



2015 Accomplishments

The following list highlights some of the main achievements of the Local Clean Energy Alliance during 2015.

- Formally launched and provided staffing for the East Bay Clean Power Alliance.

The Alliance is an organization advocating for a community-development-focused Community Choice energy program in the East Bay, one that serves to spur equitable economic development and family-sustaining clean energy jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stabilize or lower the cost of electricity, improve community health and social equity, and provide other community benefits.

- Convened the fifth annual [Clean Power, Healthy Communities Conference](#) on March 5, 2015.

This year's conference focused explicitly on energy democracy and community-based decentralized renewable energy as a path to community empowerment. Drawing leaders from around the U.S. as conference speakers, the conference was [an unprecedented exploration of strategic perspectives on energy democracy](#). Videos of the presentations [are posted](#) on the conference web site, in particular, [Envisioning Energy Democracy](#).

- Organized and led a successful [March 5, 2015 labor workshop](#) on local clean energy development.

The workshop brought together about 15 unionists and about twice as many energy activists to discuss local clean energy development and family-sustaining, clean energy jobs. The workshop drew union members and officials from across organized labor, from public service workers, nurses, warehouse workers, private sector services, and building trades. Labor participants were deeply engaged in the discussion and in pursuing the issues of climate and social justice within their unions.

- Provided leadership to the East Bay Clean Power Alliance and its successful advocacy.

This included advocating for: 1) strong Community Choice program goals, 2) a more [diverse Alameda County Community Choice Steering Committee structure](#), 3) a feasibility study RFP that reflects stated program goals and a prioritizing of local renewable energy resource development, 4) a vision of what a community-development-focused program would look like, 5) a commitment to local build-out planning, and 6) an overall strong community presence before the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

- Published and began distribution of [Toward a Climate Justice Energy Platform: Democratizing Our Energy Future](#).

This paper presents a vision of a democratized energy future. It explores the strategic relationship between energy and climate justice and identifies principles of democratized energy development. The paper discusses issues, criteria, and models relevant to a climate justice energy platform and proposes a set of policies and programs to advance energy democracy.

- Hosted a convening in early March in Oakland of energy democracy leaders from across the country.

The Local Clean Energy Alliance partnered with the Center for Social Inclusion and the Climate Justice Alliance to organize a day-long exploration of energy democracy issues for a group of about two dozen leaders of climate justice initiatives based in low income communities and communities of color from Jackson, Mississippi to Detroit, Michigan.

- Wrote and won unanimous passage on June 16, 2015 of an Oakland City Council resolution. The resolution called for an East Bay Community Choice program shaped by the community benefit goals and vision promoted by the East Bay Clean Power Alliance.

- Organized and hosted a [July 24 Roundtable on Labor, Climate, and Energy](#).

This roundtable drew about 25 labor activists from a variety of local unions. The workshop focused on the impact of climate on all workers, the need for solutions that promote social justice, and for energy models that build resilience in our communities. In particular, it highlighted the emergence of a Community Choice program in the East Bay.

- Created a statewide Community Choice advocacy alliance, [the California Alliance for Community Energy](#).

The Alliance consists of advocates from Community Choice initiatives across the state. The Local Clean Energy Alliance organized and chaired the Alliance's Steering Committee, began conducting statewide conference calls, and engaging in state policy and program issues.

- Collaborated with organizations across the country to create and lead the [Energy Democracy Project](#).

This project brings together organizations and individuals across the country to popularize and advance energy democracy as a key strategic perspective within the climate and new economy movement, and which seeks to replace our current corporate fossil-fuel economy with one that puts racial, social, and economic justice at the forefront of the transition to a 100% renewable energy future.

- Local Clean Energy Alliance Steering Committee members were appointed to community advisory and oversight bodies for establishing and shaping Community Choice energy programs in Alameda County and San Mateo County.

- Hosted and organized a December 15 community discussion, [Putting Our Community in Community Choice Energy](#).

This event was a discussion among community organizations in the East Bay to promote a Community Choice energy program in the East Bay that advances economic, environmental, and racial justice. The discussion drew 25 community leaders, mostly individuals of color from base building, clean energy, social justice, religious, and union organizations in Oakland and neighboring communities.

- Created an online directory, [Resources on Energy Democracy](#).

This resource directory includes the most important documents, videos, and articles about democratizing the energy system.