WHERE DOES OUR **ELECTRICITY COME FROM?**



LARGE HYDROELECTRIC 38.3%



BIOMASS AND BIOWASTE 7.2%



SOLAR 21.7%



WIND

4.0%



ELIGIBLE HYDROELECTRIC

0.8%



UNSPECIFIED POWER 27.8%

100% CARBON NEUTRAL ELECTRICITY SINCE 2013

Like a nutrition facts label that shows the ingredients in food, the Power Content Label shows the sources of electricity purchased by City of Palo Alto Utilities to power local homes and businesses.

Carbon neutral electricity comes from a variety of sources, including renewable resources like solar, wind and small hydroelectric plants. Large hydroelectric sources are also carbon-free, but the state of California doesn't consider them renewable.

Since 2016 the City of Palo Alto Utilities has had long-term contracts with California-based renewable energy providers to provide 100% carbon neutral power to the community. In 2020, as the value of in-state renewable energy rose, CPAU began taking a regional approach to purchasing power, selling its higher-priced renewable energy and buying the most cost-efficient renewable energy from outside the state. This program generates earnings (totaling \$4.9 million for 2020-21) which are being split between pandemic rate relief and investments in local decarbonization efforts necessary to meet our ambitious climate goals. Although the power sourced outof-state remains carbon neutral, it's not recognized as renewable by the state and is labeled as "unspecified."

Palo Alto is reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2030

POWER SOURCES IN 2021 CPAU power sources include five solar PV projects, two wind projects, five landfill gas-fired projects, the Calaveras hydroelectric project, and the Western Area Power Administration (Western) contract, which is sourced from Central Valley Project hydroelectric facilities. All of these resources are located in California. Power supply percentages vary annually based on the available output from our contracted generators. In 2021, CPAU's hydroelectric generation was significantly lower than long-term average levels due to extremely dry weather conditions, so CPAU needed to purchase additional renewable generation from other utilities in the western US.



PaloAltoGreen's Prospective Product Content Label^b for 2022 Consists of 100% Wind Energy^c

- ^a PaloAltoGreen is a voluntary renewable energy program from City of Palo Alto Utilities that matches up to 100% of your estimated monthly electricity usage with Green-e® certified Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from new renewable energy resources, specifically from generation facilities that first began commercial operation in the last 15 years.
- **b** Prospective Product Content Label: These figures reflect the renewables that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before October 1st of next year in the form of a Historical Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased.
- Sourced from wind energy RECs located in the western U.S. (CA, OR, WA, ID, NV, UT, AZ, MT, WY, CO, or NM) or Canada (BC or AB).

PaloAltoGreen...

PaloAltoGreen is Green-e® Energy certified and meets the environmental and consumer protection standards set forth by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions.



For more information on Green-e® Certified Energy, call 1-888-63-GREEN or visit green-e.org

PaloAltoGreen 2021 Historical Product Content Label (reflected in the "Palo Alto Green" column of the table on page 2): These figures reflect the powe delivered to PaloAltoGreen's customers in 2021. 'Other' and 'Unspecified Power' sourced from wind energy facilities in Colorado.

Find more details at cityofpaloalto.org/PowerContentLabel and cityofpaloalto.org/CarbonNeutral



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Greenhous (se Gas Emissions Intensity (Ibs CO ₂ e/MWh)	s Intensity	Energy Resources	Palo Alto Green	CPAU Standard Rate	2021 CA Power Mix
Balo Alto Groon	CBALL Standard Data	ODALI Standard Date of thills, Average	Eligible Renewable	%0'0	33.7%	33.6%
רמוס אונס סופפון	or Ac Standard Nate	2021 On Other Average	Biomass & Biowaste	%0.0	7.2%	2.3%
747	273	456	Geothermal	%0.0	%0.0	4.8%
1000			Eligible Hydroelectric	%0.0	%8.0	1.0%
] - 	■ Pale	■ Palo Alto Green	Solar	%0.0	21.7%	14.2%
800			Wind	%0.0	4.0%	11.4%
			Coal	%0'0	%0'0	3.0%
009	■ CP	CPAU Standard Rate	Large Hydroelectric	0.0%	38.3%	9.2%
400			Natural Gas	%0.0	0.2%	37.9%
			Nuclear	%0.0	%0.0	9.3%
200		2021 CA Utility	Other	20.8%	%0.0	0.2%
c	Ave	Average	Unspecified Power ²	79.2%	27.8%	%8.9
Þ			TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percentage		overed by Retired	of Retail Sales Covered by Retired Unbundled RECs ³ :	%62	45%	

¹The eligible renewable percentage above does not reflect RPS compliance, which is determined using a different methodology. ²Unspecified power is electricity that has been purchased through open market transactions and is not traceable to a specific generation source.

³Renewable energy credits (RECs) are tracking instruments issued for renewable generation. Unbundled renewable energy credits (RECs) represent renewable generation that was not delivered to serve retail sales. Unbundled RECs are not reflected in the power mix or GHG emissions intensities above.

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portfolio, contact:	(650) 329-2161
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For additional questions, please contact the	Toll-free in California: 844-454-2906
California Energy Commission at:	Outside California: 916-653-0237