

IN THE WORKS

Employee Newsletter -
Public Works Department - Fairfield, CA

Marin Clean Energy Starting April 2022



Fairfield continues to go green and new electric choices are coming soon to residents and businesses! The City is partnering with Marin Clean Energy (MCE), a local not-for-profit public agency, that provides a choice of more renewable electricity options to residents and businesses. MCE was formed in 2008 and currently provides renewable energy to more than 540,000 customer accounts and more than 1 million residents and businesses in 37 member communities across four Bay Area Counties: Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano.

Starting in April 2022, MCE will automatically become the primary provider for electricity generation and will replace PG&E's generation service on Fairfield customer's bills. MCE's standard service option offers a minimum of 60% renewable energy compared to PG&E's 31% renewable energy generation. PG&E will continue to deliver energy, maintain lines and infrastructure, and send bills. Residents can choose to remain with PG&E's electric generation service by opting out of MCE service.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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PROMOTIONS

December 2021

- DANIEL CAMARA - Streets Maintenance Manager

January 2022

- GIOVANNI HERNANDEZ - Utility Worker II
- JASON FRINK - Water Waste Plant Operator IV

February 2022

- GARY SPONSLER - Landscape Maintenance Manager

RETIREMENTS

November 2021

- PETER FREEMAN - Utility Worker II
22+ Years of Service

December 2021

- ALLAN BROWN - Water Plant Operator IV
18+ Years of Service
- EDWARD (JOE) LODEL - Utility Worker Senior
26+ Years of Service
- JUAN PARRA - Public Works Inspector
11+ Years of Service
- ROGER KEENER - Mech/Elec Tech II
31+ Years of Service
- SAM STATON - Water Distribution Worker II
12+ Years of Service

We value our temporary employees!

Yadira was an excellent temporary addition to the PW Operations Division. We were lucky enough to have her be part of our team for six months. She was a rockstar team player with an affinity for numbers and organization! We saw her dedication, strong work ethic, and fantastic attitude come to shine during her time here! Daily, she was committed to providing the residents of Fairfield and her team with the highest level of customer service! As a resident of Fairfield herself, she believes in the value of assisting her community. Yadira's can-do attitude and radiating positivity will be missed! We wish her the best and know she will do great things!



Sam at Disneyland

Samantha Samson wrote this farewell note when her time with us was complete:

Thank you to the entire Public Works Department for allowing me to be a part of the team for the past 7 months. It's bittersweet leaving, but I'm excited to see all your hard work out in this community. Good luck on all your projects and best wishes! Find me on LinkedIn! - Samantha Samson

Thanks for helping our temp employees feel welcomed and valued!

NEW HIRES

September 2021

- JAMES ENGELL - Water Service Representative I
- JUAN GARCIA - Homeless Engagement Worker I
- HANNAH LEE - Assistant Engineer

January 2022

- BRIAN GRACE JR. - Water Service Representative I

February 2022

- LESHUNE BECK - Custodian



February 2022

- NICHOLAS TAVALERO - Water Treatment Supervisor
16+ Years of Service

Thank you to our recent prior temp employees!

- Darryl Henderson - Ops
- George Jones - Ops
- John Seiser - Ops
- Juan Diaz - Ops
- Leizel Solomon - Eng/Ops
- Marlana Rodrigues - Eng/Ops
- Mauricio Lopez - Ops
- Michael McMiddle - Ops
- Raquel Green - Ops
- Samantha Samson - Utilities
- Yadira Barrairo De Toscano - Ops
- Uriel Morales - Ops

Employee Spotlight

Meet one of our division managers: **Diane Feinstein**

Q: What is your role with Public Works and how long have you been with the City?

I have been with the City of Fairfield for a total of 17 years. I started with the City in 1998, as a Management Analyst for the Housing Division. I left in 2000 and came back in 2007 as a Neighborhood Services Manager for the Community Development Department. In 2012 I transferred to Public Works/Transportation as a Senior Management Analyst. Since 2019 (to present) I have been the Transportation Manager. As the Transportation Manager, I oversee the daily operations of FAST's local service, operating in the cities of Fairfield and Suisun City, and the SolanoExpress commuter service operating to/from Sacramento and the Bay Area, as well as senior and ADA services.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about your position with the City?

I find it very rewarding to provide the best service possible for the community's transportation users. Many residents depend on the varied services the Transportation Division provides, whether its ADA or senior services, travelling on FAST's local service (making connections to other services such as Amtrak), or travelling regionally on SolanoExpress.

I LOVE feeling like what I do makes a difference for the community. I am very lucky to have a talented team that makes it possible for us to make a positive difference every day.



Diane and her husband, Dave, on the most beautiful hike they've ever taken.

Q: What is your professional background?

I have worked for cities (City of Urbana, IL; City of Vacaville; and City of Fairfield) since 1991, addressing local housing, homeless, and transportation needs.

Q: Tell us about your family.

My husband, Dave Feinstein, is the City's Planning Manager, and yes, we met when I returned to working for the City in 2007. We live in Vacaville and have two grown children, Julie and Jared.

Q: What are your hobbies?

I enjoy hiking, backpacking, traveling, thrifting, and researching my family history. In future years, Dave and I look forward to many adventures from exploring the Southwestern United States and Alaska to traveling abroad.

Q: Do you have any pets?

We have an 18-year old cat named Tiger.

Characteristics of PW Employees

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 S U O I T N E I C S N O C D U X Z P R A
 M X X N B R V B S D Z S H L P U U R Q R

Word Search Brain Teaser

Find the word in the puzzle.
 Words can go in any direction
 and also share letters!



- Ambitious
- Caring
- Committed
- Conscientious
- Dedicated
- Dependable
- Dexterous
- Diligent
- Efficient
- Flexible
- Helpful
- Industrious
- Intuitive
- Kind
- Observant
- Organized
- Perseverant
- Progressive
- Studious
- Thoughtful

Answers are on the last page.

PW in the News

Crosstown Pipeline

Recently, the completion of the East-West Pipeline, also known as the Crosstown Pipeline was highlighted before City Council with a commemorative video. In the 1980s, PW staff imagined creating a way for treated water to flow from the North Bay Regional Water Treatment Plant in the east, to the southwest side of the City with ease, especially in the case of an emergency. Over 30 years since its inception, the crosstown project has finally been completed aiding in additional reliability and operational flexibility of our services to ensure all Fairfield residents have access to clean water.



Public Works does not typically want to be in the headlines, preferring instead to ensure maintenance and services are provided to our residents, allowing them to carry on with their lives without worrying about essential needs such as clean running water. However, at the February 16th City Council meeting, our department had it's moment to shine!

A key component to the stability of a city is its water supply. Your co-workers worked diligently and collaboratively on this historical achievement within the City of Fairfield. Well done, team! The link to the video can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muFcO84zAxY>

West Texas Gateway Ramp Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Harry Price welcomed dignitaries, project partners, staff, and community members to the West Texas Street Gateway Off-Ramp Project Ribbon Cutting ceremony on January 27, 2022, at the Fairfield Transportation Center (FTC). This multifaceted project improved pedestrian, bicycle, transit access, and safety around the FTC, including West Texas Street and the Linear Trail, as well as being an integral component of the Heart of Fairfield Specific Plan.



The FTC slip ramp improvements were made at the eastbound Interstate 80 off-ramp and West Texas Street and included:

- Construction of a transit-only access ramp directly to the FTC bus bays.
- Addition of a new crosswalk to serve as an access point from West Texas to the FTC.
- Modification of the West Texas/EB I-80 off ramp intersection with a new traffic pattern and traffic signals.
- Addition of a sidewalk along the south side of West Texas Street, building a path to connect West Texas and the FTC to the Linear Park Trail.

Thank you to the the PW staff who played a role/participated in the completion of the Project!



Thank You Public Works

We hope you are enjoying your PW mugs! Your dedication and commitment to serving the public shines through all you do, and is highlighted in our recent achievements!

Keep up the good work!



Mike, Peter, Daniel, and Brandon (Ops)



Tiffany (Ops, formerly Transportation)



Corey (Utilities)



Allen, Sean, Mo, David, Ria, Scott, and Richard (Fleet)



Chris, Johnny, and Sal (Fleet)

Show us your mugs! - Please send in your mug shots for our next edition ;)

TEAM FAIRFIELD HIGHLIGHTS



Brian Garcia's view on a recent fishing trip!



David Renschler - Three generations at Sturgis.



Lydia Park and her husband, Tae, on safari in Sri Lanka.



Marisa Cumpian received her Master's degree in Public Affairs (policy emphasis) in December 2021.



Jason Smith and his wife, Gretchen, in Big Sky, Montana.



David Vong and his wife, Cathie, are expecting! Baby is due in July!



Justin Paneto's new addition to the family. Meet Abrahan!



Adam Rudolph visited The Parthenon in Nashville, Tennessee.



Eddie Franke's son, Wyatt, won the 2021 Shetland World Series with his team!



Your Service Choices

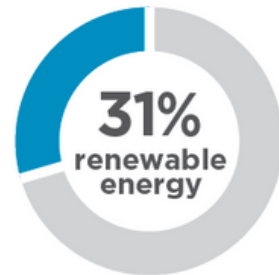
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MCE Deep Green



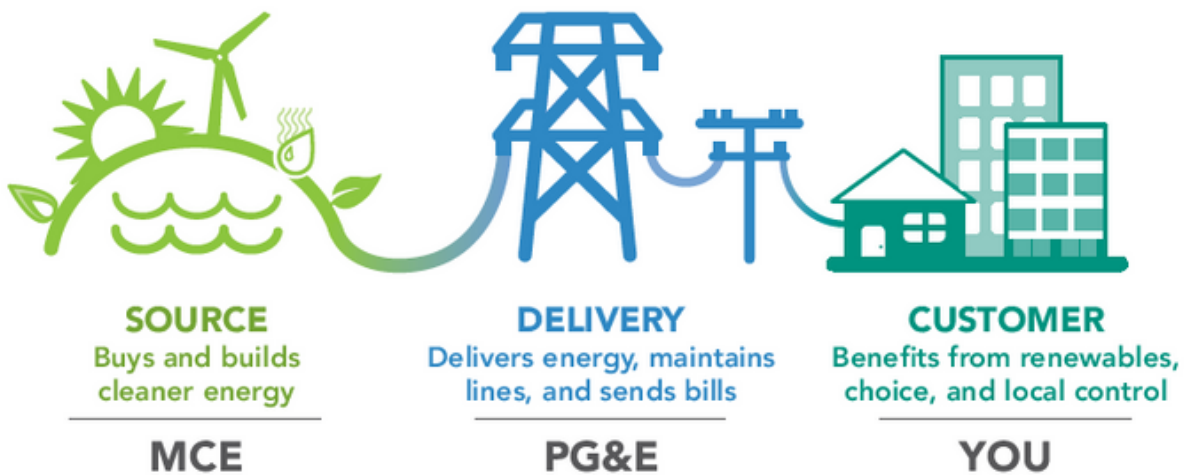
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To help educate and prepare residents and businesses of this change, the City and MCE have begun a community outreach plan. Starting in early February, all eligible customers were sent a notification mailer and FAQ sheet. MCE will also run full page advertisements in both the Daily Republic and Vacaville Reporter notifying residents of this change, and residents will be able to access additional information on both MCE's and the City's webpages. In addition, MCE will be hosting virtual townhall style meetings on March 9th, & 23rd, and April 6th & 20th to help answer any questions.

Our very own Corey Beavers is driving this effort for the City of Fairfield. Please help him by being informed and direct any questions to the printed materials provided at the City or online at www.mceCleanEnergy.org/Fairfield and www.fairfield.ca.gov/mce.

HOW MCE WORKS





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