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Top Resources

It appears unlikely that the White House, Republicans, and Democrats will reach an agreement on COVID-19 relief legislation prior to the election. However, APPA continues to advocate for public power's priorities in a future COVID-19 relief bill, with our top priority being the inclusion of a forgivable loan program for public power utilities impacted by customer non-payments due to the pandemic. We strongly encourage all APPA members to contact their Senators and Representatives to express support for including this language in the COVID relief package should negotiations resume.

The public power [Mutual Aid Working Group](#) swung into action again to support those most affected by Hurricane Sally that impacted Alabama and a portion of the Florida panhandle. Check out APPA's [talking points](#) on hurricane preparedness and mutual aid during a pandemic.

APPA announced a [new partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Community Solar Partnership](#) (NCSP) to expand access to technical assistance for public power utilities working on providing community solar. Please email DEED@PublicPower.org for more information.

The current round of cybersecurity program funding from DOE ends on September 30. Access the guidance documents [here](#). The [Cybersecurity Scorecard program](#) will remain available at no cost until September 30, 2020. Please direct any questions to Cybersecurity@PublicPower.org.

Get an illustrated overview of the numerous COVID-related activities/resources we are providing to public power during these trying times in this [infographic](#), and access our latest

COVID-19 resources [here \(member login required\)](#).

Upcoming APPA Academy events include the [Legal & Regulatory Virtual Conference](#) (Oct. 13-14) and the [Customer Connections Virtual Conference](#) (Oct. 27-28). Be sure to check out the Academy's full array of [virtual education and training opportunities](#), including in-depth classes, webinars, summits, and conferences.

APPA is hosting a PublicPower X webinar with Siemens Energy on [Defending the Energy Industry in a New Era of Cyberthreats](#) on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 2 PM EST. This PPX production is free to APPA members. Nonmembers can attend for \$225.

Public Power Week (October 4-10) is right around the corner. Check out APPA's turnkey resources [here](#) and encourage your community to participate in the #CommunityPoweredHero [poster contest](#).

APPA released a new [Policymakers Handbook: A Nuts and Bolts Guide to Governance in Public Power](#) to help guide utility leadership's and policymakers' governance strategies.

Top News

From *Public Power Daily*: [APPA's mutual aid network delivers smooth response to Hurricane Sally](#)

From *Public Power Daily*: [FERC issues final rule allowing DERs to participate in wholesale power markets](#)

From the *CEO Blog*: [The Heroes Among Us](#)