SNEW provides no-cost services to public agencies and small-medium businesses within the SNEW territory. These services have been paid for by the California Public Utilities Commission through PG&E’s public purpose program surcharge.

### Energy Efficiency Project Management
The SNEW team will help evaluate your facilities for energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. We will work with you to determine what energy-saving projects may be viable, including connecting projects to funding opportunities, and prioritize and manage the projects to completion. Our aim is to ensure a comprehensive, positive, and smooth transition to long-term energy savings and reduced energy costs.

### Energy Benchmarking
Energy benchmarking measures the energy performance of a building over time; assessing and analyzing the energy and water use of a building, then comparing it to the building’s past performance. Energy benchmarking allows us to identify areas where efficiency is lacking, decide on potential improvements, and make informed decisions about long-term energy management.

### Energy Audits
An energy audit is an analysis of a building to understand its energy use and identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption. Certified auditors begin with a review of the site’s billing data and the building’s layout. Energy audits may also include a walk-through survey to collect data on lighting, thermostats, HVAC systems, motor/pump status, and refrigeration conditions. The energy audit will result in a full report for the building owner. The report will include low-cost/no-cost recommendations, determine where the most energy is being used inefficiently, and estimate energy efficiency project costs and associated savings.

### Connection to Financial Resources
SNEW wants to help our communities save money and become more energy efficient. Some energy efficiency measures can be costly, but there are many funding opportunities available. We can help connect you with rebates, incentives, grants, and 0% interest financing. The 0% interest financing is a loan from PG&E that is paid back on your utility bill. This is known as On-Bill Financing (OBF). The monthly pay-back of the loan will be less than the predicted monthly savings, and paid off on your monthly utility bill. This means that you will have bill-neutrality, your monthly utility bill will not change until the loan is paid off. Once the loan is paid off, your utility bill will reflect the savings from your project implementation.

### Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories
A greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory helps identify and measure the sources of GHG pollutants emitted from a city or county. Typical major sources include building energy use, transportation, agriculture, water, and waste. By knowing where and by what quantity GHGs are coming from, emission reduction goals can be set and targeted actions can be taken to reduce emissions. Tracking emissions over time can also help municipalities meet state mandates and local emission goals.

### Energy Action Plans
An energy action plan (EAP) lays out strategies for measuring, planning, and reducing carbon emissions through better energy use and generation. Positive outcomes you can expect of an EAP are increased energy efficiency, reduced energy costs, reduced greenhouse gas emissions/improved air quality, adopted local renewable energy projects, strengthening energy reliability, and community safety in the event of an outage.