



Staff Report Item 6

TO: East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors

FROM: Bruce Jensen, Alameda County Community Development Agency (CDA)

SUBJECT: Presentations by Local Renewable Power Providers

DATE: June 21, 2017

Staff Recommendation

Accept staff report and hear presentations about local renewable energy projects.

Background/Discussion

Over the past several months, the Alameda County Planning Department has been meeting with both existing and prospective permit holders with power projects in Alameda County (both wind and solar). These energy developers are very interested in developing their projects (and possibly additional projects) and entering into power contracts with EBCE. These projects are in Alameda County, (mostly in the eastern rural portion of the county) and the EBCE Board will hopefully view this as a positive sign that the EBCE launch could include one or more sizeable local projects with the associated local benefits, pending contract terms, timing, and cost of power negotiations.

Planning staff wants the EBCE Board to be aware of these projects while the developers are going through the County permitting process, both to learn more about the projects and the companies involved, as well as understand how projects such as these might interface with EBCE's upcoming power procurement process. As such, staff agenda'd these projects for a brief presentation allowing time for questions and answers. The presenting companies are:

Clenera (solar) – Jared McKee, Director of Business Development
SunWalker Energy (solar) - Kevin White, Managing Director
Salka (wind) – Jiddu Tapia, Chief Executive Officer

Each developer has their own timeline that may or may not align with EBCE's anticipated energy procurement schedule and Implementation Plan certification by the CPUC. The EBCE Board may consider the importance of taking steps to secure these local renewable projects for future EBCE energy procurement and may provide staff direction, if necessary.