



## Staff Report Item12

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

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

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

**DATE:** September 16, 2020

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### **Recommendation**

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

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

The July 24, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting was cancelled. The next one will be held virtually on Friday September 25, 2020 at 12 pm.

### **Finance, Administration and Procurement Subcommittee Meeting**

The Finance, Administration and Procurement Subcommittee meeting was held September 11, 2020 at 3 pm.

### **Marketing Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee Meeting**

The Marketing, Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee met on August 6, 2020 and received updates from both the Marketing and Account Services Team and the Policy Team. The meeting scheduled for September 3, 2020 was cancelled. The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday November 5, 2020.

### **New Staff**

#### **Cici Saekow, Senior Manager of Power Resources Contracts and Settlements**

Cici joined EBCE's Power Resources Team as the Senior Manager of Power Resources Contracts and Settlements on July 27, 2020. She manages EBCE's long-term contract generation portfolio including renewable energy and energy storage resources. She aims to provide low carbon and cost-effective energy for the community.

Prior to EBCE, Cici was responsible for the contract settlements of PG&E's renewable power purchase agreements with results published in SEC 10-K, ERRR, RPS Plan and other compliance filings. She operationalized PG&E's first electric vehicle rebate program partnering with CPUC and CARB. Cici started her energy career at CAISO working on the market initiative release plan.

Cici holds a MBA, BS in Environmental Economics and Policy and a BA in Psychology from UC Berkeley.

### **Fall Renewables and Storage RFO Update**

EBCE is planning to launch a renewables and storage Request for Offers in Oct/Nov 2020 focused on long-term renewables, storage and large hydro procurement. Eligible projects will be greater than 10MW in size and include both in-state and out-of-state projects.

- As-Available RPS-eligible resources
- As-Available RPS-eligible resources plus Energy Storage
- Stand-alone Energy Storage (tolling PPA)
- Shaped RPS Energy Product
- Indexed Energy plus RPS attributes
- Shaped Clean Energy Products

### **Marketing and Account Services Update**

#### **Joint Rate Mailer and Power Content Label Update**

The annual Joint Rate Mailer, required by the CPUC, was sent as email on August 24<sup>th</sup> and via mail on August 21<sup>st</sup>. To date there have been no significant variations in the number of customers opting out of EBCE service, while there has been a small spike in customers opting up to Renewable 100.

The Power Content Label (PCL), required by the CEC, is typically sent by October 1<sup>st</sup>. This year, the CEC has delayed the deadline for mailing the PCL to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The CEC plans to release the power content template in September.

#### **New Communities Engagement**

EBCE staff have been meeting with local staff for the cities of Tracy, Newark, and Pleasanton to outline the next steps in enrolling customers and launching service in these areas. EBCE staff has indicated to city staff that a decision must be made by November 30<sup>th</sup> if the city wishes to enroll customers in a product other than Bright Choice. This will allow the EBCE board to vote on the request(s) at the December meeting and then staff will finalize customer enrollment notification content and design in January for mailing of the first notice in February 2021. EBCE staff has also provided an initial marketing and outreach plan to each city and is working with city staff to customize the plan to best fit the local population.

#### **Local Sponsorships**

EBCE continues to support community programs through our local sponsorship program. The most recent round of applications closed in August. The next round will close in November and the application can be found at <https://ebce.org/community-sponsorships/>. Below is a list of the applicants awarded a community sponsorship grant in the latest round:

- Friends of Sausal Creek
- Berkeley Symphony
- Oakland Strokes Rowing Club
- Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Foundation
- Community Resources for Science
- Altamont Crew Baseball Club

- Public School Education Funds
  - Albany - SchoolCare
  - Berkeley - Berkeley Public Schools Fund
  - Castro Valley - Castro Valley Education Foundation
  - Dublin - Dublin Partners in Education
  - Emeryville - give to the school district?
  - Fremont - Fremont Education Foundation
  - Hayward - Hayward Education Foundation
  - Livermore - Livermore Valley Education Foundation
  - Oakland - Oakland Public Education Fund
  - Piedmont - Piedmont Education Foundation
  - San Leandro - San Leandro Education Foundation
  - Sunol - Sunol Glen Community Club
  - Union City - New Haven Schools Foundation