



### Staff Report Item 7 (Action Item)

**TO:** East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors

**FROM:** Alex DiGiorgio, Public Engagement Manager

**SUBJECT:** Grant to Center for Climate Protection to Support Consideration of new CCAs in Central Valley (action item)

**DATE:** September 18, 2019

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#### **Recommendation**

Approve a grant to the Center for Climate Protection for \$30,000 to support their Central Valley CCA project and authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a grant agreement for this amount with General Counsel review and approval.

#### **Background and Discussion**

The Center for Climate Protection is a Santa Rosa-based non-profit that has been deeply involved in advancing the CCA movement through a variety of important initiatives, including their on-going work to advance the formation of new Community Choice Energy agencies in the Central Valley. The campaign is focused on educating local elected officials about the benefits of community choice and building grassroots support for the formation of Community Choice Energy agencies in Central Valley communities. This proposed grant would provide CCP with critical resources to support this current campaign's work in the City of Fresno and the City of Stockton.

The work of the Center for Climate Protection furthers multiple EBCE goals. Establishing of CCA programs in the Central Valley would likely result in the development of additional renewable energy generation facilities which would benefit CCAs throughout California, including the EBCE. The expansion of CCA programs in the Central Valley would likely increase political and regulatory support for continued growth of CCAs across California. The expansion of CCAs across California will also have a positive impact on climate change and reduction of greenhouse gases, which is a critical aspect of EBCE's mission.

This proposed grant fits within EBCE's 2019/2020 budget, where \$40,000 was included in the marketing budget to support education and engagement of new communities as they consider whether to join or form a Community Choice Energy agency.

**Attachment**

1. Overview of CCP Central Valley CCA Project