



#### **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:** June 7, 2017

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#### **Staff Recommendation**

Accept Staff reports on update items below.

##### Data Management/Call Center RFP

As directed by your Board at its April meeting, Staff prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Data Management and Call Center Services. In addition, your Board provided further direction regarding the use of Alameda County's Small Local and Emerging Business (SLEB) requirements in the EBCE procurement process. On Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, the RFP was released to potential vendors and is now posted on the EBCE website. The last day to submit bids is June 22, 2017. Staff anticipants bringing a contract for Data Management and Call Center Services to your Board in August.

##### Contra Costa County Outreach – San Ramon

At your last meeting, the Board direction given to staff in regards to attracting Contra Costa County (CCC) jurisdictions into EBCE was to minimize actively using staff for that purpose, and to provide board members information regarding future meetings in CCC. The City of San Ramon has indicated it would like to hear a presentation from EBCE before their jurisdiction makes a decision on their community energy program. Currently, most CCC jurisdictions have opted to sign up with MCE, an existing CCA program, but San Ramon has expressed clear interest in the EBCE option.

Staff is available to attend the meeting in San Ramon (June 13th) for the purpose of providing information about our CCA program, and will coordinate with interested board members on preparing the presentation. Staff will report back at the next available EBCE meeting the result of our efforts in San Ramon.

## Local Development Business Plan

The purpose of the Local Development Business Plan (LDBP) is to accelerate the deployment of local clean energy resources throughout the EBCE service area. Work on the LDBP is well underway; the contract with ALH was executed in March of this year with preliminary work products and a draft plan expected mid-summer and a final due in the fall. The LDBP effort consists of several distinct tasks, many of which require robust community outreach and input from a wide range of stakeholders.

During the week of June 12-16 our consultant team and staff will convene a series of stakeholder meetings and focus groups at the Alameda County Training and Education Center in Downtown Oakland to hear from individuals, local agencies, organizations and land owners on a variety of topics relating to the development of a feasible LDBP, including: Distributed Energy Resources (both grid-side and customer-side), local development models and best practices, labor and workforce development issues, strategies for financing and ownership, and local implementation issues.

An opportunity also exists for all EBCE Board Members to be involved in the LDBP development process, with special meeting times reserved for each member of the EBCE Board to meet (individually) with members of the consultant team at a convenient time during the LDBP stakeholder events the week of June 12th. EBCE Board Members should have received email invitations with complete details and registration information the week of May 22nd. Please note that the deadline to register has been extended to June 9th, so there is still time for EBCE Board members to reserve their meeting time.

Beginning in July, the LDBP consultant team will be providing periodic updates to the EBCE Board to ensure that it is aware of the preliminary findings and the work to date. Also, the LDBP consultant team is coordinating with the other EBCE consultant teams so that there is consistency between the various aspects of the program, and individual work products can inform and support the larger process and outcomes.