

## **Community Choice Energy Estimated Schedule and Budget\***

**\*Note: Time and cost estimates for Phases 2 and 3 are based forming a Contra Costa JPA and are subject to change if another CCE option is selected for implementation**

### **Phase 1 – Technical Study**

**Schedule Summary: 10 months (time remaining to completion)**

**Budget Summary: \$300,000**

Schedule Detail: 10 months to completion

- Outreach to Cities (November '15 – January '16)
- PG&E Data Request (March – to May '16)
- Convene Cities and Scope Tech Study (March – May '16)
- Develop Web Site, Increase Stakeholder Engagement (March – ongoing)
- Tech Study RFP and Consultant Selection (June – August '16)
- Complete Tech Study (September – October '16)
- Report Findings and Receive Direction (November – December '16)

Budget Detail:

- LEAN Energy: \$75,000
- Technical Study: \$50,000 (County Share of \$150,000 estimated total cost)
- County Staff: \$175,000

### **Phase 2 – JPA Formation or Inclusion**

**Schedule Summary: 8 – 12 months**

**Budget Summary: \$750,000 – \$1 million**

Schedule Detail:

- If joining MCE, costs and schedule to be negotiated with MCE, but costs expected to be considerably lower and schedule to program launch shorter than with other options.
- If creating new JPA with Alameda County, costs will be negotiated and shared. Schedule unknown.
- If creating a new Contra Costa JPA, tasks will include the following:
  - JPA legal documents and Approvals
  - Finalize Program Design
  - Adopt Local Ordinances
  - Submit Implementation Plan to CPUC

- Initiate bidding for electricity procurement
- Secure source of operating capital/credit
- Community Outreach and Engagement

**Budget Detail:**

- Phase 2 costs will depend heavily on the CCE option selected from Technical Study, but if the option of creating a Contra Costa JPA is selected, costs for Phase 2 would likely be \$750,000 or greater. These costs would include consulting services for assistance with regulatory compliance, energy procurement and community outreach activities, plus County staff time in DCD and County Counsel.

**Phase 3 – Program Launch**

**Schedule Summary: 8 – 12 months**

**Budget Summary: \$500,000 – \$1 million**

**Schedule Detail:**

- Schedule for program launch will depend on CCE option selected from Technical Study
- A new Contra Costa JPA will require the most time and expense
- Phase 3 tasks associated with a new Contra Costa JPA would include:
  - Hire JPA staff and securing office space
  - Energy Procurement
  - Comply with CPUC Regulatory Requirements
  - Increase marketing and public engagement,
  - Secure working capital/credit

**Budget Detail:**

- Phase 3 costs are difficult to estimate but could be in the range of \$500,000 to \$1 million if a new Contra Costa JPA is formed. Such costs would include JPA staffing and facilities, and consulting services for assistance with regulatory compliance, energy procurement and marketing activities. Funding during this phase could come from sponsoring jurisdictions, or from third-party sources, such as banks and other financial institutions. Following JPA formation, a transition would occur whereby the new agency would become responsible for program costs.