



**Staff Report Item XX**

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

**FROM:** Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** CEO Report (Informational Item)

**DATE:** December 18, 2019

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**Recommendation**

Accept Chief Executive Officer (CEO) report on update items below.

**Finance, Administration and Procurement Sub-committee Meeting**

The Finance, Administration and Procurement Sub-committee did not meet in November.

**Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee met on 11/22/19 during which they provided direction to staff on developing an action item on how to proceed with allocating carbon-free energy from PG&E, which will be presented at a future Board of Directors meeting. The Committee received an update from Power Resources and heard requests to place items on future agendas.

**Marketing Regulatory and Legislative Sub-committee Meeting**

The Marketing, Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee did not meet in November.

**New Staff**

**Zac Thompson, Distributed Energy Resources Program Associate**

Zac joined EBCE's Local Development Team on 11/25/19 as the Distributed Energy Resources Program Associate. Zac assists with EBCE's transportation electrification and local solar and storage initiatives to provide benefits to residents and businesses and increase resiliency in Alameda County.

Prior to EBCE, Zac served as the Zero Emission Vehicles Analyst at the City and County of San Francisco's Department of the Environment where he helped lead the development of the

City's Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Community Blueprint, assisted in coordinating a public-private EV Working Group, and succeeded in acquiring grant funding for medium- and heavy-duty EV pilot projects.

Zac earned a B.A. in Biology from San Francisco State University.

### **Beckie Menten, Program Manager, Building Electrification and Energy Efficiency**

Beckie joined EBCE on 11/2/19 as the Program Manager for Building Electrification and Energy Efficiency on the Local Development team. Beckie designs and implements energy efficiency and building electrification programs for the EBCE community. She focuses on programs that conserve energy, maximize the efficient use of renewable energy resources and provide important co-benefits to the community.

Beckie has more than 15 years experience working on energy conservation and climate change mitigation strategies, including experience working at the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, and launching the first set of demand side management programs offered by a CCA in California during her tenure at MCE.

Beckie holds an M.S. in Environment, Technology, and Policy from Humboldt State University.

### **Gabrielle Ruxin, Customer Care Coordinator**

Gabrielle joined EBCE on 11/2/19 as the Customer Care Coordinator on the Marketing team. Gabrielle's role focuses on providing support to residential customers and assisting with billing analysis. She helps to oversee the call center and resolve issues that arise.

Prior to joining EBCE, she worked as a CivicSpark fellow with the City of El Cerrito, where she drafted a strategic energy plan for the City which included analysis of the City's energy usage and recommendations for increasing efficiency. Most recently, Gabrielle worked at Vital Link Medical Alert Systems, providing customer service and account management to clients.

She earned her B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of California at Los Angeles.