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YOUR SAN MIGUEL POWER MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office to reach our 24-hour dispatch.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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SPRING CLEANING SAFETY

- ☑ Ensure tools are in good condition
- ☑ Avoid overloading circuits
- ☑ Maintain 10 ft. clearances from overhead power lines

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FEATURE STORY

Retiring Over \$600,000 in Member Dividends

SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION (SMPA) IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE RETIRING OVER \$600,000 IN MEMBER DIVIDENDS TO OUR MEMBER-OWNERS THIS YEAR.

What are member dividends? As a nonprofit electric cooperative, SMPA operates on a not-for-profit basis. Any margins or profits the co-op earns are allocated back to our members in the form of member dividends. These credits represent each member's proportionate share of the cooperative's margins.

Member dividends are unique to the cooperative business model. Investor-owned utilities pay dividends to shareholders, while municipal utilities return any excess revenues to the local government. But as a member-owned cooperative, SMPA allocates and periodically retires member dividends directly to our members.

This year, SMPA is pleased to be able to retire over \$600,000 in member capital to our membership. This retirement represents SMPA's continued commitment to the cooperative principles of democratic member control and the equitable distribution of excess revenues.

If you have any questions about member dividends or your account, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We're here to serve you, the member-owners of SMPA.



It's easy.

It's free.

...and it matters.



Save the Date

Thursday, June 4th
4:30 PM - 7 PM, Nucla



SMPA 2026 ANNUAL MEETING
LANDSCAPE OF OPPORTUNITIES

Voting Members of District #3 & #6: How will you vote? By Mail? Drop off? Paperless? To access all your voting options, set your email app to trust this address: "noreply@directvote.net"

LINEWORKER APPRECIATION

(In your words)

Thank you And thank you so much for the prompt service.

October 30, 2025

Amazing work!! Shoutout to the crew!

October 9, 2025

Great job communicating and performing the repair work - even on a Sunday of a Holiday weekend!

May 25, 2025

Kudos to you all!

May 25, 2025

Thank you!

May 25, 2025

Thank you for your hard work and restoring power quickly!! You guys rock!!!

April 17, 2025

We are back on! Thank you for the quick response!

April 17, 2025

Big thanks to our line crews

April 14, 2025

All comments from the SMPA Facebook page responses to outage notifications. March, 2025 to March, 2026.



Earth Day is a Great Time to Sign Up to Support Local Renewable Projects!

Did you know that SMPA purchases power from 6 local renewable sources?

- Pandora Hydroelectric, Telluride
- Last Dollar Solar, Telluride
- Ouray Hydroelectric, Ouray
- Coal Creek Hydroelectric, Ouray County
- I.Q. Solar, Norwood
- Paradox Solar, Paradox

Contributions to SMPA's Totally Green, and other programs go to support these Power Purchase Agreements. If you're contributing to SMPA's Green Fund, THANK YOU! If you're thinking about it, you can be part of our local solution.

Sign up at smpa.com/content/sign-totally-green.



GIVE BLOOD

WEDNESDAY, APR. 15

11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

170 W. 10TH AVE., NUCLA

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SMPA POWER PLAY

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE:
C L TIERED COIN STORE

Hint: Coming Up.

Last Month's Answer: Distribution Systems
Last Month's Winner: Katelyn Contillo, Rico

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER and be entered into a drawing for a fun prize to:

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Have you changed your phone # or email?
Let us know at 1-877-864-7311