



## CEO Report Item 14

**TO:** East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** CEO Report (Informational Item)  
**DATE:** May 17, 2023

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### **Recommendation**

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

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

An Executive Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 9am. Members received an update of the 2023-24 Budget and an overview of EBCE's energy prepayment transactions. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9am.

### **Special Board Retreat - Local Programs**

A Special Board Retreat was held on Monday, April 24, 2023. Members received an update from the Local Programs team, including overviews of programs provided for in the Local Development Business Plan including Transportation Electrification, Grid Services Energy Efficiency, Building Electrification, and Resilience. The next Special Board Retreat for Marketing and Account Services will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023 at the Oakland Center.

### **New Staff**

#### **Scott Harding - Director of Origination, Power Resources**

Scott Harding Joined EBCE on 4/27/23 to lead the Origination Department in the Power Resources Division. Scott will lead EBCE's procurement of long-term projects, including RFOs administration, agreements negotiation, portfolio management, and adherence to all compliance requirements.

Prior to joining EBCE, Scott spent the last 22 years at public sector utilities leading energy resource planning and operations efforts which included renewable energy planning and integration, emissions reductions strategy development, forecasting energy supplies and demand, resource adequacy and capacity expansion, energy commodity hedging and risk management and energy resource optimization. These activities all lead to Scott's successful origination, evaluation, negotiation and integration of 100s of MWs of new long term capacity projects as well as 1000s of MWs of short-term energy related resources sourced from mostly renewable energy generation technologies.

Scott earned a Masters of Public Administration from San Diego State University and is a Certified Energy Manager through UC Davis.

**Name and Brand Exploration Update**

Staff presented an update to the EBCE Brand Evolution and Name Exploration at the April board meeting, which included a timeline of key milestones and decisions. A driving factor of the timeline was the start of service to Stockton in early 2024. The start of service is now set for January 1, 2025. Though the importance of a name and brand update to encourage the adoption of decarbonization remains high, staff proposes that we delay the timeline slightly to allow for further exploration and alignment around the name decision. The timeline could be pushed up if we are able to find consensus based on feedback from the various committees and stakeholders.

Month	Original	Proposed Update
April	Executive Committee review CAC + BOD update	No change
May	Executive Committee Review CAC review BOD approval of name	Ad Hoc Committees Meetings BOD CEO Report Update
June	CAC review BOD approval of brand visual identity	Ad Hoc Committees Meetings MRL Committee Review Executive Committee Review
July		Ad Hoc Committees Meetings CAC Review BOD approval of name
August	Recess	
September		Ad Hoc Committees CAC Review BOD approval of visual identity