

## STAFF REPORT

TO: Summit County Council  
FROM: Lisa Yoder, Sustainability Program Manager  
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SUBJECT: SCPW Solar Program

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*This staff report offers the background of the SPCW Solar Program in conjunction with the launch of the 2019 program being announced by Ryan Anderson, SCPW Solar program administrator.*

## BACKGROUND

Summit County Resolution 2017-16 established aggressive greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and objectives toward those goals that guide the work of staff:

- Actively seek to implement strategies and policies to encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) countywide by 80% below their 2014 level by 2050.
- Make renewable electrical energy obtainable, and adopted broadly, by all residents and businesses in Summit County by 2032.
- Pursue policies to increase energy efficiency in the public and private sectors...and explore the use of incentives, bulk purchasing programs...toward achievement of energy efficiency gains.

To achieve Council's goals and respond to residents' request to repeat the community solar program that was offered in 2013 and 2016, the SCPW Solar Program is being launched July 30, 2019.

This community solar program model was created by Utah Clean Energy and has been successfully replicated in various communities throughout Utah. SCPW Solar will provide residents with a simplified method to obtain renewable energy through a bulk purchase to obtain discounted pricing. Installations will be completed by a fully vetted solar PV contractor who has been selected by a volunteer committee of residents.

This year an emphasis has been placed on energy efficiency as the most direct, least cost approach to reduce GHG emissions by decreasing energy consumption. The selected solar PV contractor will recommend energy efficiency measures to the program participants that, if implemented, reduce the size of the solar PV system needed to provide a greater portion of a buildings' electricity needs with clean, renewable energy.

Ryan Anderson will provide a [power point presentation](#) (attached) to explain the SCPW Solar Program details and respond to any questions.

## NEXT STEPS

- Launch SCPW Solar July 30, 2019.
- Volunteer Education and Outreach committee will promote SCPW Solar through fall 2019.
- SCPW Solar PV systems installations through end of 2019.
- Staff and SCPW program administrator report program results to Council (January, 2020).