



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CSD
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: August 27, 2024
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 15 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

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SUBJECT: Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) Member Agency Annual Update

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

Risk Management: 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 CCA provider. It is 3CE's practice to provide an annual update presentation 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. Catherine Stedman, Chief Communication Officer, for 3CE will be providing the presentation.

Background

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), also known as Community Choice Energy, enables local governments to leverage the purchasing power of their residents, businesses, and governments to purchase or generate electricity for their communities. CCA programs are typically created to provide a higher percentage of clean 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 energy efficiency programs and electric vehicle incentives. The existing investor-owned utility (IOU)—in Santa Barbara County, PG&E and SCE—continues to deliver the electricity purchased by the CCA provider and bill customers. The process is relatively seamless to customers and those who do not want to participate in a CCA program may opt-out.