



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: October 20, 2020
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: N/A
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: Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) Member Agency Annual Update

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

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;
- b) Provide any additional direction, as appropriate; 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:

On September 4, 2019, Monterey Bay Community Power's (MBCP) Policy Board of Directors voted to accept the County of Santa Barbara as a new member agency. To reflect its expanded territory, MBCP has changed its name to Central Coast Community Energy (3CE). 3CE will launch community choice energy (CCE) service for Santa Barbara County customers in 2021. It is 3CE's practice to provide an annual member update presentation (Attachment A) to each of its member jurisdictions. 3CE will provide an update on its response to COVID-19, energy procurement, energy programs, customer enrollment and customer service offerings.

Background:

How Does CCE Work?

CCE enables local governments to leverage the purchasing power of their residents, businesses, and governments to purchase or generate electricity for their communities and set some customer rates. CCE programs are typically created to provide a higher percentage of renewable or carbon-free electricity 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 CCE provider 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 and stay with the incumbent IOU.

CCE Related Action

On August 13, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 5086, authorizing the implementation of a CCE program within the County's jurisdiction through participation in MBCP's CCE program. Subsequently, on September 4, 2019, MBCP's Policy Board of Directors voted to accept the County of Santa Barbara and the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Solvang and Santa Maria as new members. Buellton City Council has also voted to join 3CE. 3CE currently has 32 member jurisdictions.

To reflect its expanded territory, MBCP has changed its name effective September 4th, 2020 and is now Central Coast Community Energy (3CE). 3CE will launch services for customers in Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) territory in January 2021. 3CE will launch services for customers in Southern California Edison Territory (SCE) in October 2021 due to a conflict with SCE's Customers Service Re-Service Platform (CSR) project.

3CE Annual Member Agency Update

It is 3CE's practice to provide an annual update presentation (Attachment A) to each of its member jurisdictions. 3CE will provide an update on its response to COVID-19, energy procurement, energy programs, customer enrollment and customer service offerings. J.R. Killigrew, Director of Communications & Outreach for 3CE will be providing the presentation.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: 3CE Annual Member Agency Update Presentation

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