

### The Real Drivers of the Energy Affordability Crisis









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# Colton Electric Publicly Owned Utility





Celebrating 130 years

## **Colton Electric Utility Introduction**



#### **Colton Demographics**

Population- 56,000 Service Area- 16 sq. miles 16,500 -Residential Rate-payers 2700- Commercial Rate-payers



#### WHAT IS A PUBLICLY-OWNED UTILITY?

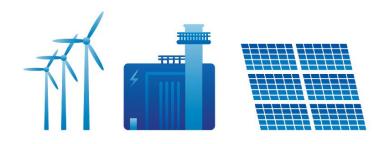
Your Electric Utility in the City of Colton is not a private for-profit company, it is a **not-for-profit public utility**, which means we are focused solely on providing quality and competitively priced power service to our community.

- Publicly owned by you, the Colton community!
- Meeting the electricity needs of Colton's businesses and community since 1895
- Being public means Colton Electric has accountability & transparency with our community



#### WHERE DOES COLTON'S POWER COME FROM?

Before it gets to you, the Colton Electric rate-payer, the power for our city is pulled from many sources, with the goal of making Colton as **sustainable** as possible. These sources of power are called the **Power Mix.** 



- 50% comes from near-zero carbon sources like solar and wind
- 88.5 MW total power
- Over 13 locations across 3 states
- For more information about where your power comes from, go to coltononline.com

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY?

As a Public Utility, Colton Electric is able to invest in programs and infrastructure improvements for our community that go beyond our primary goal of providing reliable and affordable electricity.

- 100% focused on **local goals**
- Boosts local **employment**
- Sustainability efforts make Colton a safer, cleaner,
   healthier place to live for you and your family
- Electric Utility revenues help fund critical city services
- Community investment in programs like Low Income Community Solar and charging stations for Electric Vehicles



## **How Colton Identifies Energy Equity Programs**

Demographics are important - we have two ways to receive data:



 From the Economic Development staff (Colton received data from ESRI)



2. State Department of Finance, in California Cal EnviroScreen 4.0



Home Ownership Vs Rentals

- % of low-income and State data
- Housing stock: age of the homes

## **QUESTIONS?**

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