

# Sustainable Happenings

## A New Year, a Year in Review, & Moab's Ten-Year Sustainability Plan

Moab has had a long history of environmental stewardship:

- Bike Friendly Community – number of lanes and programs
- U.S. EPA Green Power Partner – demonstrates a plan to adopt and implement a percentage of community-wide renewable energy
- Tree City Designation (22 years) – set expenditures and maintenance

2018 was a stellar sustainability year! Moab was selected by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Lab to participate in a collaborative research effort to accelerate the adoption of renewables as part of the Solar Energy Innovation Network. The consultant expertise is worth close to \$100,000.

Moab received a consultant grant from Rocky Mountain as part of being named the first wattSmart community. The award covered development of a Community Energy Plan that was worth \$30,000. The Plan was developed with the input of over 20 community members over a period of three half-day workshops. It is available on the City's website and [sustainablemoab.com](http://sustainablemoab.com).



Community members are eligible for FREE starter kits for their homes (i.e., LEDs, aerators) and several incredible rebates: air conditioners - \$300; select gas furnaces - \$100; insulation .10/sq. ft.; smart thermostats - \$50 and many more.

The City received a RMP grant to install ten electric vehicle-charging stations and an addition grant from the state to pilot an electric mower rebate program this spring.

The most exciting new of 2018 was the signing of two resolutions a Clean Energy Cooperation Agreement and a Memorandum of Understandings with RMP to build two Blue Sky Solar Arrays – one very large production site will be located at the Golf Course and a second at the new Water Reclamation Plant. The amount of energy at the Golf Course is enough to power 100 homes. We can cool the community without warming the planet.

Residents and businesses can apply to use Blue Sky Clean energy through [rockymountainpower.net](http://rockymountainpower.net) for a slightly higher bill you can power your home by solar rather than the current mix of 60% coal. For the past 18 years, the community used approximately 1.2 % of renewables but in the last year and half the percentage rose to 6%. The majority of the rise was from businesses and organizations joining the Green to Gold Business Program to help strengthen the community.

The City offices have solar on nearly every building and subscribes to Blue Sky that accounts for over 70% of our energy coming from clean sources.

The City passed a C-PACE Resolution that allows businesses to receive no interest 20 year loans for retrofits or new construction built 5% above code. Together we can create a healthier more sustainable community and you can help. On January 18 from 2-4 at the Moab Information Center – stop by with two sustainability resolutions in exchange for a re-useable cloth bag. The resolutions will be posted on the City website. If you cannot make it to the MIC, a limited number of bags will be available at City Hall, the Multi-Cultural Center and the Food Bank the last week in January. Lastly, in February the City will be soliciting additional recommendations for our first Ten Year Sustainability Plan.

For more info: [rockymountainpower.net/incentives](http://rockymountainpower.net/incentives) (rebates), [rockymountainpower.net/res/bsre](http://rockymountainpower.net/res/bsre) C-PACE Lunch & Learn (January 9th) or [sustainablemoab.com](http://sustainablemoab.com)



### Free Reuseable Bags at the "MoabFirst" Event on January 18<sup>th</sup>

The "MoabFirst" event will take place on January 18, 2018, in front of the Moab Information Center on the corner of Main and Center Streets (weather permitting). The Moab Area Travel Council will be giving away the reusable bag to anyone in Moab supporting the Moab City Plastic Bag Ban. We will ask each person, before they receive the bag, what two things they will do to support sustainability in 2019. This is the beginning of the "MoabFirst" Sustainable Tourism Program from The Moab Area Travel Council to appreciate, protect, and preserve all that we have here in Grand County

"MoabFirst" brings together the local community, business owners, land agencies, local Government Departments, and Grand County, Utah Stakeholders to develop the short-term and long-term Sustainable Tourism Criteria for Moab, Utah. Setting short and long term goals will allow the "MoabFirst" Sustainable Tourism Committee to plan, execute, and monitor the Criteria for the future of Moab, Grand County local community and its visitors.

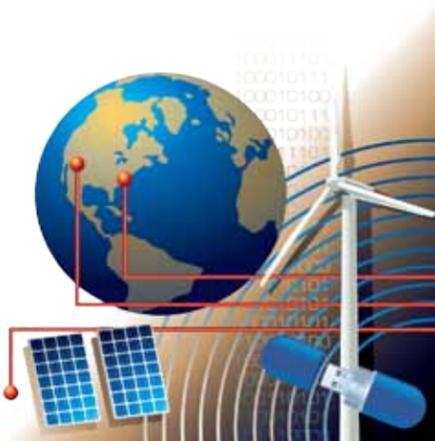
Sustainable Tourism is defined by the United National World Tourism Organization as "Tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment and host communities".

## Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky Customers are Greening Holiday Lights with Renewable Energy

by Tiffany Erickson, External Communications & Media Relations

Holiday festivities in five Utah communities are now supported by renewable energy

From the Hogle Zoo Lights to the Moab Christmas tree lighting and parade, communities throughout Utah are getting support from Blue Sky participants to "green" the energy used to power their holiday lights.



Together, these holiday lighting displays are being "greened" with about 115 megawatt hours of renewable energy. The impact of this effort allows these communities to reduce their carbon footprint by a combined 47.15 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

"Powering lights for community holiday celebrations is a century-old tradition for Rocky Mountain Power," said Keven Hoopiaina, Blue Sky program manager. "Blue Sky customers have been greening the holiday lights in communities across the service area for more than 10 years. It's a great way to join in the holiday festivities while raising awareness for the value of renewable energy."

Communities in Utah greening their holiday light displays this year include the Hogle Zoo, City Creek Center, and Downtown in Salt Lake City, Moab and Park City

Rocky Mountain Power customers can also celebrate



the season by greening their own homes and businesses. Through Blue Sky, customers can choose to support renewable energy equal to all or part of their energy use and start reducing their carbon footprint today.

"Blue Sky customers support wind, solar and other renewable sources," said Hoopiaina. "The program helps customers reduce their carbon footprint and helps drive demand for more renewable energy in our region."

Since 2006, Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky customers have voluntarily supported wind and solar energy generation in the region. Blue Sky has also provided more than \$10 million in funding to community-based renewable energy projects. More information about the Blue Sky program is available at [www.rockymountainpower.net/bluesky](http://www.rockymountainpower.net/bluesky).

#### About Blue Sky

Blue Sky provides an easy and convenient way for customers to support the development of renewable energy resources in the western United States and in their state. Blue Sky renewable energy is separate from, and in addition to, what Rocky Mountain Power buys or generates to serve its customers. The program is Green-e Energy certified by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Rocky Mountain Power currently has more than 50,000 Blue Sky customers throughout Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

#### About Rocky Mountain Power

Rocky Mountain Power provides safe and reliable electric service to more than a million customers in Utah, Wyoming and Idaho. The company works to meet customers' growing electricity needs while protecting and enhancing the environment. Rocky Mountain Power is part of PacifiCorp, one of the lowest-cost electricity providers in the United States. More information available at [rockymountainpower.net](http://rockymountainpower.net).

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