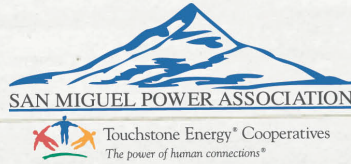


Green Fund 2025 Impact Report



Dear neighbor,

When you participate in Totally Green or Green Blocks, your monthly contributions support SMPA's Green Fund, which invests in local renewable energy, weatherization for income-qualified homes, and beneficial electrification rebates for homes and businesses.

Together, we're helping build a cleaner energy future and creating opportunities for new community-based sustainability projects. Woo-hoo!

With gratitude,
Your neighbors at SMPA

Meet one of YOUR neighbors...

John Sturdevant operates the Coal Creek Hydropower Plant between Ouray and Ridgway and co-manages the historic Ouray Hydropower Plant with owner Eric Jacobson.

After beginning his hydropower career under Jacobson's mentorship, Sturdevant moved to Ouray in 2014 to oversee both facilities.

Together with the 800-kW Ouray Hydropower Plant, the two facilities generate enough renewable electricity to power 400–500 homes.



**Ouray Hydropower utilizes extremely
acidic water from red creek that
“eats the pipes before your eyes,”
Sturdevant notes.**

Maintenance involves diligent monitoring and patching of pipes. Sturdevant points out that neither of these systems draw water from fish habitat, meaning that the negative environmental impact from these systems is negligible. Year-round maintenance also supports the local economy through regional suppliers and expertise.

Because hydropower produces its greatest output when electricity demand is highest, it provides a valuable complement to other renewable energy sources.

Ouray Hydro and Coal Creek Hydro are among the local renewable energy projects supplying power to participants in SMPA's Totally Green Program.

As new hydropower, solar, and battery storage projects come online, they will strengthen our local energy mix and help build a more resilient electric grid.



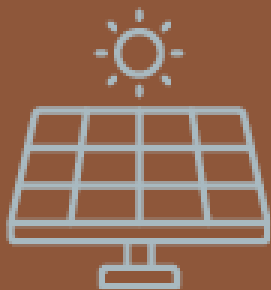
Here's
what's
happening
in your
back yard:



351 rebates
in 2025



4 hydro power
projects



3 solar projects

Thanks to local support and subscriptions to the Totally Green Program, Sturdevant and Jacobson continue to operate two local micro-hydropower plants that responsibly generate clean electricity for our communities. Subscriptions to the Totally Green program support Green Fund initiatives and make it possible for dreams about other local renewable projects to become reality.

Thank YOU for being 1 of over 460 community members who make the Green Fund possible. We do have one request...

Share with a friend or neighbor WHY you participate in the Totally Green or Green Blocks programs. There is a long list of good reasons, but your decision to participate is unique to you. And that's worth sharing!

