



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: April 2, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Jesús Armas, Community Services Director
Director (805) 568-2467

Contact Info: Ashley Watkins Division Chief
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SUBJECT: Central Coast Community Energy Board of Directors Appointments

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Appoint Jesús Armas, Director of Community Services Department, as the alternate for Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer to Central Coast Community Energy's Operations Board of Directors; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended action does 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: Community Choice Energy (CCE) enables local governments to leverage the purchasing power of their residents, businesses, and governments to purchase or generate power for their communities and set some customer rates. On August 13, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 5086 and Resolution No. 19-209 authorizing the implementation of a CCE program in

the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County and requesting membership in Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), formerly Monterey Bay Community Power.

The governing bodies of 3CE consist of a Policy Board of Directors (Policy Board) and an Operations Board of Directors (Operations Board). As a member of 3CE, the County holds one seat on each Board. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors appoint Jesús Armas, Director of Community Services Department, as the alternate for Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer to 3CE's Operations Board of Directors. Jesús Armas will replace George Chapjian, the previous Director of Community Services.

Background:

CCE enables local governments to leverage the purchasing power of their residents, businesses, and governments to purchase or generate power for their communities and set some customer rates. CCE programs are typically created to provide a higher percentage of renewable or carbon-free electricity, such as wind and solar, and provide a new funding source for local energy initiatives, such as energy efficiency programs and electric vehicle incentives.

On August 13, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 5086, authorizing the implementation of a community choice energy program within the County's jurisdiction through participation in 3CE's Community Choice Aggregation Program. On that same date, the Board also adopted Resolution No. 19-209, requesting membership in 3CE, an existing joint power authority (JPA). On September 4, 2019, the 3CE Policy Board held a regular meeting and voted to accept the County as a new member.

Governing Boards

The governing bodies of 3CE consist of a Policy Board of Directors (Policy Board), made up of elected officials, and an Operations Board of Directors (Operations Board), made up of staff level representatives. Both Boards consist of Directors representing their member jurisdictions. As a member of 3CE, the County has been allocated one Director, and an alternate, on each Board.

The Policy Board provides guidance and approval in the areas of strategic planning and goal setting, passage of 3CE's budget and customer rates, and large capital expenditures outside the typical power procurement required to provide electrical service. The Policy Board Director must be an elected member of the Board of Supervisors. An alternate can be appointed to serve in the absence of the Policy Board Director provided that the alternate is an elected member of the Board of Supervisors.

The Operations Board provides oversight and support to the 3CE's Chief Executive Officer on matters pertaining to the provision of electrical service to customers in the region, focusing on the routine, day-to-day operations of 3CE. The Operations Board Director must be the County's senior executive officer. An alternate can be appointed to serve in the absence of the Operations Board Director provided that the alternate is a County administrative manager.

Board Directors serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and may be removed as a Director by the Board of Supervisors at any time. If a vacancy occurs on the Policy or Operations Board, a replacement shall be appointed to fill the position of the previous Director within 90 days of the date that such position becomes vacant.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors appoint Jesús Armas, Director of Community Services Department, as the alternate for Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer to 3CE's Operations Board of Directors.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Special Instructions

Please send one copy of the minute order to Ashley Watkins.

Authored by:

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