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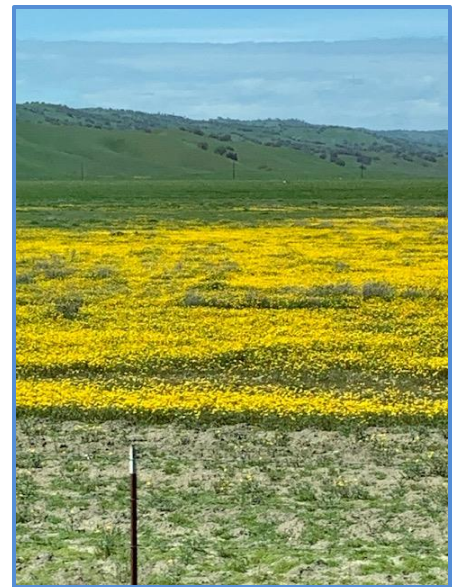
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My husband and I went on a road trip in March to Mammoth and to visit our little grands in Sacramento. I certainly saw Mother Nature at her best.....from the snow in the mountains, to the desert and hillside blooms, to wind, hail and rain, to the gorgeous coastal beaches. Spring in California is definitely here! I like the Spring, from the unpredictability of the weather to new growth.

I always get the urge to purge this time of year.....and this Spring has been no different. I'm sure you, like me, have accumulated so many "things" during our lifetimes.....and I am trying to do my best to clean out what I don't need. It's not an easy job, but it's one I try to undertake every Spring!

And finally, I'm sure many of you have heard that we recently lost one of our former Board members, Cindy Young. Cindy served SDG&E and the Alumni Association well. She was a good friend to all of us and I will miss her dearly; knowing that she is with her Clyde now, gives me great comfort. Fly with the angels, my friend!

Your President,  
Samm McDonald



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If you love bargains on dining, shopping and travel then the Passport Unlimited card is for you! You may have had one of these gems while working at SDG&E and miss having it...if so, great news! We are able to purchase the annual card for 50% off the regular price... that's \$75 instead of \$150. To purchase go to:

<https://www.passportunlimited.com/individuals/> and enter SDGE2018 in the promo code.

If you have a card that is expiring, log in to your account to renew it and use the same promo code above.



## Safety Enhancement: New Projects Slated to Upgrade Natural Gas Pipeline

A majority of residential and commercial customers in our region rely on natural gas to warm their homes and businesses, heat water, cook food and power industrial/manufacturing processes.

To ensure our customers' energy needs are always met safely and reliably for decades to come, we are about to undertake a series of projects to test or replace 50 miles of a 70-year-old, natural gas pipeline (known as Line 1600).

Last month, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved our plan to modernize the 1949-vintage line. The safety projects associated with this major upgrade effort are part of SDG&E's Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP)—a program designed to strength-test or replace older high-pressure pipelines and upgrade automatic shut-off valves.

Since 2012, more than 23 miles of pipeline in our region have been strength-tested or replaced under the existing program, along with upgrades for 21 shut-off valves.

### Upgrades Will be Designed Efficiently to Reduce Community Impact

Under the plan approved by the CPUC, we will undertake a series of 19 separate, smaller projects to test or replace the pipeline.

Each project is designed to be constructed as safely and efficiently as possible, while reducing impacts to local communities. The work is being divided into smaller projects to manage gas system impacts and put the new sections into service quickly. Construction is expected to take about four weeks per mile of pipeline work.

As with other construction projects, SDG&E is working with individual communities to design each project so that traffic and noise impacts can be minimized on the streets we will be working. We'll also be providing more information to individual communities as we get closer to construction.

We are excited to be able to design these replacement projects with the latest technology using high-grade materials, automatic shut-off valves and fiber-optic technology that alerts us immediately to any drops in pressure or problems with the pipeline.

The first construction phase is scheduled to begin in early 2020 with projects in the City of Escondido and the City of San Diego. The entire set of pipeline safety upgrades associated with Line 1600 is expected to be completed over the next several years.

### More Information

To learn more about the project and the role natural gas plays in our region's economy, visit [sdge.com/major-projects/major-projects-pipeline-safety](https://sdge.com/major-projects/major-projects-pipeline-safety).



## Trending Questions Regarding Time-of-Use Pricing Plans - SDGEnews.com 03/04/2019

The statewide shift to Time-of-Use (TOU) energy pricing plans is underway in our region, and we have been fielding questions from our customers about these new plans. The answers to the most frequently asked questions are available below.

### **1. Do I have to stay on a Time-of-Use plan or can I stay with my current plan?**

Customers have a choice. They can opt out of TOU pricing plans and stay on their original plan. Please note that existing customers who are being transitioned to TOU are automatically provided with a risk-free, one-year guarantee.

Both TOU pricing plans (DR1 and DR2) come with a one year no-risk pricing option, meaning you can try one of these plans **RISK-FREE** for up to one year. If you end up spending more than you would have on your original plan, we'll credit you the difference after one year. You don't have to do anything to track the difference. We will add a section on your bill and track it monthly.

Consistent with direction from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the one-year, risk-free guarantee is for existing customers only because they are transitioning from plans based on overall energy usage to these Time-of-Use plans. Time-of-Use plans are the new standard so new customers who establish service with SDG&E will be placed on these plans going forward.

The risk-free guarantee does not apply to Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers who activated their system (such as solar panels or wind turbines) after June 29, 2016.

### **2. Are all residential customers transitioning at the same time?**

No, customers are being transitioned on a rolling basis. The first group of approximately 100,000 customers began transitioning in March 2019. By mid-2020, approximately 750,000 customers will be moved to TOU plans.

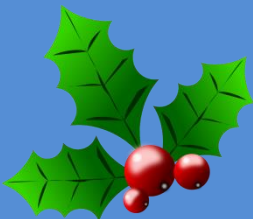
Prior to each group being transitioned to TOU, customers will receive advance notices via mail and email.

To ensure we can provide the best customer service and make this transition smooth, the transition is phased over the course of one year. We will communicate with our customers throughout the transition.

## Save the Date!!!

We had so much fun at the last holiday luncheon we can hardly wait to do it again. The planning is underway and the date is set.

Plan to join us  
December 10, 2019...  
more to come as we get closer to the date!



## Trending Questions Regarding Time-of-Use Pricing Plans, cont.

### 3. What can I do to shift my usage away from the on-peak period of 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.?

We encourage customers to continue to go about their daily routines but consider making small changes whenever possible, such as shifting usage of large appliances – for example, clothes washer and dryer, dishwasher, pool pump, and electric vehicle charging, outside of 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

### 4. Why is SDG&E doing this?

The transition of customers to TOU is part of a statewide initiative to support California’s continuing shift to a clean energy future. The CPUC has tasked utilities statewide to shift customers to TOU. SDG&E is the first of the major utilities to make the transition to TOU.

How does shifting use of energy help support a clean energy future?

Every year we are increasing the amount of renewable energy we use to power our homes. And while there is plenty of solar energy available during the day when the sun is out, after the sun sets, this energy source is in short supply to provide power when it’s in high demand.

That’s why you and every other Californian are being encouraged to cut back on your energy use during the hours when energy is in highest demand. Between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., just “Shift and Save.”

### 5. Will the non-TOU (standard DR) plan be eliminated?

The non-TOU plans remain available for customers who choose to opt out of TOU pricing plans.

### 6. How will I save on my bill when prices are increasing from 4-9 p.m.?

On a traditional tiered pricing plan, you only have one way to save money on your energy bill and that’s to reduce your overall consumption of energy use.

On new TOU pricing plans, you now have two ways to save money: 1) by shifting electricity use to lower-cost hours of the day (before 4 p.m. or after 9 p.m.), and 2) by reducing overall energy usage.

**Although most residential customers will move to Time-of-Use plans in 2019, not all customers will be impacted by the transition. [Learn more](#) about exclusions.**

Check out [sdge.com/whenmatters](https://www.sdge.com/whenmatters) for even more tips on how to save while on TOU.



## Meet Whendell: The Expert on Time-of-Use Pricing Plans

Whendell is your go-to expert on all things related to Time-of-Use pricing plans being offered to customers in San Diego and South Orange counties. Because he’s a smart watch and looks like an electric outlet, he is more *plugged in* to the importance of time and its impact on energy use than most. Whendell has his own webpage at <https://www.sdge.com/whenmatters>. Check it out.

## Want more SDG&E updates?

In each issue we feature one or two articles from the SDG&E news site. To keep up with more of what’s happening at SDG&E go to <http://www.sdgenews.com/>



## Volunteers Needed!

### Charity Golf Event - See banner below

Morning Shift - 8:30am – 11:30am

Greeters

Assistance with Check In

Goodie Bag distribution

Mulligan/Opportunity Drawing ticket distribution

Assistance with and management of opportunity drawing (setting up items, making them look nice, then answering questions and monitoring!) Once the golfers head out, this area is broken down and moved to another location – we need assistance in resetting

Afternoon Shift – 3pm – 7pm

Greeters and directional info for golfers

Assistance with drink ticket sales

Spotters for Live auction

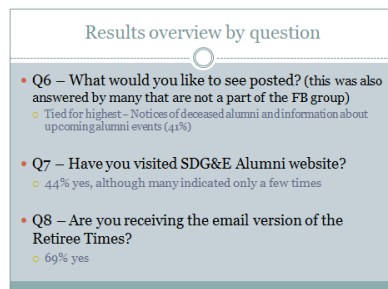
Opportunity Drawing – distribution of items to winners and breakdown and clean up.

Please contact Jordan Miles by April 8<sup>th</sup> to confirm your spot!

[Jordan.miles@lls.org](mailto:Jordan.miles@lls.org)

## We asked and you answered!

During 2018 we conducted two surveys to gather information on what types of activities and communications our Alumni members would like. The first one was done in the spring and sent to the Facebook group members. We gained good information (which was shared in the August 2018 issue) but wanted to reach out to a larger group. At the holiday luncheon we handed out the survey asking the attendees for their feedback. Below are the results from that survey.



Based on the feedback we received it appears that there is interest in having more events throughout the year. The entertainment committee will meet to identify and schedule events based on what we heard. They will try to hold them in various locations and venues. We hope you will come!



## SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS

### Deceased

#### 2019

Robert Catlin - Jan  
Ed Davis - Jan  
Jeff Elliott - Jan  
Gary Evans - Mar  
Donald Harrar - Mar  
Lee McDonald - Feb  
Clarice Mae Morgan - Mar  
Ted Terzakis - Jan  
Barbara Ann Tuhey - Jan  
Cindy Young - Mar

### Retired

#### 2018

Julie Dossett – Dec  
Lori Liebman - Dec

#### 2019

Teresa LaRagione - Feb  
Patricia V Saenz - Jan

For a full list of retired and deceased retirees, see our web archive,

<http://sdgealumniassoc.org/id7.html>

If you have any information regarding a newly retired or deceased SDG&E Alumni member, please contact Alice Myers at 858-278-3803 or

[amolyputz@san.rr.com](mailto:amolyputz@san.rr.com)

We need your help!  
SDG&E cannot provide us this information.

## JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

How would you like to see our beautiful state without having to drive? Consider seeing it by rail! Amtrak offers the California Rail Pass to do just that.

### See the Golden State for One Low Price

The Golden State of California offers lots of diverse travel opportunities — from San Diego to San Francisco and from Lake Tahoe to Los Angeles. That's why Amtrak offers the California Rail Pass that gives our passengers the freedom to travel and the ability to experience it all. Take the train to the California desert or explore more of the state to experience the distinct characteristics and the many faces of California. The California Rail Pass allows for up to 7 days of travel in California over a 21-day period for \$159 for adults and \$79.50 for children 2 - 12.

### Eligible California Trains

[Capitol Corridor](#), [San Joaquins](#) and [Pacific Surfliner](#) corridor trains

Most connecting Thruway bus services associated with those corridors (including the Thruway extensions to Reno and Las Vegas in Nevada)

[Coast Starlight](#) between Los Angeles and Dunsmuir, California

The California Rail Pass is not valid on the Sunset Limited, the Southwest Chief, the California Zephyr and the Texas Eagle. On the Coast Starlight, travel to or from points outside California requires a separate fare, calculated between Dunsmuir and the out-of-state origin or destination.

To learn more go to: <https://www.amtrak.com/deals-discounts/multi-ride-rail-passes/rail-passes/california-rail-pass.html>

