



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department

Date: May 23, 2017

Subject: Introduce Ordinance to Join Marin Energy Authority (MCE)

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 2017- 13, implementing community choice aggregation in unincorporated Contra Costa County by becoming a member agency of the Marin Energy Authority (MCE) joint powers authority, WAIVE reading, and FIX June 6, 2017, for adoption.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the County.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 2, 2017, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to take the actions necessary for the County to seek membership in the Community Choice Energy program known as MCE. Prior to the May 2, 2017 meeting, MCE described, in the attached letter dated May 1, 2017 (Attachment A), the benefits it would provide to Contra Costa County if the County became a member of MCE. The Board materials for May 2, 2017 as well as from March 28, 2017 provide additional background on Community Choice Energy and the County's process for evaluating it.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **05/23/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 23, 2017

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Jason Crapo,  
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cc:

The introduction of Ordinance No. 2017 - 13 (Attachment B) is the first step for the County to seek membership in MCE. MCE is a joint powers authority, the formal name of which is the Marin Energy Authority. Ordinance No. 2017 - 13 would authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the Joint Powers Agreement (Attachment C) with the Marin Energy Authority (MCE) if the County is accepted as a member agency by MCE's Board of Directors.

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

If the Board approves the introduction of Ordinance No. 2017 - 13, County staff will prepare an item for the June 6 Board of Supervisors meeting to take the additional actions necessary to complete the County's membership application to MCE. These actions include adopting Ordinance No. 2017 - 13, adopting a Resolution requesting MCE membership, and approving a Memorandum of Understanding with MCE concerning actions that will be taken by the County and MCE that are necessary to complete the review of the County's membership application and to facilitate MCE's eventual program implementation within the unincorporated area of the Contra Costa County.

MCE has provided a timeline of events (Attachment D) that are expected to take place prior to implementation of electrical service for electricity customers within the County's jurisdiction should the County be accepted for membership in MCE. This timeline includes MCE's evaluation of the County's membership application, decision by MCE's Board of Directors whether to admit the County as a new member agency, appointment of the County's representative to MCE's Board of Directors, and commencement of a public outreach campaign to inform County residents and businesses of MCE's program implementation within the unincorporated area of the County.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board does not approve this item, the County will not be able to proceed with steps necessary to seek membership in MCE, as directed by the Board at its meeting on May 2, 2017.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

None.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - MCE Letter Dated May 1, 2017

Attachment B - Ordinance 2017-13

Attachment C - MCE Joint Powers Agreement

Attachment D - MCE Timeline