



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
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Placement: Departmental Agenda
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Community Services Director
Contact: Garrett Wong, Sustainability Division Manager
SUBJECT: Central Coast Community Energy Annual Update

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file an annual member agency update presentation from Central Coast Community Energy; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions do not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5), as the actions are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

In 2019, the County of Santa Barbara became a member of Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), an existing community choice energy provider. 3CE provides annual update presentations to each of its member jurisdictions. 3CE will provide an update on its recent activities including information on energy procurement, available energy programs and local participation in these programs.

Discussion:

Community Choice Energy (CCE) enables local governments to leverage the purchasing power of their residents, businesses, and governments to purchase or generate electricity for their communities. These programs are typically created to provide a higher percentage of carbon-free and renewable

electricity, provide local governments with greater control over their electricity sources while delivering competitive rates, and provide a new funding source for local energy initiatives, such as building and vehicle electrification. The existing investor-owned utilities (IOU) in Santa Barbara County, PG&E and SCE, continue to deliver the electricity purchased by 3CE and bill customers. The process is relatively seamless to customers and those who do not want to participate in a CCE program may opt-out.

Background

In 2015, the Board adopted the 2015 Energy & Climate Action Plan, which called for exploring the feasibility of community choice energy to achieve the County's emission reduction goal.

In 2019, the Board voted to join Monterey Bay Community Power, a joint powers authority, to implement community choice energy for the unincorporated County customers. Accelerating the County's path to 100% carbon free power by 2030.

In 2020, Monterey Bay Community Power changed its name to Central Coast Community Energy (3CE).

Supervisor Joan Hartmann currently serves on the Policy Board and CEO Mona Miyasato currently serves on the Operations Board of 3CE.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Central Coast Community Energy 2024 Impact Report

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