

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 20, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Utility Users Tax Compliance Audits - continued to April 7, 2014

II. Community Choice Aggregation: Overview of how it functions, its role in California Energy Markets and Options for Alameda County

Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency, and Caroline Judy, Assistant Agency Director, General Services Agency, presented a memorandum that provides background information on the concept of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

California State Assembly Bill 117 passed in 2002 gave California cities and counties the ability to aggregate the electrical loads of residents, businesses and public facilities to facilitate the purchase of electrical energy in a more competitive market.

A CCA would allow an entity to become an energy purveyor and to purchase electrical energy on the wholesale market from any source, including fossil fuel, nuclear or renewable resources. The CCA would then compete with traditional private utility companies such as PG&E to provide electrical power to the end users within its boundaries.

Thomas Kelley, Co-Founder of KyotoUSA, presented introductory comments regarding Community Choice Aggregation. The program has been growing throughout the region and state. Various groups have been working on CCA locally, with awareness on climate change and the reduction of use of fossil fuels.

Shawn Marshall, Executive Director and founder of LEAN Energy US supports the expansion of cleaner energy community choice aggregation. There are CCAs in six states across the country in the Midwest and on the East Coast however the CCA model is new to California. Ms. Marshall provided a sample resolution for the Transportation and Planning Committee to consider. Around the state there is a list of the different counties and jurisdictions that are exploring or actively forming CCA's.

Seth Baruch, President, Carbonomics, reported to the Committee regarding revenue estimates and next steps for Alameda County in exploring the CCA model. The estimated net revenues could be as much as \$865 million over a 10 year period and would create about 24,000 jobs over 10 years, based on local renewables development. The next steps would be to begin a feasibility study with possible the Community Development Agency as the lead agency.

Speaker

Al Weinrub supports the County studying the Community Choice Aggregation model.

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- Other:

Recommendation from the Committee: Community Development Agency staff to work with the General Services Agency, the County Administrator’s Office and the speakers CCA advocates to: 1) Draft a resolution to study the feasibility of Community Choice Aggregation; and 2) make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at a Board Retreat within 30 days.

III. Update on “Boomerang” Funds and Affordable Housing Needs

Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency, presented a recap of the previous meetings on “Boomerang” funds and Affordable Housing Needs. At the February 3, 2014 meeting of the Transportation and Planning Committee, the Committee directed the Community Development Agency staff to prepare a proposed program and analysis based on Supervisor Carson’s proposal. This report is an interim update of the analysis.

Linda Gardner, Deputy Director, Community Development Agency, presented a memorandum and a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on “Boomerang” Funds and the County’s Affordable Housing Needs.

The presentation included an overview of key current Alameda County Affordable Housing Trust Fund policies and a list of rental subsidy programs.

Speakers

Jeff Levin, East Bay Housing Organizations, supports Supervisor Carson’s proposal for Affordable Housing and also supports a set aside of on-going funds.

Elaine deColigny, Executive Director, EveryOne Home, supports set aside funds for Affordable Housing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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