*This document contains all the questions and answers received during the Q&A period, 2/11/19 through 3/4/19. Questions and answers in red were received after the initial Q&A period, 2/19/19 through 3/4/19.*

Questions about **product type**:

1. Will geothermal be considered?

*This solicitation is only for solar, small hydro, and wind resources in California.*

1. Will you accept a proposal of Owner’s Representative/Program Manager?

*The RFP is for the purchase of power, capacity, and Renewable Energy Certificates only.*

1. Will RCEA consider projects that are energy only, or is RCEA only open to projects that provide fully deliverable capacity?

*RCEA is open to projects that are energy only, as indicated in the PPA (cover sheet, Section A).*

1. What is the feed in tariff for compensation?

*The feed in tariff is under development and will be released in the coming months.*

1. Would RCEA compensate for Resource Adequacy?

*Yes, RCEA is seeking projects that are energy only or full capacity (energy plus RA). Please indicate the type of project on the PPA cover sheet, Section A.*

1. In the RCEA RFP Webinar Conference, RCEA stated that they consider a resource “baseload” if it has a capacity factor of 80% or higher. Could you please define how RCEA calculates “capacity factor”?

*Please see the PPA for the definition of “Capacity Factor” (Section 1.27, Section 4.3).*

Questions about **product size**:

1. I see that there is a minimum size for solar of 1MW.  Is there a preferred size that you are targeting?

*There is no specific size that RCEA is targeting.*

1. What is the maximum MW that RCEA will consider under this RFP?

*This solicitation does not stipulate maximum MW, however a portion of this portfolio is already designated in the near term. Please see Table 1 in the Request for Proposals which illustrates the long term requirements for RPS power for RCEA.*

1. How many MW of energy is RCEA looking to have supplied with this bid request?

*RCEA has not predetermined a threshold for MW procurement in this cycle.*

Questions about **product location:**

1. Do you have a list of land which can be utilized for this project?

*RCEA does not have a list of land that can be used for this project. Our only restrictions, which are outlined in the RFP, are prime agricultural lands and forest lands. See Section Facility Location, page 4, in the RFP.*

1. Will RCEA consider proposals for projects sited in Southern California that deliver to SP-15?

*RCEA will consider all proposals for projects that are sited in California and that can be delivered into the CAISO Balancing Authority Area. See the RFP, pages 9-10, for details about the Preferred Area.*

Questions about **product delivery**:

1. What are the bounds of COD timing?

*Delivery can begin as early as Jan 1 2020, as late as Jan 1 2023. Please see the RFP, page 5.*

1. Will RCEA schedule the power with the CAISO, or will the product developer schedule the power?

*RCEA will consider different schedule coordination arrangements, however respondents should note that the default preference is for RCEA’s SC to be the SC for the project. Please refer to the PPA, pages 39 and 40 for more details.*

Questions about **product** **financing**:

1. How does RCEA intend to provide proof of its creditworthiness?

*RCEA intends to provide proof of its creditworthiness via audited financial reports.*

1. How should the contract price per MWh be determined? (Section C of the PPA Cover Sheet.)

*RCEA does not instruct respondents how to determine their contract price.*

1. Are audited financials already available?

*Yes, audited financials through FY16-17 are publicly available, and are available on our website* [*http://redwoodenergy.org/about/documents/*](http://redwoodenergy.org/about/documents/)*.*

1. Is RCEA willing to post for credit support?

*RCEA does not intend to provide credit support. CCAs have demonstrated the ability to enter into long-term power purchase agreements without providing credit support. RCEA has unaudited monthly financial statements and audited financial statements available on its website –* [*http://redwoodenergy.org/about/documents/*](http://redwoodenergy.org/about/documents/) *– for developers to review.*

*For developers that are shortlisted and move forward with PPA negotiations, RCEA will provide additional information and/or meet with developers and their financial partners to further discuss RCEA’s financial position.*

1. Will you consider an extension to this RFP in order to provide a developer more time to secure land within Humboldt County?

*RCEA will not grant extensions to this RFP. We intend to issue future RFPs for long term RPS-eligible power with the goal of gradually building our power portfolio.*

1. Will any deposits be due before the FiT is known?

*Deposits are due within two weeks after RCEA publishes the short list, which is scheduled for April 25. We currently plan to present the FiT to the RCEA Board of Directors for approval at the March 28 board meeting. Staff reports to date presented to the board can be found here:* [*https://redwoodenergy.org/about/board-of-directors/*](https://redwoodenergy.org/about/board-of-directors/)

1. How does PG&E’s bankruptcy impact RCEA?

*Like other community choice aggregation programs, we are monitoring the PG&E bankruptcy process through legal counsel. We are continuing to receive payments from customers through PG&E’s billing system.*

1. How does RCEA view pending changes to cost structures related to the PCIA and how will they factor this into selecting contracts to enter into under this RFP?

*The current RFP represents RCEA’s initial efforts to begin building a portfolio of resources to meet the energy requirements of our customers. Ultimately, RCEA anticipates having a diverse portfolio of resources comprised of different developers, generation technologies and terms of contract. The volume of energy procured under long-term contracts through this RFP will be focused, primarily, on satisfying RCEA’s long-term renewable contracting requirements under SB350.*

*Over time, RCEA anticipates increasing the volume of energy purchased under long-term contracts, although RCEA will always maintain a mix of contract tenors to manage portfolio risks resulting from regulatory, market and other factors. RCEA is monitoring changes to the PCIA and incorporates these and forecasted PG&E generation rates in its financial model. This model is in turn used to help RCEA make its procurement decisions.*

1. Would RCEA give better pricing for baseload power rather than intermittent renewables?

*RCEA’s long-term objective is to acquire a portfolio of renewable generating resources and technologies that yields an overall generation portfolio that aligns with our load shape across seasons and time of day. Achieving this will require a diverse mix of resources.*

*The current RFP represents RCEA’s initial procurement efforts to begin building its portfolio. The economic analysis that RCEA will perform to evaluate offers will consider the generation profile of each project measured against projections of market prices during the periods of time in which the project generates electricity.*

1. Does RCEA have an anticipated price range?

*RCEA will be evaluating offers with an aim of providing the best value to customers.*

Questions about **RFP process**:

1. Will RCEA be posting a recording of the webinar for viewing after the live webinar concludes?

*Yes, a follow-up notification was sent to all participants and posted on RCEA’s website shortly afterwards.* [*https://redwoodenergy.org/services/contracting-opportunities/*](https://redwoodenergy.org/services/contracting-opportunities/)

1. When/where will the proposer’s conference recording be available?

*The proposer’s conference recording was posted to our website on 2/25/2019:* [*https://redwoodenergy.org/services/contracting-opportunities/*](https://redwoodenergy.org/services/contracting-opportunities/)[*https://redwoodenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/RCEA-2019-Renewable-Energy-Request-for-Proposals-RFP-19-401.mp4*](https://redwoodenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/RCEA-2019-Renewable-Energy-Request-for-Proposals-RFP-19-401.mp4)

1. How many qualified bidders have been invited to participate in this RFP?

*We posted the RFP on our website on 2/11/2019, and sent the RFP to a mailing list of parties that had previously expressed interest in responding.*