring San Jose Clean Energy director, Lori Mitchell. In addition, Marc Landgraf, External Affairs Manager for the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA), will provide an update on their recent and future activity in the Santa Teresa foothills. There will also be updates from both District 2 Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis.

Featured Speaker is Lori Mitchell, Director of San Jose Clean Energy



From the large postcards that arrived in the US Mail, many of you know that San Jose has recently created the Department of Clean Energy to provide the city with electricity at lower cost.

Did that postcard create a host of questions in your mind as to what is happening, such as:

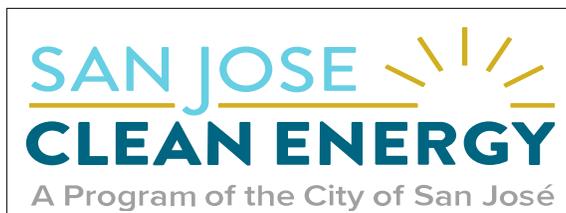
- Why was this program created?
- How will it affect my utility bill?
- Do I have a choice as to whether to participate?
- What about PG&E – will they still be involved?
- If I already have solar on my house, what are my options?

We have good news! The Director of San Jose Clean Energy, Lori Mitchell, will be our featured speaker at the May 22nd general meeting. She will explain the program and answer your questions.

With more than 20 years of experience in the renewable energy and utility industry, Lori Mitchell comes to San Jose from her most recent employment at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Her career at SFPUC reflects a succession of progressively responsible positions, including Manager of Renewable Energy, Power Supply Manager and, most recently, Acting Director of Energy Infrastructure.

Background: In February 2019, San Jose Clean Energy (SJCE) became a new electricity generation provider, bringing San Jose residents and businesses cleaner energy at lower rates than PG&E. SJCE is one of 19 Community Choice Energy agencies in California, serving over 8 million residents and businesses. Since 2010, these agencies have saved customers millions and cut greenhouse gas emissions drastically.

Learn about the benefits of SJCE, changes to your electricity bill, and how to calculate your savings, by attending our presentation on May 22nd.



Planning For High Speed Rail In South San Jose

Despite rumors to the contrary, plans for High Speed Rail (HSR) are moving forward. Construction in the Central Valley is underway and designs for HSR through San Jose are being evaluated. Did you know that the

trains will run along Monterey Road in South San Jose? Designs being considered include an elevated viaduct in the median of Monterey Road and an at-grade alignment in the Union Pacific Railroad corridor.

Members of the Association's Board of Directors are working with other neighborhood leaders in South San Jose to lobby the California High Speed Rail Authority for a design that minimizes impacts to our community. Specifically, we are concerned about HSR's potential acquisition of residences and businesses, as well as safety, visual, and noise impacts. We believe that leaving the Skyway Drive, Branham Lane, and Chynoweth Avenue at-grade rail crossings in their existing configurations is unacceptable because that will result in significant safety and traffic impacts due to the increase in crossings by HSR, Caltrain, Amtrak, and freight trains. We believe that a design that places HSR in a trench is one that will address these concerns.

As the HSR planning process moves forward, we will keep you informed.

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) Update

OSA conserves the natural environment, supports agriculture, and connects people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations. We envision the Santa Clara Valley and its surrounding hillsides as a beautiful place where a vibrant network of interconnected open spaces, trails, wildlife habitats, and thriving agricultural lands enrich our region's cities and make it an exceptional and healthy place to live, work, learn, and play.

The Authority serves over 1.4 million residents – we embrace their diversity and strive to provide access to nature for all of our constituents. We've worked to protect over 60 acres in the Santa Teresa Foothills while also providing over \$1.3M in urban open space grants to projects like Albertson Parkway and Santa Teresa Historic Park. We continue to work with land owners, the City of San Jose, and Santa Clara County Parks to protect additional open space in the Santa Teresa Foothills and continue to work towards establishing a public trail. To learn more about the Authority, visit our website at <http://www.openspaceauthority.org> and come to the STFNA general meeting to learn the details from Marc Landgraf, OSA External Affairs Manager, of the above and ask questions.

The OSA holds many public events. Check <http://www.openspaceauthority.org/visitors/events.html> for information on this month's events. STFNA Director Lynne Paulson attends many OSA board meetings to help keep OSA aligned with the desires of our neighborhood association. Contact her at (lynnep@stfna.org) if you have any questions.

STFNA thanks Astrid Tromp for her substantial donation.

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Upcoming Events

6th annual 4th of July Annual Family Fun Festival and Firework Show at the Almaden Lake Park. Given the city's safety-related ban on the use of personal fireworks, this public event offers families and people of all ages and backgrounds a safe place to celebrate the birth of our nation. The festival begins at 3pm. The fireworks will begin shortly after 9pm. For more information, see <http://www.sjd10.com/4th-of-july-annual-event-.html>

In **October** we will be having a **Goodwill donation fundraiser drive**. We will send out a reminder email one to two weeks beforehand.

The STFNA board gratefully appreciates the use of Bistro Tupaz's dining area to hold our monthly board meetings while enjoying delicious food.

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Date: _____

Check here if this is a renewal.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education and Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Neighborhoods |
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