



Staff Report Item 4

TO: East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors

FROM: Bruce Jensen, Alameda County Community Development Agency (CDA)

SUBJECT: Informational Item – County Staff Updates

DATE: March 15, 2017

Staff Recommendation

Accept Staff Reports on update items below.

Contra Costa County Update

As directed by the JPA board, staff has increased its efforts to outreach to Contra Costa County and its cities to provide them information regarding East Bay Community Energy, and the terms of enrollment that would apply to them should they decide to join. Contra Costa County continues to weigh the benefits, pros and cons of joining either Marin Clean Energy or East Bay Community Energy. A technical study conducted by Contra Costa County yielded similar results to our own study, that a CCA program would be successful. However, Contra Costa County appears to be more interested in joining an existing program than starting one on its own. As such staff has provided Contra Costa County and its cities a term sheet highlighting the terms of enrollment, timing, cost to join, as well as the voting structure.

The interest in Community Choice programs in Contra Costa County seems to vary, depending on the makeup of its elected leadership, advocacy from its community and general knowledge of CCA. Some cities have been very active and have held a variety of community meetings, subcommittee meetings or even informational sessions at the city council's to discuss CCA, yet others have had no meetings at all. In response staff has contacted colleagues at each City to provide them basic information on the history of East Bay Community Energy, terms of enrollment and voting structure. This information addresses the most common questions and provides basic information on how East Bay Community Energy compares with Marin Clean Energy.

A critical meeting is likely happening on March 21st, at which the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will likely take action and decide which program to join, either EBCE or Marin Clean Energy. Staff believes that many of the cities in Contra Costa County are waiting to see what the County will do before deciding on their own how to proceed. It is likely that whatever choice Contra Costa County makes, many cities will follow suit.

The JPA chair and vice-chair hope to attend this meeting, as well as staff, to provide the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors with complete information so that they can make a well-informed decision. Additional representation from the JPA board is welcome, as a strong showing will demonstrate East Bay Community Energy's desire to bring in additional Contra Costa County cities. The consultant selected to conduct the local development business plan has also volunteered to attend the meeting on March 21st to provide Contra Costa County with information on how local development can manifest itself in their jurisdictions. Staff will continue to attend meetings in Contra Costa County cities for the next two – three weeks, and will reassess the schedule based on the outcome of the March 21st meeting. A complete schedule of the meetings known to date is attached.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

At the direction of your board, on March 8, 2017, the application period was closed for receipt of applications for positions on the CAC. Thirty-seven (37) individual applications were received, many with multiple supporting documents such as resumes, letters of recommendation and writing samples. These have been compiled by staff and by the time of this meeting, have been sent to the members of the ad hoc CAC Selection Committee (Chair Haggerty, Vice Chair Kalb, and Directors Arreguin, Bacon, and Ellis) appointed by your Board at the January meeting.

Staff is asking these Committee members to review these application forms in the next two weeks, and by using an online Poll to indicate their availability for a non-Brown Act meeting to discuss and if possible select a slate of nine (9) CAC candidates to recommend to the full Board. Staff reminds the CAC Selection Committee of the general requirements for choosing the CAC representatives and their terms of office:

- Community Advisory Committee...The Board...shall appoint members of the Community Advisory Committee from those individuals expressing interest in serving, and who represent a diverse cross-section of interests, skill sets and geographic regions. Members of the Community Advisory Committee shall serve staggered four-year terms (the first term of three of the members shall be two years, and four years thereafter), which may be renewed (JPA Agreement, Section 4.9)

After this process, Staff hopes to bring this recommendation to the full Board at its April meeting, and thereafter seat the new CAC as quickly as possible.

Attachment 4: Contra Costa County meeting schedule (as of March 10, 2017)