## **2018 POWER CONTENT LABEL**

#### City of Palo Alto Utilities

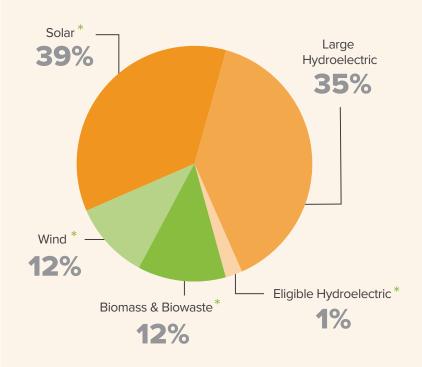
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This flyer informs customers of the sources of power purchased by City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU) for distribution within the City of Palo Alto. Information is provided on page 2 in the form of a Power Content Label, which is very much like a nutrition label and helps consumers make informed decisions.

Palo Alto electricity has been 100% carbon neutral since 2013.

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CarbonNeutral

Carbon neutral electric power comes from a variety of sources. Some power comes from renewable, carbon-free resources such as solar, wind and small hydroelectric plants. Large hydroelectric sources are also carbon-free, but are not considered eligible renewables by the state.



\* Eligible Renewables

### **POWER SOURCES**

In 2018, CPAU's hydroelectric generation was somewhat lower than long-term average levels due to relatively dry weather conditions. However, due to the number of renewable energy projects that it has under contract, CPAU still had a small energy surplus and sold the excess generation on the market. 100% of CPAU's power remains carbon neutral. CPAU power sources include five solar photovoltaic (PV) projects in the Central Valley (Newman, Bakersfield, Kettleman City, and two in Lancaster), the High Winds and Shiloh wind projects, California landfill gas-fired projects in Watsonville, Half Moon Bay, Pittsburg, Gonzales, and Linden, the Calaveras hydroelectric project, and the Western Area Power Administration (Western) contract. Western power comes from California Central Valley Project hydroelectric facilities. Percentages vary annually based on the available output from our contracted hydroelectric, solar, wind and landfill gas generators.



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ENERGY RESOURCES	POWER MIX	2018 CA POWER MIX**
Eligible Renewable	65%***	31%
Biomass & biowaste	12%	2%
Geothermal	0%	5%
Eligible hydroelectric	1%	2%
Solar	39%	11%
Wind	12%	11%
Coal	0%	3%
Large Hydroelectric	35%	11%
Natural Gas	0%	35%
Nuclear	0%	9%
Other	0%	<1%
Unspecified sources of power*	0%	11%
TOTAL	100%	100%

<sup>\*</sup> Unspecified sources of power means electricity from transactions that are not traceable to specific generation sources.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Figures may not sum exactly due to rounding.

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	(650) 329-2161	
For general information about the Power Content Label, consult the California Energy Commission at:	California Energy Commission	
	In California: 1 (844) 454-2906	
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	http://www.energy.ca.gov/pcl	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.