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The latest from the California Municipal Utilities Association and its members

CMUA News



[Regionalization and AB 813: First, Do No Harm](#)

The stakes are high as California considers legislation that would regionalize the electric grid. Tony Braun, counsel to CMUA, explains why consumers must be protected in any proposal.

Free Download: Results of CMUA's Inaugural [Energy](#) and [Water](#) Leaders Surveys

CMUA recently polled senior-level executives from our member agencies. The findings confirmed California's publicly owned utilities and public water agencies are investing broadly and planning for the future to maintain reliable, affordable and sustainable water service for their communities. View the [Energy Leaders Survey](#) and the [Water Leaders Survey](#).

[Onsite Registration Available for CMUA's Annual Conference March 25-27 in San Francisco](#)

It's not too late to attend the premier event for California's publicly owned utilities and water agencies. Our Annual Conference will tackle the hottest trends and topics in the industry: cybersecurity, electric vehicles, disaster planning and emergency response, cannabis, workforce development and many more. Learn new insights from the Department of Water Resources, State Water Board, California Energy Commission and other leading agencies. Connect with your colleagues and collect ideas and resources you can bring back to your organization. Our conference is designed to be interesting, informative and enjoyable for managers, staff and personnel of all levels. Join in as CMUA members continue Building Reliable, Affordable & Sustainable Communities Together.

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[Retail Electric Worth the Cost, Writes South San Joaquin Irrigation District](#)

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