



Staff Report Item 13

TO: East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors
FROM: Melissa Brandt, Senior Director of Public Affairs and Deputy General Counsel
SUBJECT: Approve EBCE Legislative Position on Senate Bill (SB) 100 (Action Item)
DATE: July 18, 2018

Recommendation

Approve EBCE taking a formal "Support" position on SB 100 (De León)

Background and Discussion

SB 100, introduced by Senator De León, would revise the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program to accelerate renewables goals. All retail sellers would be required to procure a larger minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible RPS resources as follows:

	Renewables Goals			
	End-2020	End-2024	End-2027	End-2030
Existing law	33%	40%	45%	50%
SB 100	33%	44%	52%	60%

Currently, EBCE's Bright Choice product provides 38% RPS, Brilliant 100 provides 40% RPS, and Renewable 100 will provide 100% RPS. EBCE staff believes that the accelerated renewables goals are attainable and align with EBCE's longer-term vision of contributing to decarbonization and increasing its investment in RPS products in line with its integrated resources plan. Supporting SB 100 allows EBCE to demonstrate its environmental leadership and commitment to accelerating decarbonization.

SB 100 would also require the California Air Resources Board to remove regulatory disincentives preventing retail sellers from reducing greenhouse gases through increased investments in transportation and building electrification, both of which have been identified in EBCE's Local Development Business Plan as key early actions.

SB 100 was most recently amended in the Assembly on June 27, and will be voted on in the Assembly Appropriations Committee in August. If approved, EBCE will send a formal letter of support for the bill to Senator De León's office and to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Fiscal Impact

Not known at this time; the cost of renewables investment will vary over time and depends on market conditions and technological change. EBCE has surpassed the 2020 RPS goal, and is on track to easily meet the new 2024 goal as well. EBCE staff intends to take a more comprehensive long-term integrated resources strategy to the Board in the fall of 2018, which will detail recommended levels of accelerated renewables investments that may even surpass the goals in SB 100.