



My Community, My Clean Energy

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Fact Sheet about MCE in Contra Costa County

History

MCE is a public JPA established in 2008. MCE currently serves 170,000 customers in four counties: Contra Costa, Solano, Marin and Napa.

Choice

MCE offers choice in electricity supply to all customers. Customers can choose between light green (50% renewable), deep green (100%) renewable, Local Sol (100% local solar), or PG&E (29% renewable). Power supply products are selected by the MCE Board.

Rates

MCE rates are competitive with PG&E and often result in a savings to customers. MCE has the ability to wait on any new community enrollments until costs are at or below PG&E. Rates are established once per year by the MCE Board of Directors, allowing for stability and local control.

Board of Directors

The MCE Board is made up of one elected official chosen by each member city or county. There are currently 17 members. Cities may choose to consolidate voting under one shared member per county.

Board Voting

MCE Board votes are weighted so that communities with larger load have stronger weight.

Board and Committee Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and occur monthly or quarterly. Meeting times and locations can be adjusted to accommodate needs of the members.

MCE in Contra Costa County

MCE is open to serving new communities within the existing counties through an "Affiliate Membership Process". The MCE JPA covers all costs for power supply, extensive public outreach, and local program deployment.

Local Renewable and Efficiency Programs

MCE offers and funds local programs for energy efficiency, electric vehicle deployment, local solar installations and renewable generation opportunities.

The Name "MCE"

Although the "M" in "MCE" was tied to the first County served by the agency (Marin), the Board choose (in 2012) to use "MCE – My Clean Energy" when marketing in new counties. Analysis is underway regarding a shift to "MCE Bay Area" to allow for more transparency regarding communities represented.

Benefits of Joining MCE

Joining MCE would allow the County to avoid the cost, complexity and uncertainty of exploring a new agency while providing choice, GHG reductions, local renewable development, and community representation.