

## Director Candidate Petitions Available

*Three board seats open this year*

Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. is governed by seven directors representing the three districts of the cooperative's service area. Three seats on the Anza Electric Cooperative Board of Directors will be open for election this July.

AEC's democratically elected Board of Directors is responsible for setting policy for the only electric distribution cooperative in Southern California. Directors are committed to policies that result in a safe and reliable electric system, fair rates, financial responsibility and superior member service.

Each year, eligible AEC members can seek nomination for director positions up for election through the petition process established by AEC's Bylaws.

Each position on the Board of Directors is held by a cooperative member with each term consisting of three years.

The AEC board meets once a month. At times, the directors are asked to represent the cooperative at additional meetings. Directors are expected to travel and attend educational seminars leading to board certification.

This year's election is for positions currently held by Belinda Hepler, Ryall Stewart and Michael Machado.

If you are interested in having your name placed as a candidate on the ballot you can pick up a candidate packet containing a petition, candidate declaration of eligibility and resume' form at the cooperative office or download the packet from the AEC website at [www.anzaelectric.org](http://www.anzaelectric.org).

Thirty valid member signatures are required for each candidate petition. If two names are listed on a membership account, only one person is eligible to sign the petition.

All AEC members in good standing and residing within the cooperative service area may become a director, except for employees of the cooperative and those who are in any way employed or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electrical energy or electric or plumbing appliances to the cooperative.

The deadline for returning petitions is **May 21, 2014**.

The director positions will be filled when the election results are announced at the annual membership meeting on Saturday, July 19, 2014.

## Director Responsibilities

### Mission and purpose

The Board regularly evaluates whether decisions and policies help the Cooperative successfully further its commitment to serving our communities by providing excellent member services, and safe and reliable energy services at a competitive price.

### Governance

The Cooperative's Board of Directors approves and may amend business rules and rates, which govern the Cooperative's dealings with members.

### Legal and ethical accountability

AEC board members adopt and enforce policies, resolutions and actions governing ethical conduct, accountability and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

### Financial oversight

The Board of Directors establishes financial targets and goals and approves the Cooperative's budget. Board members also review and approve significant investments, loans and acquisitions, and the rates and terms for providing electric service to Cooperative members. The board is responsible for evaluating periodic financial statements, reports and information, and considering internal control procedures.

### Operational oversight

The Board discharges its duty to manage the affairs of the Cooperative by delegating day-to-day management responsibilities to the General Manager. The General Manager is hired by and answers to the Board. Board members consider and approve AEC business initiatives.

**AEC debuted its Facebook page earlier this year!  
We'll be utilizing the page for special events,  
energy savings tips, outage updates and more!**



# Looking for a discount on some great food?



Local merchants, like Jilberto's Taco Shop, are teaming up with your local cooperatives to offer you discounts. Just take your Co-op Connections Card wherever you go. Pull it out anywhere you see a Co-op Connections sticker. And say hello to savings.

*The card is yours. The savings are yours. All because you're a member of a Touchstone Energy cooperative. And we're always looking out for you. To learn more, visit [www.anzaelectric.org](http://www.anzaelectric.org).*

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Using your Co-op Connections card at *Jilbertos Taco Shop* in Anza can get you a discount on some great food but don't forget that handy little card can get you discounts on many other things.

These local businesses also provide great discounts. So, flash your card and get your discount!

A Sweet Slice Bakery & Catering  
Allied Electric  
Alpacas of Anza Valley  
Back on the Rack Thrift Store  
Blackmore Electrical, Inc.  
Brian Kennedy Construction  
Coach2Ride - Offroad Instruction  
Dairy Queen  
Dance Magic  
Dennis Does It - Plumbing Repairs  
Diner 371  
Dorothy's Salon  
ERA Excel Realty  
Folioflare Marketing & Design  
Freedom Electric  
Harold's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning  
Heartstone Capital Mgt, Inc.  
Heritage Well Service

High Country Nursery  
Hydrascope Engineering Co.  
Jess Barragan Nursery  
Jilberto's Taco Shop  
La Cocina Mexican Restaurant  
Lizzy Anne's Garden Center  
Lorraine's Pet Supply & Pet Grooming  
Merrie's Massage  
Mountain Communities Telephone Directory  
Mountain Top Delivery  
NAPA Auto Parts - Anza  
Packard Construction  
Prestige Painting  
Rob's Horseshoeing  
The Computer Doctor  
The Jam Lady  
The Rental Center  
Wise Windows Tinting & Blinds  
Wright Family Daycare

## Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. is warning its members about a nationwide scam involving bogus delinquent accounts and prepaid cards.

It works like this: callers contact cooperative members to falsely tell them their account is delinquent, and demand that they purchase prepaid money cards to pay with. The scammers then either give the members a ten digit phone number that they can call and volunteer the prepaid card's number, or they tell the member they'll call back for the number in a certain amount of time- just enough to make the victim panic.

# Scam Alert!



Anza Electric has had a four customers report being contacted. All were told they would have their power shut off if they didn't purchase a prepaid card immediately.

Most recently, a local business was contacted after business hours with the threat of disconnection. They paid the amount demanded by the callers using a prepaid card.

Scams of this type have also been identified in many states. Members of a cooperative in Arizona were receiving scam calls at the same time AEC was receiving reports from its members.

If you feel you are being contacted by one of these scammers or that the call is not legitimate, do the following:

- Ask for the name of the caller.
- If you can, get the caller's phone number off of caller ID.
- Get as much information as you can and then tell them you'll be calling Anza Electric Cooperative to make sure the call is legitimate.

Be particularly suspicious of any calls that come in after business hours, as that is not normal AEC practice.

Hang up, call law enforcement and contact AEC's office at 951-763-4333. AEC's office hours are Monday -Friday, 7:30 - 4:00 p.m.