

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

AMP submitted more than 325 compliance reports, performed more than 100 site inspections of AMP assets — with no violations cited by any regulatory agencies — and submitted nine Renewable Energy Certification (REC) applications for five facilities across six states. In addition, a recently developed environmental audit program was conducted at three hydroelectric plants.

The EcoSmart Choice program continued to grow in 2017, adding a new member and nearly 200 customers. EcoSmart Choice offers a green-pricing option for individuals and companies who are interested in purchasing up to 100 percent renewable energy through the purchase of RECs. Participating communities purchased more than 43,419 MWh of green power through the program in 2017.

AMP continued its efforts in the Focus Forward Advisory Council (FFAC). A new strategic plan was implemented for the FFAC, the member extranet was simplified and distributed energy resource (DER) interconnection templates were developed for members.

AMP members asked for more flexible energy efficiency options, which became available with the rollout of Efficiency Smart 3.0. Efficiency Smart can now better serve the different needs of different communities. The Efficiency Smart program grew by two members in 2017, with the addition of Versailles and Montpelier. The program currently is under active consideration by four additional communities.

The results of the Efficiency Smart contract for 2014–2016 were completed and verified in 2017, and the program exceeded expectations, achieving 146 percent of its three-year MWh savings target. All participating member communities achieved guaranteed energy savings.

In addition to work performed under the Efficiency Smart program, the AMP Direct Connections (Key Accounts) program orchestrated and finalized nine U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) grant-subsidized energy audits and 14 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant-subsidized energy audits for members subscribed to the Direct Connection program. Since its inception, the Direct Connections program has been awarded nearly \$600,000 in grant funds to assist program participants with their business retention efforts by providing energy efficiency education, training and energy audits for key accounts located in member communities.

Look for more detailed information regarding AMP's sustainability, including reforestation efforts and environmental filings in the separate 2017 Sustainability Report.

