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Green Leadership in Action: MCE Recognizes Bay Area Changemakers

MCE Honors Three Local Leaders with its 14th Annual Charles McGlashan Awards

SAN RAFAEL and CONCORD, Calif. — Three Bay Area environmental leaders have been recognized for their dedication to a cleaner, healthier future.

On April 17, 2025, MCE's Board of Directors honored the three recipients of its annual Charles F. McGlashan Advocacy Awards, established in 2011 to commemorate the legacy of MCE's founding Chairman, Charles F. McGlashan. The award recognizes local changemakers for their outstanding environmental leadership and commitment to building climate-ready communities.

This year's honorees include:

- The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
- RCF Connects
- Andrew Bradley, Program Manager, City of St. Helena

"Our communities thrive when passionate leaders step up to advance clean energy and drive our future in sustainability," said Shanelle Scales-Preston, MCE Board Chair and member of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. **"These honorees embody the spirit of environmental stewardship and inspire us to push forward in our fight against the climate crisis."**

The Concord Chamber of Commerce

The Concord Chamber of Commerce has been a champion of MCE's Small Business Energy Advantage program, helping 47 businesses access free energy assessments and upgrades since its October 2024 launch, with nine projects completed.

"Helping local businesses embrace clean energy is a win for our economy and our environment," said Kevin Cabral, President and CEO of the Concord Chamber of Commerce. **"We're proud to partner with MCE to bring cost-saving, energy-efficient solutions to our community."**

RCF Connects

RCF Connects has been a key partner in MCE's Richmond [Virtual Power Plant \(VPP\) pilot](#) project, converting blighted properties into modern, energy-efficient affordable homes for first-time, lower-income buyers.

"Clean energy and equity go hand in hand," said Jim Becker, CEO of RCF Connects. **"That's why we've invested over \$19 million in advancing affordable homeownership, rental assistance, and emergency housing support, across Contra Costa County. Through our partnership with MCE, we're turning vision into action—creating affordable, sustainable homes and uplifting communities in Richmond."**

Andrew Bradley, Program Manager, City of St. Helena

Andrew Bradley significantly amplified MCE's presence in St. Helena through a strategic co-branding initiative and EV advocacy, resulting in increased community education and engagement.

"Providing our community with access to clean energy resources is key to building a sustainable future," said Bradley. **"Working with MCE will make clean energy more accessible and actionable for our residents."**

MCE's work is possible thanks to partnerships with outstanding environmental leaders. To collaborate with MCE to advance a clean energy future, contact engagement@mceCleanEnergy.org.

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About MCE: *MCE is a not-for-profit public agency and the preferred electricity provider for more than 585,000 customer accounts and 1.5 million residents and businesses across Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano counties. Setting the standard for clean energy in California since 2010, MCE leads with 60-100% renewable, fossil-free power at stable rates, serving a 1400 MW peak load, significantly reducing greenhouse emissions, and reinvesting millions in local programs. For more information about MCE, visit mcecleanenergy.org, or follow us on your preferred social platform @mceCleanEnergy.*