



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: August 27, 2019
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 15 Min.
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director
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SUBJECT: Monterey Bay Community Power Authority Boards of Directors Appointments

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider the appointment of one member of the Board of Supervisors as a Director and one member of the Board of Supervisors as an alternate to the Monterey Bay Community Power Authority's Policy Board of Directors as follows:

Director: To be determined by the Board of Supervisors

Alternate: To be determined by the Board of Supervisors; and

- b) Consider the appointment of the County Executive Officer as the Director and a County administrative manager as an alternate to the Monterey Bay Community Power Authority's Operations Board of Directors as follows:

Director: Appoint Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

Alternate: Appoint George Chapjian, Director, Community Services Department; and

- c) 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:

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 the Monterey Bay Community Power Authority (MBCPA).

The governing bodies of MBCPA consist of a Policy Board of Directors (Policy Board) and an Operations Board of Directors (Operations Board). As a member of MBCPA, the County will be allocated one seat on each Board. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors appoint one Director and one alternate each to MBCPA's Policy Board of Directors and its Operations Board of Directors.

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.

MBCPA and Board Action

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 Monterey Bay Community Power's Community Choice Aggregation Program. On that same date, the Board also adopted Resolution No. 19-209, requesting membership in MBCPA, an existing joint powers authority (JPA).

On September 4, 2019, the MBCPA Policy Board will hold a regular meeting and vote to accept the County as a new member. MBCPA has requested that an elected official or senior staff member attend the meeting. Subsequently, at its December 4, 2019 meeting, the Policy Board will vote to amend its existing joint powers agreement to add the County of Santa Barbara and officially seat new Board Directors. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors for execution of the amended joint powers agreement in December 2019. Only after that time will the appointed directors serve on the Policy and Operations Board.

Governing Boards

The governing bodies of MBCPA 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 MBCPA, the County will be 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 MBCPA'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 Policy Board holds up to three meetings per year, with the option for additional or special meetings.

The Operations Board provides oversight and support to the MBCPA'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 MBCPA. 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. The Operations Board holds at least eight meetings per year, with the option for additional or special meetings.

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 one Director and one alternate to MBCPA's Policy Board of Directors as determined by the Board; and appoint one Director and one alternate to MBCPA's Operations Board of Directors as follows:

Director: Appoint Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

Alternate: Appoint George Chapjian, Director, Community Services Department

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: MBCPA Board Appointment PowerPoint

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