I. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) – Update and Progress Report

Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency and Bruce Jensen, Senior Planner, presented a memorandum to update the Committee on progress of the implementation of the County’s Community Choice Aggregation program.

To date, the following processes are under way:

1) Preparation of feasibility study, which includes acquiring electrical load date for all potential CCA participants from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). The County has obtained permission from all jurisdictions to request the data on its behalf.

2) The CDA staff will hire an administrative consultant who can assist with start-up tasks. The interviews for the consultant will take place on October 14, 2014.

3) The CDA staff met with labor representatives from IBEW and Alameda County Labor Council in August 2014 to discuss labor concerns that a CCA could reduce opportunities for local labor jobs. The labor organizations asked that they continue to be notified of the County’s CCA process.

4) Staff has prepared Goals and Objectives for the CCA process and implementation and requests the Committees input.

The next steps are to organize and coordinate public workshops on CCA and organize and coordinate a steering committee composed of municipal staff and representatives from labor, energy and community organizations.

The Community Development Agency seeks direction from the Committee regarding Community Choice Aggregation and input on the draft of the Goals and Objects.

Supervisor’s Comments:

Speakers:

Victor Uno represents union laborers at the Port of Oakland, the IBW local supports the creation of CCA’s the goal of prioritizing of hiring union labor should project labor agreements should be written into the JPA.
Hunter Stern representing IBW local 1245, agreed with the comments of Mr. Uno, there are concerns about the source of the electricity if it is contributing to local jobs.

Neil DeSnow, City of Berkeley, representative, how would the CCA be composed and governed? Will there be a single CCA or would there be a Joint Powers Authority (JPA)? Mr. DeSnow asked if

Frank Burton, representative of Alameda County Community Choice Group, would like to emphasize the importance of build out of local renewable energy in the objectives. The Alameda County Community Choice Group would like to be a part of the advisory group and steering committee.

Erica Edelsen, Chair of the Berkley Community Choice Choice Working Group, is excited about participating in the process and stated that it would be helpful if community groups could get more notice and advance copies within 10 days of any reports regarding the CCA. The draft goals look like a good start, and she would like to see more specificity of the local build out of renewable energy and would like to see a governance structure in future workshops.

David McCord, Co-Chair of Sierra Club Energy Committee, stated that the goals and objectives could be strengthened and having a strong build out of local clean energy is important.

Alex DiGiorgio, Marin Clean Energy (MCE), presented an update on project development and job creation for Marin County’s CCA. There was a total of $398 million in solar contracts, which equals 750,000 union work hours. In addition, there are several local projects in 2015 and 2016 and MCE would be happy to share information with the County.

Colin Miller, Clean Energy and Jobs Oakland Campaign, stated that the goals and objectives need to prioritized local build out of renewable energy projects and also needs to prioritize union jobs.

Eloise Hammond stated that the plan needs clarifications on some of the goals and objectives and submitted her comments in writing.

Lawrence Abbott works with union labor and is excited about the CCA and would like the CCA to create local jobs and use solar energy.

Rachel Brian, Local IBEW, journeyman electrician and community liaison, executive committee of the Alameda Labor Council. The Alameda Labor Council has adopted a resolution supporting a labor friendly CCA.

**Purpose:**
- [x] Report progress
- [ ] Advocacy or Education
- [x] Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation or position
- [ ] Other:

**Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee:** The Community Development Agency will return to the Transportation and Planning Committee with a draft proposal of a two-tiered structured Committee for the Community Choice Aggregation implementation: 1) Steering Committee and 2) Citizens Advisory Committee.
II. Environmental Health Prop 26 Compliance Fee Study

Ariu Levi, Director, Environmental Health Department, presented introductory comments regarding the Environmental Health Department’s Proposition 26 Compliance Fee Study. The fee study provides the information on full cost recovery of the approximately 250 direct services the Environmental Health Department provides.

Chad Wohlford, Principle Consultant, Wohlford Consulting, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Cost of Service (Fee Study) for the Environmental Health Department.

The next steps for the implementation for full cost recovery include: 1) collect initial suggestions, direction, and other feedback from the Committee; 2) Staff will use feedback to help develop recommendations for general and/or specific fee-setting and cost recovery goals; 3) staff will develop final fee and implementation recommendations for presentation to the Board of Supervisors in early 2015.

Purpose:
- [ ] Report progress
- [ ] Advocacy or Education
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- [ ] Other:

Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee: The Committee directed the Environmental Health Department to return to the Committee, providing a three-year phased in approach of increasing fees to provide full cost recovery for direct services.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

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