

## Welcome from the Board President

I am honored to personally welcome you to CalCCA. Thank you for joining us in our developing efforts this year. In this first edition of our Member Newsletter, I am pleased to reach out to you with some important updates.

The CalCCA Board is growing and now consists of eight voting Operational Members including Apple Valley Choice Energy (Joseph Moon), Lancaster Choice Energy (Cathy DeFalco), Sonoma Clean Power (Geof Syphers), MCE (Dawn Weisz), Peninsula Clean Energy (Jan Pepper), Redwood Coast Energy Authority (Matthew Marshall) and Silicon Valley Clean Energy (Tom Habashi).

CalCCA's other memberships are expanding as well. We now have seven Affiliate Members, including: the Cities of Corona, Hermosa Beach, and San Jose; the Counties of Los Angeles and Placer; Central Coast Power representing the Counties of Santa Barbara, San Louis Obispo, and Ventura; and Valley Clean Energy representing the City of Davis and the County of Yolo. Seven Partner Members have also joined CalCCA, including: Bayshore Consulting Group, Braun Blasing McLaughlin & Smith, Intersect Power, Pacific Energy Advisors, River City Bank, Solar Electric Solutions, and ZGlobal.

Since the launch of California's first CCA in 2010, community choice has become a key tool for local governments striving to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to California's climate action goals. Over 500,000 customers buy CCA energy supply which guarantees more renewables and more choice for customers. The number of customers served is expected to more than double in 2017 as new CCAs start service throughout the state.

We are looking forward to the important work ahead!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Hale, CalCCA Board President, CleanPowerSF

## CalCCA Regulatory Update

### Protest to SDG&E Plan to Market Against CCAs

On November 21, 2016, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) filed an Advice Letter at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Approval of the letter by the CPUC would authorize SDG&E to market against CCAs through a functionally separate affiliate. This has wide implications beyond San Diego County because a successful anti-CCA marketing agency could create a template to enable anti-CCA marketing efforts throughout the state. On December 12, 2016, CalCCA submitted its first formal regulatory filing protesting SDG&E's plan to market against CCAs. The protest argued that SDG&E had not separated its anti-CCA marketing activities from the rest of its operations, giving SDG&E an unfair advantage. Additionally, the protest pointed out that SDG&E had begun marketing efforts against CCAs without the CPUC approval that is required. After CalCCA's protest was submitted, the CPUC rejected SDG&E's marketing plan. Therefore, SDG&E cannot currently market against CCAs. On January 27, SDG&E submitted its third Advice Letter to market against CCAs; CalCCA is evaluating its next steps for action.

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### Save-the-Date:

#### May 4th CalCCA Affiliate and Operational Member Mixer

*CalCCA will be hosting its first Affiliate and Operational Member Mixer May 4, 2017 in the later afternoon in Long Beach, CA. Details are still developing and input is welcome! Please contact [info@cal-cca.org](mailto:info@cal-cca.org) to make your suggestions.*

#### Upcoming CalCCA Subcommittee and Discussion Group Meetings\*

*New CCA Directors Call:*  
Friday, March 3rd, 9AM-10AM

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*Legislative Discussion Group:*  
Thursday, March 9th, 3PM-3:30PM

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*Regulatory Discussion Group:*  
Thursday, March 30th, 10AM-11AM  
Please contact [info@cal-cca.org](mailto:info@cal-cca.org) for more information regarding these meetings.

*\*Note, these meetings will be open to CalCCA members only starting in March so thank you for being a member, and supporting the growth of CCA coordinative efforts!*

## Possible Increase to CCA Bond Obligation

The Commission has re-opened an old proceeding primarily to address the bond that CCAs must post in order to begin service. On December 22, 2016, CalCCA submitted a Motion for Party Status and participated in the Prehearing Conference on February 16, 2017 (proceeding R.03-10-003).

## CalCCA Actions against Potential Cost Increases to CCA Customers

On January 6, 2017, CalCCA filed a formal protest regarding non-bypassable charges stemming from tree mortality. SB 895 (2016) allowed investor-owned utilities to procure biomass energy resources to mitigate wildfire risk. The bill allowed the IOUs to allocate the costs of this procurement among all customers, which may result in increased rates for CCA customers. CalCCA is awaiting further CPUC action in this proceeding (proceeding A.16-11-005).

CalCCA also filed a Motion for Party Status on January 18 in the proceeding addressing PG&E's proposal to retire the Diablo Canyon Power Plant and allocate the costs for replacement procurement among all customers, including CCA customers who do not contract for power from Diablo Canyon. CalCCA is participating in the proceeding and has already joined as a cosignatory to the Joint Intervenors' Testimony that was served on January 27 (proceeding A.16-08-006).

## CPUC Holds First CCA *En Banc*

On February 1 the CPUC held its first ever CCA *En Banc* to examine the benefits and challenges accompanying large scale expansion of CCAs in California. CalCCA Directors Hale, Syphers, and Weisz each participated in one of the three panels which examined a wide range of issues including reliability and supply, customer-facing matters, and future opportunities and obstacles. Board members Jan Pepper and Joseph Moon spoke regarding the benefits of their programs. Several CCA Board members, community members, union representatives, and state and local representatives also attended to voice their strong support of CCAs. CalCCA submitted informal written comments on the *En Banc* on February 23.

## Meetings with CPUC Leadership

CalCCA Board Members met with CPUC Commissioner Carla Peterman and General Counsel on January 18, the CPUC Office of Governmental Affairs on January 25, and CPUC Commissioners Randolph and Rechtschaffen and CPUC Energy Director Ed Randolph, on February 15 to discuss a variety of CCA related matters and to introduce CalCCA. Meetings with new CPUC Commissioner Guzman Aceves and President Picker are currently in the process of being scheduled for March. ■

## CalCCA Legislative Update

CalCCA had two successful days of lobbying in Sacramento in late January and had tremendously positive interactions with key legislators and staff regarding the most important issues facing CCAs. In addition, the CalCCA Board of Directors presented a comprehensive CCA briefing to almost 50 state legislative staff members and committee consultants. The briefing lasted 90 minutes and many staff stayed later to ask more questions which reflects the growing interest in CCAs in Sacramento. Another lobbying day is scheduled for February 28. ■

## Member Milestones Coming Up Next

- » **March:** CleanPowerSF initiates Request for Offer for specified renewable energy and establishes a growth plan.
- » **April:** Silicon Valley Clean Energy and Apple Valley Choice Energy begin to serve customers. Peninsula Clean Energy finalizes its enrollment of an estimated 300,000 customers.
- » **May:** Redwood Coast Energy Authority begins to serve customers.
- » **June:** Sonoma Clean Power begins service in Mendocino County ■



CalCCA Board Members and Representatives on a lobbying day in Sacramento. (From left to right): Geof Syphers, Dawn Weisz, Tom Habashi, Barbara Hale, Jason Caudle, and David Burruto.