



Friends of Community Choice Central Valley

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Since 2010 Community Choice Energy agencies have been providing electricity for their customers from cleaner sources at competitive rates.

“We agree that the San Joaquin Valley has a wealth of diverse clean energy resources and the human resources needed to put clean energy to work for Valley residents and businesses. We recognize the potential of Community Choice to offer local control, consumer choice, local economic benefits, and improved air quality at competitive rates. **We call for an evaluation of the potential challenges and benefits of establishing Community Choice Energy in our community.**”

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