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Kevin Ritter
SMPA General Manager

I know. We've bombarded you with save the dates, reminders and articles over the past few months regarding our 75th Annual Meeting and anniversary celebration. I hope you'll forgive us our enthusiasm. We just can't help ourselves. But I promise this is my last reminder.

San Miguel Power will hold its 75th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at our Nucla Office (170 W. 10th Ave.). This year's meeting will be a bit different than year's past for obvious reasons. We're also planning a celebration in the park complete with a live band and BBQ dinner. Registration will open for the business meeting at 4:30 p.m. Members and their families who register for and attend the meeting will receive tickets for a free BBQ dinner and SMPA's commemorative 75-year history book, *Legacy of Light*. Each member that attends the meeting will also receive a \$10 bill credit.

The business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. The start of the meeting will also conclude the 2014 SMPA Board of Director Elections. Members in district six should have a received a mail-in ballot in May. You had the option of voting and returning the ballot by mail or in person. For those of you who prefer to vote in person, you can still do so at the Annual Meeting. Just be sure to register and vote before 5:30 p.m. We'll announce the winners at the conclusion of the meeting. If you have not voted yet and would like more information about the candidates, I encourage you to visit www.smpa.com and download the 2014 Director Candidate Bio Sheet.

As I mentioned earlier, the focus of this year's meeting is to celebrate our 75 years of business. And celebrating we are! After a short business meeting we'll head over to Nucla Town Park for some fun. Local musicians will kick off the evening and will be followed up by The Blissters, a family-friendly, easy-going classic rock and roll band. There'll also be a beer and wine tent for the 21 and over crowd, a car show and craft vendors. We'll have an inflatable jump house and water spray down just for the kids too. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy our festive anniversary celebration. I hope to see you there!

2014 Director Election Information

District 3: Incumbent Dave Alexander was the only member to return a nomination petition form and will run unopposed. He is deemed elected and will represent SMPA members in district 3 for the next four years. Alexander was first elected to the board in June of 2010. He is a rancher in the Norwood area and has served on the Norwood School Board and Farmer's Water Development Board.

District 6: Three candidates returned valid nomination petitions forms, incumbent candidate Marcus Wilson and challengers Debbie Cokes and Jason Matesevac. Detailed information about these candidates can be found on the 2014 Candidate Biography Sheet included in the ballot. This information can also be found online at www.smpa.com or members can request a copy by emailing toni@smpa.com.

Members in district 6 were sent mail-in ballots last month and asked to cast their vote by return mail or by dropping their ballot off at secure ballot boxes located in SMPA's offices in Ridgway or Nucla. All ballots must be received no later than June 16, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Members can also vote in person at the Annual Meeting of Members on June 17, 2014. Members can only vote at the annual meeting if they have not already cast their vote via other means. Colorado law now prohibits members from changing their vote at the annual meeting.

Members interested in voting at the annual meeting must do so prior to 5:30 p.m. Registration will open at 4:30 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. At that time, all ballots will be collected by SMPA's independent teller committee and counted. The winning candidate will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY 101

Lightning is a potential danger 10 miles in advance of a storm. Make sure that your children know "If thunder roars, go indoors" and not to seek shelter under a tree or open picnic shelter.

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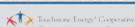
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Congratulations to the 2014 Scholarship Winners

San Miguel Power sends sincere congratulations to this year's SMPA, Tri-State, and Basin Electric scholarship recipients.

San Miguel Power also awarded the inaugural Wes Perrin Memorial Scholarship. The \$2,500, four-year renewable scholarship was set up to honor Wes Perrin, a long-time SMPA board member who passed away from throat cancer in the spring of 2013. The recipient is required to pursue a degree and career in the energy industry.

This year's recipient is Tanner Nelson of Nucla High School. Tanner is a member of the National Honor Society and senior class officer. He volunteers for the West End Public Schools, Bountiful Baskets and the Community Garden Club. Tanner will be attending Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, CO to study environmental geology. His goal is to secure a career in the uranium industry.

We also awarded one \$2,000 SMPA scholarship to one graduating senior from each local high school, two \$500 Tri-State scholarships, and one \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship. These scholarships are awarded based on overall academic performance, community involvement, student need, and a brief essay.

The scholarship recipients are selected from a blind evaluation by a volunteer committee. Thanks to these volunteers for their time and effort. Information about SMPA's scholarship opportunities is available online at www.smpa.com.

\$2,000 SMPA Scholarship Recipients	
Morgan Rummel, Norwood Tanner Nelson, Nucla Bonnie Hansen, Ouray	Daxanna Pettit, Ridgway William Custer, Silverton Carson, Brumley, Telluride
\$500 Tri-State Scholarship Recipients	
Cirkine Sherry, Telluride Tristan Purdy, Telluride	
\$1,000 Basin Electric Scholarship Recipient	
Morgan Rummell, Norwood	
\$10,000 Wes Perrin Memorial Scholarship Recipient	
Tanner Nelson, Nucla	



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Telluride Affordable Housing Going Solar

Last month the town of Telluride took an unprecedented step in providing local renewable energy for its citizens living in affordable housing facilities. The town purchased 109 kilowatts, or 464 panels, in SMPA's Community Solar Array and dedicated them to affordable housing units in town.

This is the largest single purchase from SMPA's Community Solar Array today and is also one of the first examples of a local government investing in community-owned renewable energy on its citizens' behalf.

The town will divvy the 464 solar panels among the Telluride Housing Authority's affordable housing units, allotting one panel for one bedroom units, two for two bedroom units and three for

three bedroom units. Members residing within these units will receive a credit on their electric bill for the amount of energy their panels produce.

"Collaborating with SMPA and Clean Energy Collective is helping us work towards the aggressive challenge we set several years ago. There is still a long journey ahead, but this project has positively impacted 20% of our population. They'll be offsetting their energy use and working to achieve individual energy reduction goals," said Mayor of Telluride Stu Fraser.

SMPA's Community Solar Array is a one megawatt solar photovoltaic plant located in Paradox Valley, CO. Residential and commercial members are eligible to participate in the array by

purchasing panels from the array and having their electric bill credited for the amount of energy the panels produce. Depending on available rebates and tax credits panel prices can vary from \$700 to \$800 per panel. Each panel is 235 watts and produces approximately \$45 worth of electricity per year.

For more information about SMPA's Community Solar array visit www.smpasolar.com or email kristin.kuhlman@easy-cleanenergy.com.



Right: Mayor of Telluride Stu Fraser signs the contract to purchase 109 kilowatts of locally generated renewable energy from SMPA's Community Solar Array. Also, pictured are MPA Manager of Member Services/Marketing Brad Zaporski, and two Town of Telluride Staffers.

Below: SMPA's Community Solar Array in Paradox Valley.

