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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Wharfinger Building, downstairs Bay Room
1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA 95501**

**February 27, 2025
Thursday, 3:30 p.m.**

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OPEN SESSION Call to Order

1. ROLL CALL - REMOTE DIRECTOR PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. Approve teleconference participation request for this meeting by Director pursuant to Brown Act revisions of AB 2449 due to an emergency circumstance to be briefly described.

2. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

3. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

This time is provided for people to address the Board or submit written communications on matters not on the agenda. At the conclusion of all oral communications, the Board may respond to statements. Any request that requires Board action will be set by the Board for a future agenda or referred to staff.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Board and are enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of any of these items. If discussion is required, that item is removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. At the end of the reading of the Consent Calendar, Board members or members of the public can request that an item be removed for separate discussion.

- 4.1 Approve Minutes of January 23, 2025, Board Meeting.
- 4.2 Approve Disbursements Report.
- 4.3 Accept Financial Reports.
- 4.4 Adjust RCEA Finance Committee Term Appointment Dates to End on February 28, 2026, to Simplify Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Meeting Scheduling.

5. REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be heard under this section.

COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY (CCE) BUSINESS (Confirm CCE Quorum)

Items under this section of the agenda relate to CCE-specific business matters that fall under RCEA's CCE voting provisions, with only CCE-participating jurisdictions voting on these matters with weighted voting as established in the RCEA joint powers agreement.

6. OLD CCE BUSINESS

- 6.1. Energy Risk Management Semi-Annual Report
Accept Energy Risk Management Semi-Annual Report.

7. NEW CCE BUSINESS – None.

END OF COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY (CCE) BUSINESS

8. OLD BUSINESS – None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment
Approve proposed changes to the RCEA Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

9.2 Federal Activity Update

Give guidance on level of engagement with Federal Government and how often staff should report back on federal developments.

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Executive Director's Report

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any request that requires Board action will be set by the Board for a future agenda or referred to staff.

12. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Wharfinger Building downstairs Bay Room, 1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA 95501

Online and phone participation will also be possible via Zoom.

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STAFF REPORT
Agenda Item # 1.1

AGENDA DATE:	February 27, 2025
TO:	RCEA Board of Directors
FROM:	Eileen Verbeck, Deputy Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Member Teleconference Participation

BACKGROUND

Since emergency Brown Act meeting law changes went into effect in 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the RCEA Board of Directors, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the subcommittees of those bodies met online with no physical, public meeting location. Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law in September 2021, which allowed these bodies to continue meeting completely virtually without publishing each member's participation location while the COVID state of emergency continued and state or local officials recommended social distancing measures or the RCEA Board determined that meeting in person posed health and safety risks.

The COVID-19 State of Emergency ended on February 28, 2023, and RCEA Board and CAC meetings returned to meeting in-person at a physical location, with allowances under existing Brown Act rules or new AB 2449 Brown Act rules should a Board or CAC member need to participate from a remote location for certain reasons. If another state of emergency is declared, these bodies may be able to return to completely remote meetings.

SUMMARY

RCEA Board Directors may attend up to two meetings per year from a remote location without making the location accessible to the public for the following reasons:

1. "Just cause"
 - a. To provide childcare or caregiving need to a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner;
 - b. Due to a contagious illness that prevents the member from attending in-person;
 - c. Due to a need related to a physical or mental disability as defined in Government Code sections 12926 and 12926.1 not otherwise accommodated; and
 - d. Due to travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.
2. "Emergency circumstance" due to a physical or family medical emergency that prevents the member from attending in person.

If a Board Director would like to attend the meeting remotely due to an emergency circumstance, the Board will take action by majority vote to approve the Director's remote participation. A vote is not necessary for a request to attend remotely for just cause. A brief

description, protecting the Director's (or Director's family member's) medical privacy, needs to be provided in both cases.

The remotely participating Board Director needs to publicly disclose at the meeting before any action (vote) is taken, whether anyone 18 years of age or older is present in the room at the remote location with the Director, and the general nature of the individual's relationship with the Director.

If the Board Director anticipates needing to participate remotely for more than 2 meetings per year, staff recommends arranging for a publicly and ADA accessible space with visual and audio meeting capabilities from which to participate.

Staff asks to be notified one-week in advance, if possible, of remote meeting attendance so the Director's publicly and ADA accessible remote meeting address can be published in the agenda, if required per Brown Act open meeting laws.

Current Remote Participation Requests

As of the writing of this staff report, there have been no remote director participation for "just cause" or "emergency circumstances" requests.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (if needed)

Approve teleconference participation request for this meeting by Director pursuant to Brown Act revisions of AB 2449 due to an emergency circumstance to be briefly described.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wharfinger Building, Bay Room
1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA 95501

January 23, 2025
Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Chair Sarah Schaefer called a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority to order on the above date at 3:34 p.m. Notice of this meeting was posted on January 17, 2025.

PRESENT: Natalie Arroyo, Michael Gerace, Skip Jorgensen, Jason Ramos, Elise Scafani, Chair Sarah Schaefer, Jack Tuttle, Frank Wilson, Sheri Woo. ABSENT: Vice Chair Scott Bauer, Kris Mobley.

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Business Planning and Finance Director Lori Biondini, Executive Director Elizabeth Burks, Board Clerk Lori Taketa, Deputy Executive Director Eileen Verbeck.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Election of Officers and Community Advisory Committee Liaisons

Chair Schaefer nominated Vice Chair Bauer to serve as Chair, and nominated Director Mobley as Vice Chair, although the Director was absent and had not been asked whether she would like to serve in that capacity. Director Woo volunteered to serve as Vice Chair should Director Mobley be unable to do so. There was no public comment on these items.

M/S: Arroyo, Scafani: Appoint Scott Bauer as RCEA Board Chair and Kris Mobley as Vice Chair, and Sheri Woo as Alternate Vice Chair should Kris Mobley be unable to serve, through January 2026, and authorize the Chair and Vice Chair as signers on RCEA bank accounts.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ayes: Arroyo, Gerace, Jorgensen, Ramos, Scafani, Schaefer, Tuttle, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: Bauer, Mobley. Abstain: None.

M/S: Tuttle, Ramos: Appoint Sarah Schaefer as Board Liaison, and Natalie Arroyo as alternate liaison, to the Community Advisory Committee to serve through January 2026.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ayes: Arroyo, Gerace, Jorgensen, Ramos, Scafani, Schaefer, Tuttle, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: Bauer, Mobley. Abstain: None.

Both Chair-Elect Bauer and Vice Chair-Elect Mobley were absent. Chair Pro Tem Schaefer continued facilitating the meeting.

2.2 Board Committee Member Assignment

There was no public comment on this item.

M/S: Scafani, Woo: Appoint Directors Gerace, Jorgensen, Ramos and Wilson, and Chair Bauer to serve on the standing Finance Committee for one-year terms ending on the first regular Board meeting of 2026.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ayes: Arroyo, Gerace, Jorgensen, Ramos, Scafani, Schaefer, Tuttle, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: Bauer, Mobley. Abstain: None.

REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

Director Arroyo will report back on lessons learned from a Coastal Counties Supervisors' Group discussion of the Moss Landing battery facility fire. Director Arroyo would like to arrange a Lake County geothermal project visit and invited other directors to attend.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 Approve Minutes of December 17, 2024, Board Special Meeting.**
- 5.2 Approve Disbursements Report.**
- 5.3 Accept Financial Reports.**
- 5.4 Approve 2025 RCEA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar.**
- 5.5 Approve Updated and Unchanged Community Choice Energy Weighted Board Vote Distribution.**
- 5.6 Reappoint Deborah Dukes, Richard Johnson, Luna Latimer and Kit Mann to the Community Advisory Committee for Terms Ending March 31, 2027.**
- 5.7 Approve Amendment No.1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Sierra Business Council in the Amount of \$413,628.59 for RuralREN North Startup Services and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute All Applicable Documents.**
- 5.8 Approve Engagement with Baker Tilly US, LLP for audit of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2024 to 2026 and authorize the Executive Director to execute all applicable documents.**
- 5.9 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and the Ground Lease to Install, Operate, and Maintain Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment at Carlson Park Between RCEA and the City of Arcata and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

Director Arroyo requested discussion of item 5.5. No member of the public requested separate consent calendar item discussion.

M/S: Woo, Jorgensen: Approve all Consent Calendar items except item 5.5.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ayes: Arroyo, Gerace, Jorgensen, Ramos, Scafani, Schaefer, Tuttle, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: Bauer, Mobley. Abstain: None.

REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM

Director Arroyo relayed complaints about Tribal Member Directors not being able to vote on Community Choice Energy (CCE) matters. CCE participation is limited under the California Public Utilities Code to cities, counties and cities and counties. RCEA is the first CCE to

include Tribal Governments in its broader joint powers authority (JPA) membership. The directors discussed how all JPA members have an equal vote on actions incurring agency-wide liability, such as entering contracts; how the CCE weighted vote was calculated; how a Tribe member living on Tribal lands is represented in RCEA matters; and how RCEA might advocate at the CPUC on Tribal member CCE representation. Staff and RCEA's General Counsel will report at a future meeting on RCEA's CCE voting system, existing law and possible action. The Board took no action to approve the unchanged, updated weighted vote, as required biennially by RCEA's Amended Joint Powers Agreement. There was no public comment.

Chair Pro Tem Schaefer confirmed that a Community Choice Energy quorum was present.

OLD CCE BUSINESS

7.1. Annual Humboldt Sawmill Company Alternative Biomass Use Report (Information only)

Executive Director Burks reported on HSC's annual assessment of its biomass use which resulted from community concerns about the company's power purchase agreement with RCEA, and the annual process of evaluating HSC-provided data. An overview of this year's data was shared. The Biomass Technical Advisory Group was asked to examine the material in detail, and their resulting questions and requests for HSC were shared. The Community Advisory Committee discussed the report and the BTAG's comments earlier this month.

The Directors discussed HSC's efforts to reduce its Scotia plant's greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants, the relative value of performance comparisons with biomass plants using drier fuels, and the need to refer claims of invalid plant operation permits to the Air Quality Management District. The directors expressed a desire to know more about HSC's long-term plans for its Scotia biomass plant and air quality monitoring studies. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Approve Cost-of-Service Rate Setting Analysis Solicitation

Deputy Executive Director Verbeck described RCEA's current electricity rate setting method and its effectiveness during the CCE program's launch period. Over time, market pressures combined with this rate-setting method forced RCEA to scale back its renewable energy portfolio goals. Many CCE programs are adopting a different rate-setting model based on the actual cost to provide electricity to customers. This cost-of-service model improves financial planning, increases independence from PG&E's rate-changing pressures, and protects against legal challenges.

Directors discussed the risk of having higher electricity rates than PG&E, the need to conduct vigorous public education and outreach before adopting this rate setting method, and the importance of knowing how much agency goals cost when doing strategic planning. There were no public comments on this item.

M/S: Jorgensen, Gerace: Authorize staff to prepare and release a solicitation for cost-of-service analysis and rate design consulting, following review and approval by RCEA administrative staff and legal counsel.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ayes: Arroyo, Gerace, Jorgensen, Ramos, Scafani, Schaefer, Tuttle, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: Bauer, Mobley. Abstain: None.

10.2 Reserve Policy Adoption

Deputy Executive Director Verbeck and Business Planning and Finance Director Biondini described the importance of building secure reserves when setting rates. Due to the COVID pandemic, RCEA has previously not been able to meet its launch period minimum reserve target levels. The proposed Reserve Policy goals are to build a reserve of 180 days of CCE program operating costs held in an unrestricted cash position, and to maintain the target reserve level for 12 months before exploring options to direct net revenue back into the community. This reserve level matches reserve targets of most CCE programs, can significantly lower CCE program operating expenses and provide operations stability in an increasingly volatile energy market.

The directors discussed the current reserve balance, Proposition 26 restrictions on use of funds, whether RCEA can offer customer solar power and battery rebate programs, and the decision to pause RCEA's plans to construct an office building due to budget constraints. There were no public comments on this item.

M/S: Arroyo, Ramos: Adopt Resolution 2025-1, Adopting a Redwood Coast Energy Authority Reserve Policy, and direct staff to draft a Dividend Program Proposal to be presented to the Community Advisory Committee for input.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ayes: Arroyo, Gerace, Jorgensen, Ramos, Scafani, Schaefer, Tuttle, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: Bauer, Mobley. Abstain: None.

STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Executive Director's Report (Information only)

Executive Director Burks reported on her first weeks on the job, the agency's new website, and encouraged new jurisdiction representatives to participate in RCEA orientation sessions. Staff are tracking the many presidential executive orders and their effect on RCEA program funding, especially the Tribal Energy Resilience and Sovereignty microgrid project. Chair Pro Tem Schaefer presented Deputy Executive Director Eileen Verbeck with a certificate of appreciation for her service as Interim Executive Director. There were no public comments on this item.

Chair Pro Tem Schaefer thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair and adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Lori Taketa
Board Clerk

Redwood Coast Energy Authority Disbursements Report As of December 31, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2024	ACH	The Energy Authority	CAISO Weekly plus RA	-3,138,038.15
Liability Check	12/06/2024	ACH	Ascensus	Paydate 12/06/24	-15,080.28
Liability Check	12/06/2024	ACH	Ascensus	Paydate 12/06/24	-12,702.59
Liability Check	12/06/2024	ACH	EDD	Paydate 12/06/24	-10,634.28
Liability Check	12/06/2024	ACH	Internal Revenue Service	Paydate 12/06/24	-44,507.65
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	ACH	Sonoma Clean Power Authority	Nov 2024 - Flex RA sale - Monthly	-261,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	ACH	Viridity Energy Solutions, Inc.	Tierra Buena RA-November 2024	-16,900.00
Check	12/06/2024	18977	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241023-2286	-50.00
Check	12/06/2024	18978	NEM Customer	2024 NEM Payout-Transitional	-641.83
Check	12/06/2024	18979	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241023-2285	-100.00
Check	12/06/2024	18980	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241002-2257	-150.00
Check	12/06/2024	18981	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241110-2307	-975.00
Check	12/06/2024	18982	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #240924-2246	-1,050.00
Check	12/06/2024	18983	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241104-2295	-1,050.00
Check	12/06/2024	18984	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241106-2300	-1,050.00
Check	12/06/2024	18985	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241120-2329	-1,225.00
Check	12/06/2024	18986	Willdan Energy Solutions	County of Humboldt: 5630 S Broadway St.	-700.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18987	Adventures Edge	Nov 2024: 1 E-Bike Voucher	-350.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18988	Amazon.com	Monthly billing - Oct 2024	-2,663.60
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18989	AT&T	RCAM router: 10/19-11/18/24	-163.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18990	Baker Tilly US, LLP	Audit services - period ending 11/30/2024	-1,402.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18991	Bishop, M.	Mileage reimbursement - November 2024	-71.02
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18992	Bithell, M.	Nov 2024 Mileage & Purchase Reimb	-42.88
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18993	Boudreau, D.	Mileage & Purchase Reimbursement: Nov 2024	-21.65
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18994	Braun Blaising & Wynne, P.C.	Legal Services - Regulatory -Oct 2024	-209.25
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18995	City of Arcata	Nov 2024 Excessive Energy Use Tax	-840.35
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18996	City of Arcata	Nov 2024 Utility User Tax	-12,142.22
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18997	CPS HR Consulting	Training Course for Lori T.	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18998	Developed Employment Services, LLC.	805 3rd St. Yard work	-77.56
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	18999	Engel, R.	Nov 2024 Mileage Reimb	-32.16
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19000	Enterprise	Car rental Nov 2024	-114.87
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19001	Frontier Energy, Inc.	NREN Program Consulting - Oct 2024	-14,013.75
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19002	Hilson, D.	Mileage reimbursement - Nov 2024	-79.19
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19003	Humboldt Bay Coffee Co.	Office Coffee-917 3rd St	-43.25
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19004	Humboldt HyCycle	Nov 2024: 1 E-Bike Voucher	-1,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19005	iPROMOTEu.com, Inc	Promotional material and event supplies	-782.68
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19006	Law Offices of Susie Berlin	Oct 2024 Legal Services - NREN Support	-273.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19007	Mission Linen & Uniform Service	Nov & Dec 2024 mat service and supplies	-296.88
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19008	Pacific Paper Company	Office Supplies: Annual Calendar Order	-77.35
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19009	PG&E Office Utility	10/14-11/12/2024 utilities for 633 3rd Street	-1,151.81
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19010	Recology Humboldt County	Act 061371327, 917 3rd St. Nov 2024	-74.54
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19011	Recology Humboldt County	Act 060703330, 633 3rd St. Nov 2024	-110.05
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19012	Rennie, J	Mileage reimbursement - Nov 2024	-104.79
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19013	Rodriguez, Louis	Purchase reimbursement - Dec 2024	-37.13
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19014	Times Printing Company	Nov 2024 printing and postage	-653.58
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19015	Tuck Inc. / Plaza Grill	Venue Rental- The Basement 12/19/24	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2024	19016	Whitchurch Engineering, Inc	EVCS DMV Project-Oct 2024 Services	-2,990.00
Paycheck	12/06/2024	ACH	Employees	Payroll plus Annual Longevity Payments	-99,697.16

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	12/09/2024	ACH	The Energy Authority	CAISO Weekly Charges	-9,858.94
Bill Pmt -Check	12/16/2024	ACH	The Energy Authority	TEA Invoice #TEA 112024 Nov 2024	-2,972,735.22
Bill Pmt -Check	12/16/2024	ACH	The Energy Authority	CAISO Weekly	-132,837.41
Check	12/17/2024	ACH	VISA	VISA 2291: Nov 2024 Stmt 10/22-11/20/2024	-11,436.98
Check	12/17/2024	ACH	VISA	VISA 4133: Nov 2024 Stmt 10/22-11/20/2024	-861.54
Check	12/20/2024	Debit	Umpqua	Service Charge	-196.51
Liability Check	12/20/2024	ACH	Ascensus	Paydate 12/20/24	-10,214.59
Liability Check	12/20/2024	ACH	Ascensus	Paydate 12/20/24	-13,651.49
Liability Check	12/20/2024	ACH	CICCS Coalition for Controlling Insurance	Dec 2024 Coverage	-64.94
Liability Check	12/20/2024	ACH	EDD	Paydate 12/20/24	-8,141.91
Liability Check	12/20/2024	ACH	Internal Revenue Service	Paydate 12/20/24	-35,643.01
Liability Check	12/20/2024	ACH	Keenan	Jan 2025 Coverage	-36,925.11
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	ACH	CalPine Corporation	Nov 2024 Service Costs	-63,730.76
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	ACH	Humboldt Sawmill Co.	Nov 2024 Electricity Generation	-463,077.77
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	ACH	Leapfrog Power, Inc	Nov 2024 RA Invoice	-36,740.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	ACH	Snow Mountain Hydro, LLC	Nov 2024 Electricity Generation	-47,676.38
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	ACH	CalCCA	2024-2025 PG&E ERRRA Special Assessment	-2,555.18
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	WIRE	PG&E Voluntary Allocation	June 2024 Forecast Price- VA	-129,739.41
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	WIRE	USDA	Loan Payment Q4-2024	-97,478.74
Liability Check	12/20/2024	19017	Ameritas - Dental	Jan 2025 Coverage	-2,268.92
Liability Check	12/20/2024	19018	Ameritas - Vision	Jan 2025 Coverage	-395.92
Check	12/20/2024	19020	NEM Customer	2024 NEM Payout-Transitional	-277.44
Check	12/20/2024	19021	NEM Customer	2024 NEM Payout-Transitional	-398.70
Check	12/20/2024	19022	NEM Customer	2024 NEM Payout-Transitional	-547.09
Check	12/20/2024	19023	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-441.96
Check	12/20/2024	19024	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-84.71
Check	12/20/2024	19025	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-471.48
Check	12/20/2024	19026	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-182.77
Check	12/20/2024	19027	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-1,251.23
Check	12/20/2024	19028	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-276.65
Check	12/20/2024	19029	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-213.32
Check	12/20/2024	19030	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-62.60
Check	12/20/2024	19031	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-786.26
Check	12/20/2024	19032	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-930.74
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Check	12/20/2024	19034	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-216.73
Check	12/20/2024	19035	NEM Customer	NEM Account Closeout	-396.83
Check	12/20/2024	19036	NEM Customer	2024 NEM Special Payout	-48,743.51
Check	12/20/2024	19037	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241007-2264	-400.00
Check	12/20/2024	19038	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241020-2279	-500.00
Check	12/20/2024	19039	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241206-2345	-100.00
Check	12/20/2024	19040	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241204-2343	-150.00
Check	12/20/2024	19041	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241112-2309	-250.00
Check	12/20/2024	19042	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241207-2346	-400.00
Check	12/20/2024	19043	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241017-2276	-450.00
Check	12/20/2024	19044	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241209-2347	-700.00
Check	12/20/2024	19045	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241114-2310	-712.50
Check	12/20/2024	19046	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241118-2318	-900.00

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	12/20/2024	19047	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241022-2283	-900.00
Check	12/20/2024	19048	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241203-2341	-1,000.00
Check	12/20/2024	19049	CCE Customer	CCE Heat Pump Rebate -Res #241031-2290	-1,050.00
Check	12/20/2024	19050	CCE Customer	CCE Equipment Rebate -Res #241120-2328	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19051	Advanced Display & Signs	Outdoor Logo sign for 633 office building	-188.69
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19052	Amazon.com	Monthly billing - Nov 2024	-620.02
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19053	AT&T	RCAM charges: 11/29-12/28/24	-930.80
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19054	AT&T Long Distance	Phone charges 11/25 - 12/24/2024	-117.57
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19055	Blue Lake Chamber of Commerce	2025 Annual Membership	-70.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19056	Brant Electric	Dolbeer St EV Station Testing	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19057	Carter Properties	917 3rd Street Office Lease - Jan 2025 rent	-2,375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19058	City of Eureka-Other	Bay Cities Leadership: Avcolle & Gwynn	-2,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19059	City of Eureka-Water	917 and 633 3rd St: water service	-351.05
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19060	Computershare	Annual Escrow Fee, 12/18/24-12/17/25	-6,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19061	Ferndale Chamber of Commerce	2025 Annual Membership	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19062	Greater Eureka Chamebr of Commerce	2025 Annual Membership	-258.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19063	Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce	2025 Annual Membership	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19064	HireRight	Background screening	-226.10
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19065	HSU - Sponsored Programs Foundation	SP42856 & SP42857 On Call Services	-8,774.25
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19066	Humboldt Bay Coffee Co.	Office Coffee-633 3rd St	-51.90
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19067	Law Offices of Nancy Diamond	Nov 2024 Legal Services	-10,616.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19068	Local Worm Guy	Nov 2024 Compost service 633 & 917 3rd St	-96.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19069	North Coast Cleaning Services, Inc.	Nov 2024 Cleaning Services	-1,090.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19070	NYLEX.net, Inc.	Onsite network support services - Jan 2025	-3,690.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19071	Optimum Business-633	633 3rd St: Phone & Internet - 11/28-12/27/2024	-1,103.54
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19072	PG&E - ACV	ACV site utilities 10/25-11/22/2024	-167.10
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19073	PG&E CCA	Nov 2024 Billing Services	-21,621.18
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19074	PG&E EV Account	EV stations 11/01-11/30/2024	-1,968.20
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19075	PG&E Office Utility	11/04-12/04/2024 utilities for 917 3rd Street	-580.89
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19076	Pierson Building Center	917 3rd St: Facility supplies-Ant Bait	-15.27
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19077	Regli, S	Empl Reimb for event snacks	-11.98
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19078	Revolution Bicycles	Nov 2024: 1 E-Bike Voucher	-500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19079	Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce	2025 Annual Membership	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19080	Shred Aware	Shredding services - Dec 2024	-68.95
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19081	Southern Humboldt Chamber	2025 Annual Membership	-325.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19082	Times Printing Company	Dec 2024: Move-in mailers	-1,300.47
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19083	Ubeo Business Services	633 3rd St Printer Charges: 11/06-12/05/24	-221.52
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19084	Whitchurch Engineering, Inc	EVCS DMV Project-Nov 2024 Services	-3,010.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19085	Winzler, John	Office Lease - 633 3rd St. Jan 2025	-7,946.31
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2024	19086	Yakovleva, Vera A.	CALCCA Meeting.: Transp. Reimb 12/04/24	-36.37
Paycheck	12/20/2024	ACH	Employees	Payroll	-88,326.22
Liability Check	12/23/2024	ACH	Principal Life Insurance Company	Jan 2025 Premiums	-131.24
Bill Pmt -Check	12/23/2024	ACH	The Energy Authority	CAISO weekly charges	-50,780.85
Bill Pmt -Check	12/23/2024	19087	AT&T	RCAM charges: 12/07-01/06/24	-330.21
Liability Check	12/24/2024	ACH	Colonial Life	Jan 2025 Premiums	-2,179.06
Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2024	ACH	The Energy Authority	CAISO Invoice #CISO122624-DEC	-46,707.30
TOTAL					<u>-8,050,375.24</u>

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Redwood Coast Energy Authority
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through December 2024

	<u>Jul - Dec 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 GRANTS AND DONATIONS			
Total 4000 · Revenue - direct donations	600.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 4 GRANTS AND DONATIONS	600.00	0.00	100.0%
5 REVENUE EARNED			
Total 5000 · Revenue - government agencies	2,516,644.36	1,375,000.00	183.03%
Total 5100 · Revenue - program related	5,553,348.90	50,000.00	11,106.7%
Total 5300 · Revenue - interest on deposits	808.56	0.00	100.0%
Total 5400 · Revenue-nongovernment agencies	219,159.50	413,000.00	53.07%
Total 5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales	34,822,446.34	68,501,255.00	50.84%
Total 5 REVENUE EARNED	43,112,407.66	70,339,255.00	61.29%
Total Income	43,113,007.66	70,339,255.00	61.29%
Gross Profit	43,113,007.66	70,339,255.00	61.29%
Expense			
Total 6 WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY	30,614,169.74	61,063,849.00	50.14%
Total 7 PERSONNEL EXPENSES	2,164,862.12	5,251,342.00	41.23%
Total 8.1 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS	492,188.86	978,375.00	50.31%
Total 8.2 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH	92,216.73	114,900.00	80.26%
8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS			
8400 · Regulatory	69,867.81	164,300.00	42.53%
Total 8410 · Contracts - Program Related Ser	156,990.09	1,418,600.00	11.07%
8420 · Accounting	25,284.00	60,000.00	42.14%
8430 · Legal	67,744.20	185,000.00	36.62%
8450 · Wholesale Services - TEA	427,130.34	817,124.00	52.27%
8460 · Procurement Credit - TEA	71,511.34	639,430.00	11.18%
8470 · Data Management - Calpine	382,672.55	855,276.00	44.74%
8480 · Customer Billing - PG&E	129,796.38	272,714.00	47.59%
Total 8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS	1,330,996.71	4,412,444.00	30.17%
Total 8.6 INCENTIVES & REBATES	110,035.28	230,000.00	47.84%
Total 9 NON OPERATING COSTS	64,134.44	129,000.00	49.72%
Total Expense	34,868,603.88	72,179,910.00	48.31%
Net Ordinary Income	8,244,403.78	-1,840,655.00	-447.91%
Net Income	8,244,403.78	-1,840,655.00	-447.91%

Redwood Coast Energy Authority
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2024

	<u>Dec 31, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	300.00
1060 · Umpqua Checking Acct 0560	147,562.98
1071 · Umpqua Deposit Control Acct 8215	11,141,624.95
1075 · Umpqua Reserve Account 2300	20,000,000.00
1077 · JP Morgan Chase Act 74999	<u>399,967.48</u>
Total Checking/Savings	31,689,455.41
Total Accounts Receivable	2,323,186.20
Other Current Assets	
1101 · Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	-9,853,597.74
1103 · Accounts Receivable-Other	18,045,021.22
1120 · Inventory Asset	18,614.90
1205 · Prepaid Insurance	55,441.42
1210 · Retentions Receivable	<u>28,995.93</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>8,294,475.73</u>
Total Current Assets	42,307,117.34
Total Fixed Assets	9,988,880.88
Other Assets	
1700 · Security Deposits	<u>4,202,212.42</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>4,202,212.42</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>56,498,210.64</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Accounts Payable	4,029,467.72
Total Credit Cards	19,606.12
Other Current Liabilities	
2002 · Deposits Refundable	1,013,130.01
2011 · NEM Escrow Liability	201,042.07
Total 2100 · Payroll Liabilities	191,823.88
2200 · Accrued Expenses	0.00
2215 · Lease Liability - Current	<u>123,444.15</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,529,440.11</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,578,513.95</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>6,113,788.73</u>
Total Liabilities	11,692,302.68
Equity	
3900 · Fund Balance	36,060,949.06
Net Income	<u>8,744,958.90</u>
Total Equity	<u>44,805,907.96</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>56,498,210.64</u></u>



REDWOOD COAST Energy Authority

STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 4.4

AGENDA DATE:	February 27, 2025
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Lori Taketa, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT:	Extending Finance Committee Term Appointment Dates

SUMMARY

Staff recommend adjusting the committee service terms to end on February 28, 2026, to facilitate scheduling a mid-year budget adjustment committee meeting, if necessary, next year.

BACKGROUND

The RCEA Board of Directors created the standing Finance Subcommittee on January 28, 2019, "to meet as needed to work with staff and advise the Board of Directors on matters relating to audit, finance and budget." Subcommittee members were appointed to serve one-year terms ending on the first regular Board meeting of each year. Discussion prior to the subcommittee's creation focused on the directors' desire to increase organizational transparency and Board member understanding of the agency's finances.

Directors Michael Gerace, Skip Jorgensen, Jason Ramos, Frank Wilson and Chair Scott Bauer, were appointed to serve on this standing committee at the Board's January 23, 2025, meeting.

ALIGNMENT WITH [RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

Not applicable. The proposed action promotes efficient Board administrative support.

EQUITY AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Extend RCEA Finance Committee term appointment dates to end on February 28, 2026, to simplify mid-year budget adjustment meeting scheduling.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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REDWOOD COAST Energy Authority

STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 6.1

AGENDA DATE:	February 27, 2025
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Richard Engel, Director of Power Resources Lori Biondini, Director of Business Planning and Finance Jaclyn Harr, TEA Account Director – California
SUBJECT:	Energy Risk Management Semi-Annual Report

BACKGROUND

The RCEA Board of Directors adopted an Energy Risk Management Policy in December 2016, most recently revised in December 2024 (<https://redwoodenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/850/2024/12/Energy-Risk-Management-Policy.pdf>), to establish functions and procedures to manage the risks associated with the Community Choice Energy (CCE) program's power procurement activities. In accordance with this policy, staff presents a periodic update on activities and projected financial performance to the Board during business meetings.

Until this year, the Board received these risk updates every quarter. In keeping with Energy Risk Management Policy revisions adopted by the Board in December 2024, staff will update the Board semi-annually, timed to inform the Board's annual budget adoption and mid-year budget review. The Board is best positioned at these times to make needed adjustments to the budget in response to any financial trends, opportunities, or threats that may be identified through the risk update. The semi-annual update frequency is a minimum, and staff may update the Board more frequently if there are major changes to RCEA's financial performance or the market.

SUMMARY

RCEA staff and the Energy Authority (TEA) California Account Director Jaclyn Harr will provide an energy risk management update.

ALIGNMENT WITH [RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

Not applicable.

EQUITY IMPACTS

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept Energy Risk Management Semi-Annual Report.

ATTACHMENTS

Energy Risk Management Semi-Annual Report slides will be presented at the meeting.

RCEA

Energy Risk Management

Semi-Annual Report

February 2025 Board Meeting



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Changes to Timing and Content of Risk Updates

- Quarterly timing changed to semi-annual, per updated risk policy
 - alignment with annual budget setting and mid-year budget review
- Shift to focus on fiscal year over calendar year
- Financials compared against most recent adopted/revised budget instead of previous quarter's financial modeling
- Costs of short-term renewable & carbon free procurement will be shown as a monthly cost instead of one annual lump sum payment
- Co-presented by RCEA and TEA staff
- We are interested in Board input on further changes that would be helpful

Financial Update

Overview of Financial Drivers*

Legend

Green = improved since FY budget was set

Red = worse since FY budget was set

CCE Revenues:

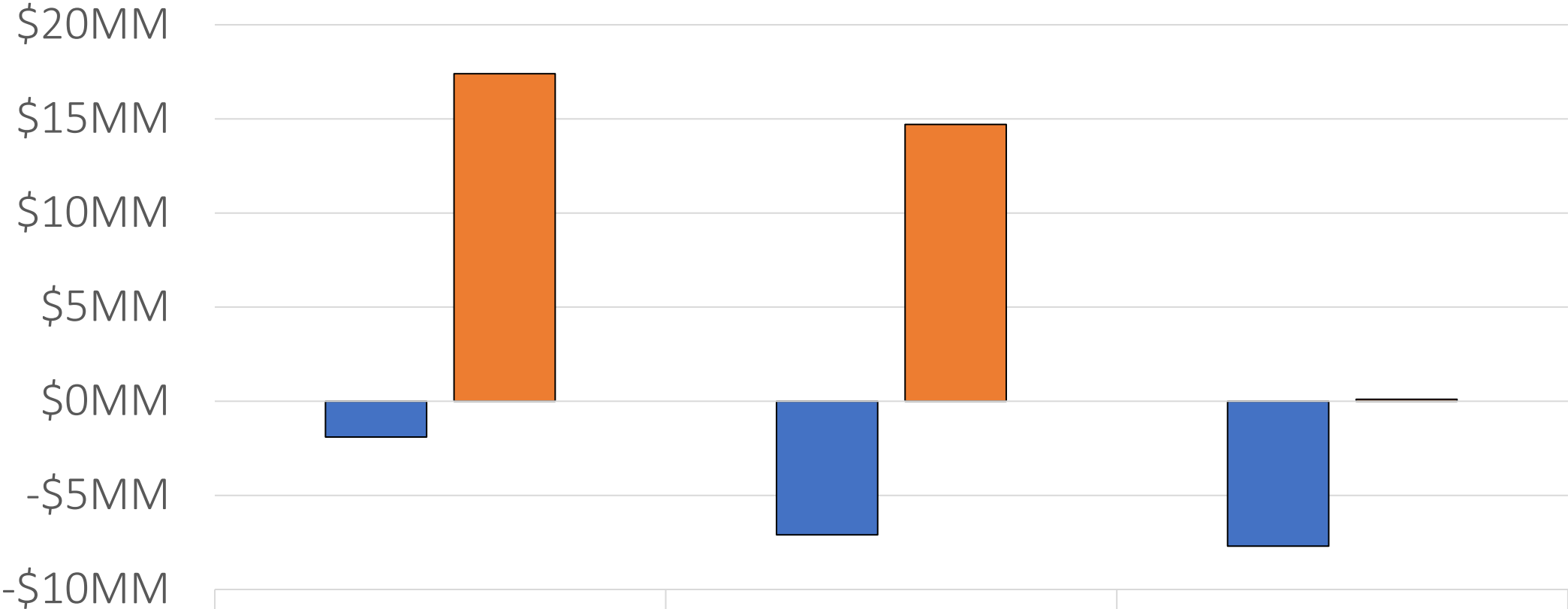
- Fiscal Year 24-25 electricity sales revenue higher than budgeted
 - Calendar year 2025 rate increase higher than May 2024 forecast
- Calendar year 2026 and 2027 PG&E rate forecast updated
 - +\$10.2MM in FY 25-26, -\$4.5MM in FY 26-27

Net Power Costs:

- Forward energy price changes over forecast horizon:
 - Calendar year 2025 costs down 22% (100% hedged)
 - Calendar years 2026 and 2027 costs down 22% (average hedged: ~68%) and 7% (average hedged: ~65%), respectively
- Decreased prices for environmental products (RECs & Carbon-Free) and capacity products (RA)

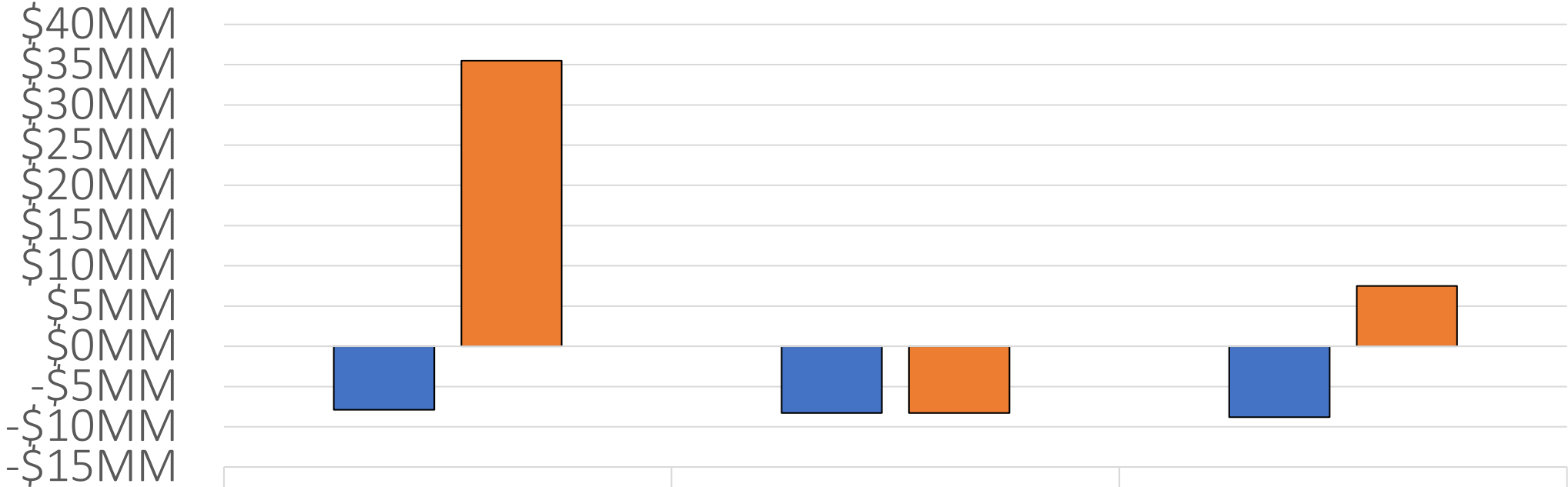
**Per Financial Models from 5/7/24 and 2/11/25.*

Fiscal Year Net CCE Revenue Forecast



	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
■ May Budget	\$(1,900,000)	\$(7,100,000)	\$(7,700,000)
■ Feb Board	\$17,400,000	\$14,700,000	\$100,000

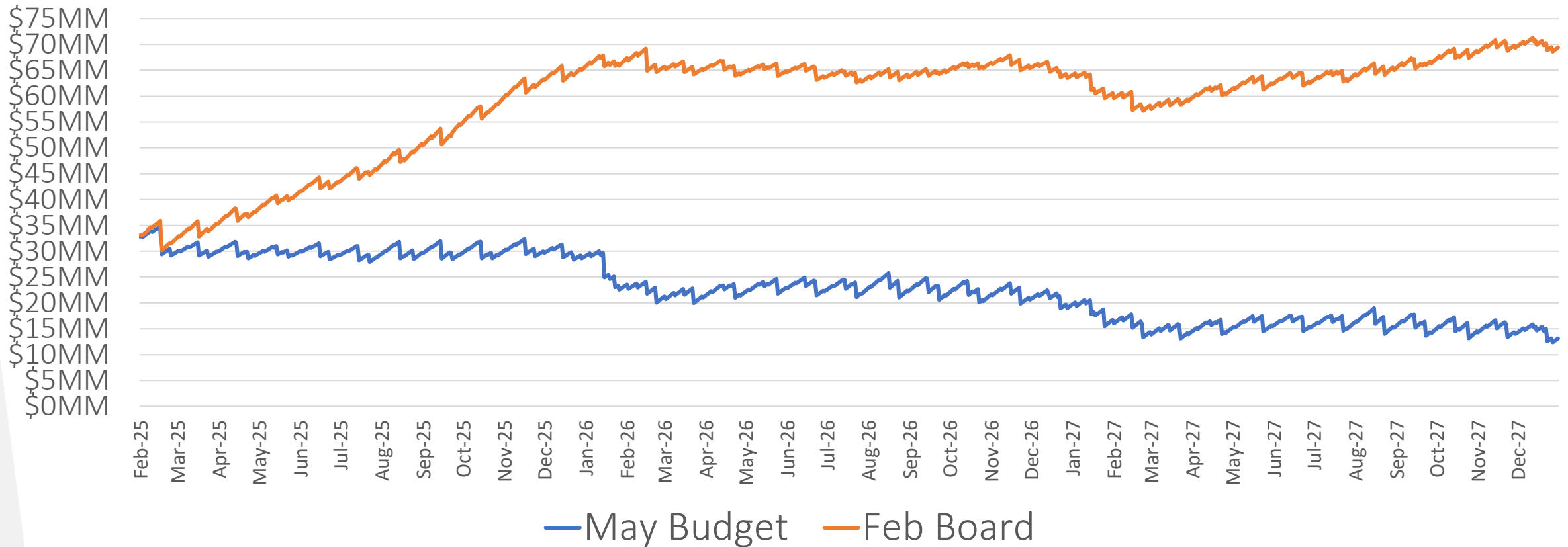
Calendar Year Net CCE Revenue Forecast



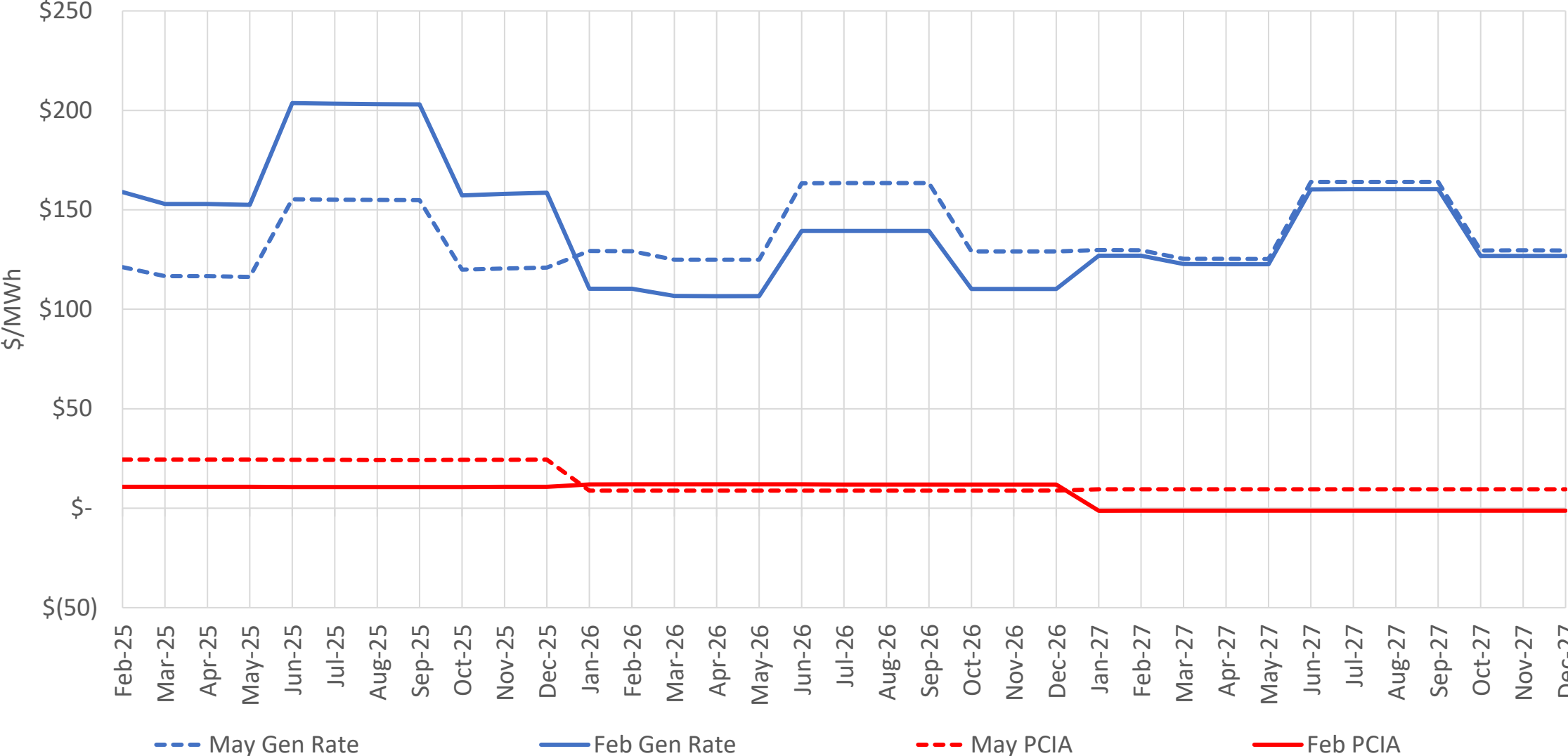
	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027
■ May Budget	\$(7,900,000)	\$(8,300,000)	\$(8,800,000)
■ Feb Board	\$35,500,000	\$(8,300,000)	\$7,500,000

Two-Year Cash Projection based on CCE Net Revenues

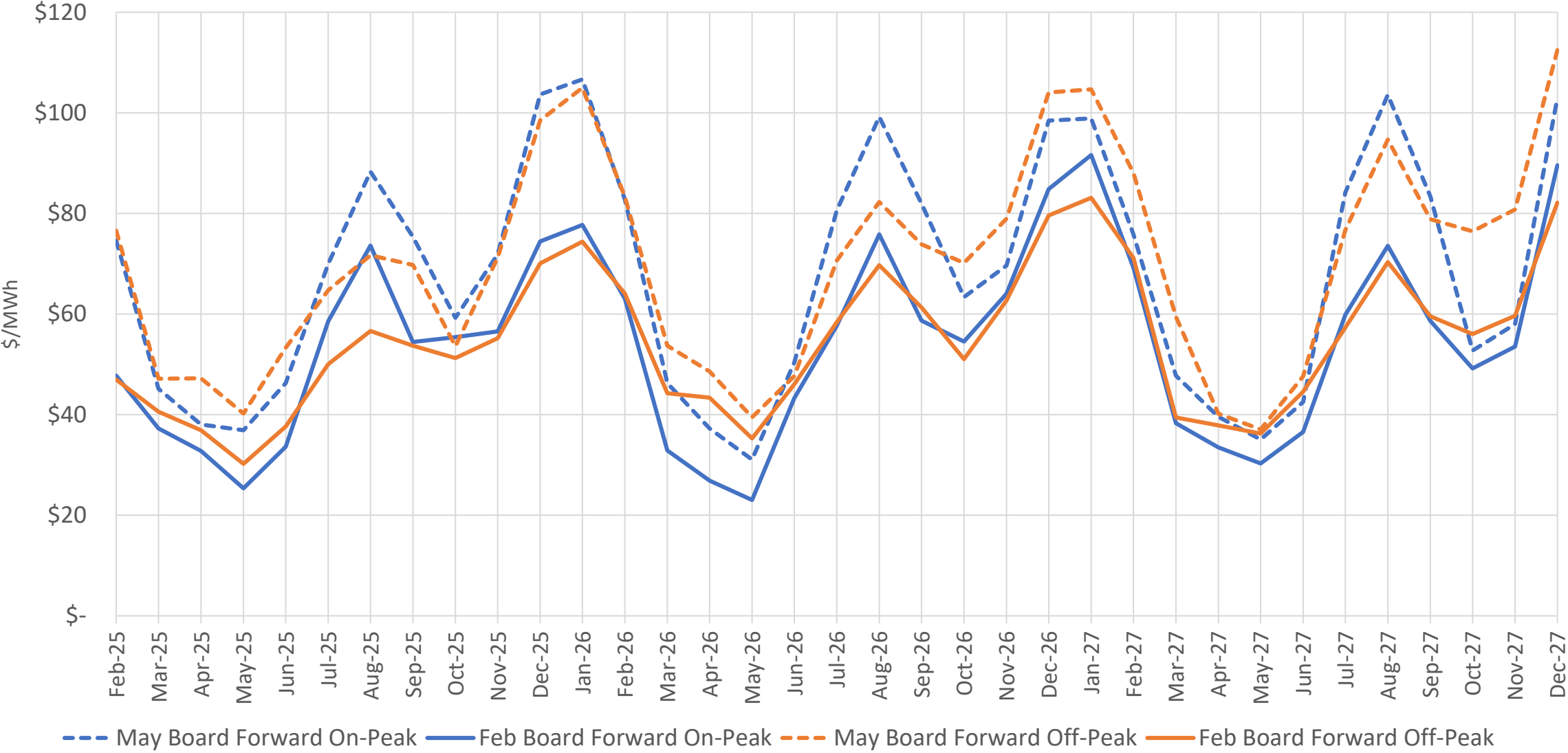
	Feb - Dec 2025			CY 2026			Jan - Dec 2027		
	Min	Avg	Ending	Min	Avg	Ending	Min	Avg	Ending
May Budget	\$27.9M	\$30.1M	\$29.0M	\$18.9M	\$22.8M	\$19.6M	\$12.4M	\$15.9M	\$13.1M
Feb Board	\$30.2M	\$47.1M	\$65.5M	\$62.6M	\$65.4M	\$64.0M	\$57.2M	\$64.2M	\$69.4M



Forecasted PG&E Generation Rate & PCIA

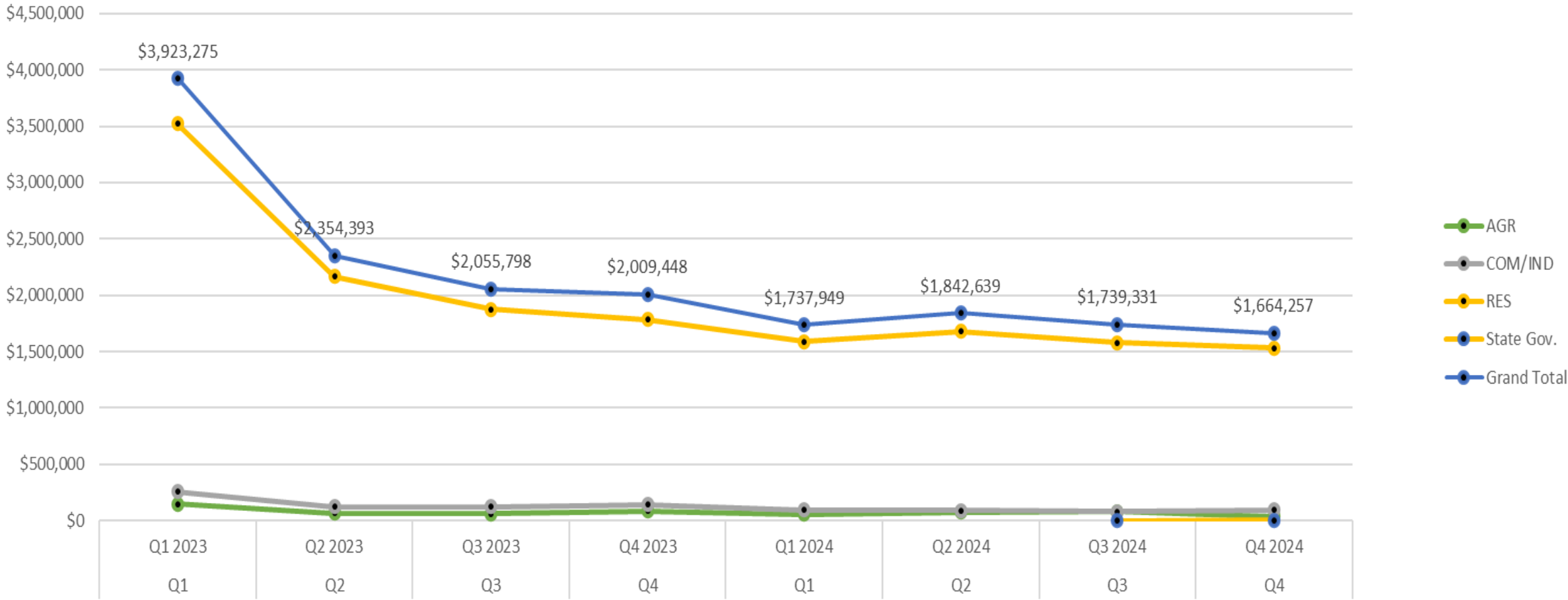


Forward Energy Prices for RCEA

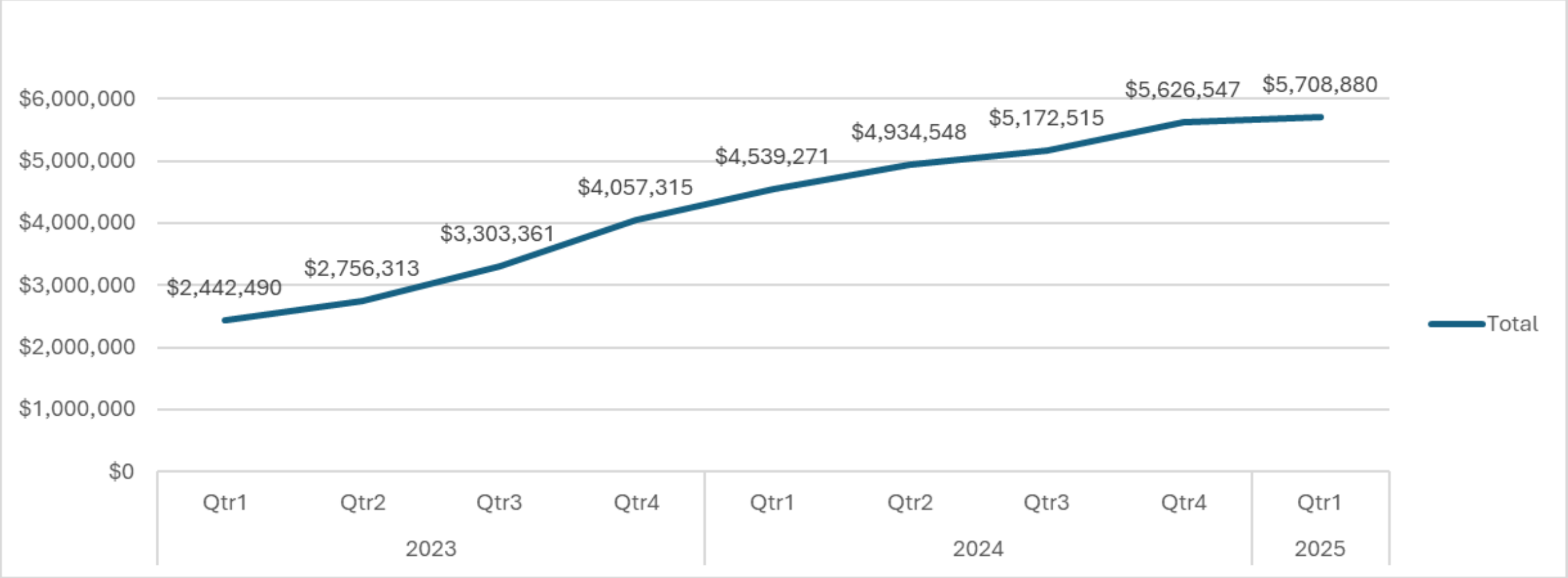


Uncollected Revenues Update

Uncollected Revenues: Active Debt Status



Uncollected Revenues: Debt Assigned to Collection Agency





REVISED STAFF REPORT
Agenda Item # 9.1

AGENDA DATE:	February 27, 2025
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Lori Biondini, Business Development & Finance Director Eileen Verbeck, Deputy Executive Director Elizabeth Burks, Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

BACKGROUND

When the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget was adopted, the estimated expenses exceeded the revenue. Staff recommended and the Board adopted the following budget measures in an attempt to balance the budget:

- Procurement of renewable energy set to State-mandated goals for the remainder of calendar year 2024 and 2025. RCEA’s adopted goal was 100% renewable and carbon free energy in 2025 (estimated savings of \$4M).
- Froze vacant positions (estimated savings \$467,235).
- Postponed architectural design of new building (estimated savings \$1.2M).
- Decreased customer rebate and incentive budget (estimated savings \$170,000).
- Reduced communication and outreach budget (estimated savings \$45,585).
- Postponed third-party compensation and classification review (\$50,000 - \$75,000).

Estimated net revenue with these adopted measures was -\$1.8 million.

SUMMARY

Reviewing and updating the budget mid-year keeps the Board apprised of the dynamic nature of electricity rates and power costs and allows staff to better manage net income. Based on actual revenue and expenses to date and the CPUC approval of the Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN) a budget adjustment is needed to accurately reflect the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget. The approval of NREN is anticipated to add approximately \$7.1 million in additional revenue and expenses and will offset \$931,982 of adopted budget expenditures.

Forecasted electricity sales and wholesale power costs included in the proposed mid-year budget adjustment are based on modeling provided by The Energy Authority dated January 31, 2025. The model includes the implemented generation rates as of January 2025 and includes a 0.5% discount from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) retail generation rates. Based on this information, RCEA is estimating that wholesale power supply revenue will be \$12.3 million more than expected in the adopted budget, and the power supply expenses are estimated \$3.7 million more than expected. Additionally, RCEA has received \$5.8 million in delay damages due to the delayed commercial operation date of the Sandrini Solar project. The mid-year budget adjustment also includes the sale of excess hydro power equivalent to the amount of the nuclear allocation that was accepted (\$300,000).

On February 6, 2025, Staff presented a draft mid-year budget adjustment to the Finance Subcommittee. The Finance Subcommittee recommended the following adjustment be presented to the full Board for approval.

	Adopted FY 24-25 Budget	Proposed FY 24-25 Mid-year adjustment	Description
Revenue			
Electricity Sales	\$70.6M	\$82.9M	Based on actual rates, PCIA and load.
Grants and Contracts	\$1.8M	\$9M	Includes \$7.1M for NREN
Program Related Service Fees	\$50,000	\$5.9M	Includes \$5.8M for delay damages
Expense			
Wholesale Power Supply	\$61M	\$64.7M	Based on actual rates, PCIA and load.
Personnel	\$5.2M	\$5.4M	Unfreezes vacant positions, funds class/comp study, reinstates training and travel budget, and travel funded by NREN ¹ .
Facilities and Operations	\$978,375	\$1.1M	Increased cost associated with implementing NREN.
Communication and Outreach	\$114,900	\$276,200	Reinstates budget previously cut and additional expenses associated with NREN.
Professional and Program Services	\$4.4M	\$8.9M	Increased cost for NREN, accounting services for additional audits, and cost of service rate study.
Incentives and Rebates	\$230,000	\$965,605	Budgeted \$756,105 in customer programs funded by NREN. Also includes additional \$50,000 for RCEA electric vehicle rebate program.
Net Revenue	-\$1.8M	\$13.8M	

Procurement of Renewable Energy

Based on direction from the Board and a positive financial outlook, Staff revisited the current energy procurement strategy. The Board of Directors adopted a resolution pausing RCEA’s goal of 100% renewable and carbon free energy in 2025 to balance the budget. The Board set the

¹ Expenses associated with the administration and implementation of Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN) are funded through payments made to RCEA from PG&E. The intent of NREN is to encourage energy efficiency measures in rural communities. The use of NREN funds is regulated by the CPUC and can include expenses such as personnel, database development, marketing and outreach expense, customer rebates and pass-through program funding to NREN partners (Lake Area Planning Council, Mendocino Council of Governments, and Sierra Business Council).

goal to the State's mandated standard of 47% for calendar year 2025. As of the writing of this staff report, RCEA has procured more than the state standard and is currently estimated to have a portfolio of 75% renewable and carbon free energy.

The Finance Subcommittee was presented the following three options:

1. Stay with the Board adopted procurement strategy of meeting State renewable portfolio standard (RPS) of 47%. This could result in selling excess energy already procured for an additional \$4M in revenue.
2. Stay with the Board adopted procurement strategy and keep current RPS eligible procured energy in portfolio. This could result in 75% renewable and carbon free. This option would be cost neutral. This is the Staff and Finance Committee recommendation.
3. Reinstate RCEA's procurement goal of 100% renewable and carbon free. This could result in additional \$1.6M in expenses.

Option 1 could result in additional revenue, but it is reliant on estimated loads for the remainder of 2025. If RCEA's load increases, there is a risk that RCEA may not meet the state standard and be out of compliance. To implement Option 3, RCEA would likely procure already existing large hydro which is costly and does not add to the overall increase in renewable and carbon free generation in the State.

Staff, The Energy Authority and the Finance Subcommittee recommend option 2 which is cost neutral. The proposed mid-year budget adjustment is based on Option 2.

Net Revenue Summary

The adopted budget anticipated a reduction of the reserve fund of \$1.8M. The proposed mid-year adjustment estimates a net revenue of \$13.8M. The Board of Directors adopted a reserve policy at the January 2025 meeting that states RCEA shall have a maximum reserve of 180 days cash on hand. Based on the proposed budget adjustment this would be \$36.2M. As of February 20, 2025, RCEA's cash balance is \$31.9 million. RCEA is expected to reach the reserve goal later this year. Per the reserve policy once the reserve goal is reached and maintained for twelve (12) months, the Board can make decisions on utilizing funds in excess of the goal. In anticipation of reaching this goal, staff will research cost of service rate setting and a dividend proposal to bring back to the Board at a later date.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Staff continues to recommend conservative budgeting and a focus on increasing cash reserves to help RCEA and its customers weather future market instability, increase RCEA's credit worthiness, and decrease operations costs.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approve proposed changes to the RCEA Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

ATTACHMENT

- RCEA Budget FY24-25 DRAFT Mid-year Adjustments

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Redwood Coast Energy Authority Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget

POWER RESOURCES
Community Choice Energy

Revenue	
State Contracts	-
REVNet Sales & LCFS Credits	-
Program Service Fees	5,880,888
Non-government Contracts	-
Electricity Sales	82,930,603
Uncollectable Accounts	(2,487,918)
Total	86,323,573

Expense	
WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY	
Sub-total	64,768,112

PERSONNEL EXPENSES	
Safety	-
Staff Training, Development & Non-Local Travel	32,710
Local Mileage	200
Recruitment & Screening	-
Full-time Salaries	1,133,596
Part-time Salaries, Taxes & WC	81,150
Sub-total	1,247,656

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS	
Office Supplies	-
Furniture & Equipment	5,000
IT Hardware & Supplies	-
Software	-
IT Subcontractors	-
Office Lease and Meeting Space Rental	-
Office Utilities & Mobile Phones/Hotspots	-
Office Maintenance Supplies	-
Office Maintenance Services	-
REVNet Operations & Maintenance	-
RCAM Operations & Maintenance	-
Property & Liability Insurance	-
Dues & Memberships	200,000
Administrative Service Fees	-
Sub-total	205,000

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH	
Sub-total	93,500

PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS	
Regulatory	124,300
Contracts - Program Related Services	251,669
Accounting	100,000
Legal	45,000
Wholesale Services - TEA	875,603
Procurement Credit - TEA	150,000
Data Management - Calpine	855,276
Customer Billing - PG&E	272,714
Sub-total	2,674,562

INCENTIVES & REBATES	
Equipment	-
Heat Pumps	-
Residential Home Kits & Lending Library	-
EV & EVSE	-
E-Bike	-
Sub-total	-

NON OPERATING COSTS	
Sub-total	6,000

Total Expense	68,994,830
Net Income	17,328,743

Redwood Coast Energy Authority Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget

INFRASTRUCTURE and TRANSPORTATION (I&T)				
REVNet	Transportation Grants - NCRCN	Infrastructure Grants - RRPG, CEG	Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid	CCE Customer I&T Programs and Services

Revenue					
State Contracts	-	375,000	1,000,000	-	-
REVNet Sales & LCFS Credits	70,000	-	-	-	-
Program Service Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Non-government Contracts	-	-	11,000	-	-
Electricity Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Uncollectable Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Total	70,000	375,000	1,011,000	-	-
Expense					
WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY					
Sub-total					
PERSONNEL EXPENSES					
Safety	-	-	-	500	-
Staff Training, Development & Non-Local Travel	-	-	-	-	-
Local Mileage	100	200	1,000	600	-
Recruitment & Screening	-	-	-	-	-
Full-time Salaries	-	80,000	200,000	29,443	417,999
Part-time Salaries, Taxes & WC	-	-	-	-	44,241
Sub-total	100	80,200	201,000	30,543	462,240
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS					
Office Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture & Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
IT Hardware & Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Software	-	-	-	-	-
IT Subcontractors	-	-	-	-	-
Office Lease and Meeting Space Rental	-	-	-	-	-
Office Utilities & Mobile Phones/Hotspots	-	-	-	-	-
Office Maintenance Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Office Maintenance Services	-	-	-	-	-
REVNet Operations & Maintenance	69,900	-	-	-	-
RCAM Operations & Maintenance	-	-	-	75,000	-
Property & Liability Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Dues & Memberships	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Service Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	69,900	-	-	75,000	-
COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH					
Sub-total	-	-	-	-	10,200
PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS					
Regulatory	-	-	-	-	-
Contracts - Program Related Services	-	400,000	800,000	50,000	-
Accounting	-	-	-	-	-
Legal	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Services - TEA	-	-	-	-	-
Procurement Credit - TEA	-	-	-	-	-
Data Management - Calpine	-	-	-	-	-
Customer Billing - PG&E	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	-	400,000	800,000	50,000	-
INCENTIVES & REBATES					
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Heat Pumps	-	-	-	-	-
Residential Home Kits & Lending Library	-	-	-	-	-
EV & EVSE	-	-	-	-	80,000
E-Bike	-	-	-	-	30,000
Sub-total	-	-	-	-	110,000
NON OPERATING COSTS					
Sub-total	-	-	-	120,000	-
Total Expense	70,000	480,200	1,001,000	275,543	582,440
Net Income	-	(105,200)	10,000	(275,543)	(582,440)

Redwood Coast Energy Authority Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget

DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM)			
RuralREN - Admin	Rural REN - Implementation	PG&E Local Government Partnership Program	CCE Customer DSM Programs and Services

Revenue				
State Contracts	1,748,887	5,378,947	-	-
REVNet Sales & LCFS Credits	-	-	-	-
Program Service Fees	-	-	-	-
Non-government Contracts	-	-	400,000	10,000
Electricity Sales	-	-	-	-
Uncollectable Accounts	-	-	-	-
Total	1,748,887	5,378,947	400,000	10,000
Expense				
WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY				
Sub-total				
PERSONNEL EXPENSES				
Safety	-	-	-	-
Staff Training, Development & Non-Local Travel	17,500	-	-	-
Local Mileage	-	2,100	1,100	-
Recruitment & Screening	-	-	-	-
Full-time Salaries	450,935	415,547	280,000	396,247
Part-time Salaries, Taxes & WC	-	-	-	71,727
Sub-total	468,435	417,647	281,100	467,974
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS				
Office Supplies	9,177	9,454	-	500
Furniture & Equipment	6,000	-	-	-
IT Hardware & Supplies	2,600	2,600	-	-
Software	3,000	-	-	38,000
IT Subcontractors	-	-	-	8,000
Office Lease and Meeting Space Rental	-	-	-	-
Office Utilities & Mobile Phones/Hotspots	-	-	-	-
Office Maintenance Supplies	-	-	-	-
Office Maintenance Services	-	-	-	-
REVNet Operations & Maintenance	-	-	-	-
RCAM Operations & Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Property & Liability Insurance	-	-	-	-
Dues & Memberships	160,000	-	-	-
Administrative Service Fees	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	180,777	12,054	-	46,500
COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH				
Sub-total	60,000	12,500	-	-
PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS				
Regulatory	20,000	-	-	-
Contracts - Program Related Services	837,775	3,636,190	-	-
Accounting	-	-	-	-
Legal	55,000	-	-	50,000
Wholesale Services - TEA	-	-	-	-
Procurement Credit - TEA	-	-	-	-
Data Management - Calpine	-	-	-	-
Customer Billing - PG&E	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	912,775	3,636,190	-	50,000
INCENTIVES & REBATES				
Equipment	-	756,105	-	17,500
Heat Pumps	-	-	-	75,000
Residential Home Kits & Lending Library	-	-	-	7,000
EV & EVSE	-	-	-	-
E-Bike	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	-	756,105	-	99,500
NON OPERATING COSTS				
Sub-total	-	-	-	-
Total Expense	1,621,987	4,834,496	281,100	663,974
Net Income	126,900	544,451	118,900	(653,974)

Redwood Coast Energy Authority Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget

	STRATEGIC PLANNING	GENERAL & ADMIN	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET	Proposed Budget w/ Adjustments
Revenue				
State Contracts	-	-	1,375,000	8,502,834
REVNet Sales & LCFS Credits	-	-	50,000	70,000
Program Service Fees	-	-	-	5,880,888
Non-government Contracts	80,000	-	413,000	501,000
Electricity Sales	-	-	70,619,850	82,930,603
Uncollectable Accounts	-	-	(2,118,595)	(2,487,918)
Total	80,000	-	70,339,255	95,397,407
Expense				
WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY				
Sub-total			61,063,849	64,768,112
PERSONNEL EXPENSES				
Safety	-	4,500	5,000	5,000
Staff Training, Development & Non-Local Travel	6,800	32,500	64,300	89,510
Local Mileage	100	500	5,000	5,900
Recruitment & Screening	-	124,000	24,000	124,000
Full-time Salaries	163,592	1,308,101	4,794,460	4,875,460
Part-time Salaries, Taxes & WC	32,459	59,005	358,582	288,582
Sub-total	202,951	1,528,606	5,251,342	5,388,452
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS				
Office Supplies	-	10,750	10,500	29,881
Furniture & Equipment	-	13,000	13,000	24,000
IT Hardware & Supplies	-	50,500	-	55,700
Software	-	33,209	-	74,209
IT Subcontractors	-	60,000	214,345	68,000
Office Lease and Meeting Space Rental	-	128,000	128,000	128,000
Office Utilities & Mobile Phones/Hotspots	-	80,400	48,400	80,400
Office Maintenance Supplies	-	8,000	-	8,000
Office Maintenance Services	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
REVNet Operations & Maintenance	-	-	105,000	69,900
RCAM Operations & Maintenance	-	-	87,000	75,000
Property & Liability Insurance	-	102,117	102,117	102,117
Dues & Memberships	3,000	8,000	254,013	371,000
Administrative Service Fees	-	50,000	-	50,000
Sub-total	3,000	559,976	978,375	1,152,207
COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH				
Sub-total	7,500	92,500	114,900	276,200
PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS				
Regulatory	20,000	-	164,300	164,300
Contracts - Program Related Services	40,000	-	1,418,600	6,015,634
Accounting	-	190,000	60,000	290,000
Legal	40,000	90,000	185,000	280,000
Wholesale Services - TEA	-	-	817,124	875,603
Procurement Credit - TEA	-	-	639,430	150,000
Data Management - Calpine	-	-	855,276	855,276
Customer Billing - PG&E	-	-	272,714	272,714
Sub-total	100,000	280,000	4,412,444	8,903,527
INCENTIVES & REBATES				
Equipment	-	-	70,000	773,605
Heat Pumps	-	-	75,000	75,000
Residential Home Kits & Lending Library	-	-	25,000	7,000
EV & EVSE	-	-	30,000	80,000
E-Bike	-	-	30,000	30,000
Sub-total	-	-	230,000	965,605
NON OPERATING COSTS				
Sub-total	-	3,000	129,000	129,000
Total Expense	313,451	2,464,082	72,179,910	81,583,103
Net Income	(233,451)	(2,464,082)	(1,840,655)	13,814,303

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-year Budget Update

Adopted FY 24-25 Budget Measures

- Procurement of renewable energy reduced to State-mandated goals for calendar year 2025. RCEA's adopted goal was 100% renewable and carbon free (estimated savings of \$4M)
- Froze Vacant Positions (\$467,235)
- Postponed architectural design of new building (\$1.2M)
- Decreased customer rebate and incentive budget (\$170,000)
- Reduced Communication and Outreach budget (\$45,585)
- Postponed third-party compensation and classification review (\$50,000 - \$75,000)

Summary

On February 6, 2025, Staff presented a draft mid-year budget adjustment to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee recommended the following adjustments be presented to the full Board.

	Adopted Budget	Proposed Update
Revenue	\$70.3M	\$95.4M
Expenses	\$72.1M	\$81.5M
Projected Net Revenue/ Addition to Cash Reserves	-\$1.8M	\$13.8M

Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN)

- CPUC approved NREN from September 2024 – December 2027. Total allocation of \$33.1M.
- FY 24-25 - Additional revenue and expense of \$7.1M
- Expenses include personnel, database development, marketing and outreach expense, customer rebates, and pass-through program funding to NREN partners
- Offsets \$931,982 of adopted budget expense

Reinstatement of 2024-25 Budget Measures

- Reinstatement of travel and training budget
- Unfreeze current vacant positions
- Reinstatement of communication and outreach budget
- Fund compensation and classification study
- Increase electric vehicle rebates by \$50,000
- Fund audits and financial software
- Fund IT hardware replacements and software
- Fund Cost of Service rate analysis

Electricity Sales & Power Supply

- Updated revenue and expense based on financial modeling from January 31, 2025.
- Retail rate discount remains at 0.5% below PG&E rates.
- Revenue is \$12.3M more than expected
- Power supply expense \$3.7M more than expected.
- Sandrini construction delay damages received \$5.8M
- RCEA sold hydro in the equivalent of the nuclear allocation (\$300,000)

Revisiting RCEA's Clean Energy Goals

In June 2024, the Board decided to temporarily reduce renewable energy targets out of financial necessity. Per Board direction staff evaluated the following three scenarios.

RCEA staff have updated these scenarios to latest modeling:

1. Stay with current procurement strategy of meeting State RPS goals - Sell length. + \$2.9M in revenue, 47% Renewable & Carbon-Free, does not meet Board goals
2. Keep expected renewable volumes in portfolio and do not sell length. \$0, expected 82% Renewable and Carbon Free, meets RCEA Board renewable goal
3. Reinstate Procurement Goals, and procure to 100% Renewable and Carbon Free +\$2.3M in expenses, 100% Renewable & Carbon-Free, meets all goals

The Committee recommends the Board adopt goals that support Scenario 2, on the basis that it re-establishes RCEA's commitment to increased use of renewable energy, without incurring increased costs to customers.

Scenario 2 - Forecasted 2025 Environmental Resources

restore trajectory toward 100% renewable by 2030, and keeping carbon-free resources currently in portfolio

% Renewable (bundled renewables)	62%
% Renewable (unbundled renewables)	13%
% Renewable (total)	75%
% Carbon-free	7%
% Renewable + carbon-free	82%

Note: Due to 2024 State policy change that will calculate % renewable as % of total wholesale load instead of as % of total retail load, the % renewable is expected to be a few % smaller. Exact adjustment is still to be determined.

How Are PCC 3 Unbundled RECs Shown On a Power Content Label (PCL)?

PG&E's 2023 Power Content Label

“Eligible Renewable” on the PCL includes only PCC0, PCC1 and PCC2 renewables, part of the portfolio that adds up to 100%

PCC3 or Unbundled RECs are shown as a separate category

PG&E had 32.8% + 5% = 37.8% total renewables

2023 POWER CONTENT LABEL	
Pacific Gas and Electric Company www.pge.com/billinserts	
Energy Resources	Base Plan
Eligible Renewable¹	32.8%
Biomass & Biowaste	3.4%
Geothermal	0.3%
Eligible Hydroelectric	2.5%
Solar	20.2%
Wind	6.3%
Coal	0.0%
Large Hydroelectric	13.8%
Natural Gas	0.0%
Nuclear	53.4%
Other	0.0%
Unspecified Power ²	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Percentage of Retail Sales Covered by Retired Unbundled RECs³:	5%

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Effectively, PG&E had 32.8% + 5% = **37.8%** total renewables

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Coal	0.0%
Large Hydroelectric	13.8%
Natural Gas	0.0%
Nuclear	53.4%
Other	0.0%
Unspecified Power²	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Percentage of Retail Sales Covered by Retired Unbundled RECs³:	5%

Similarly, the Finance Committee's recommendation would result in a 2025 RCEA Power Content Label including :

62% Eligible Renewables
 +
13% Unbundled RECs
 =
75% Total Renewables

Revenue Adjustments

	Adopted FY 24-25 Budget	Proposed FY 24-25 Mid-year Adjustment
Electricity Sales	\$70.6M	\$82.9M
Grants and Contracts	\$1.8M	\$9M
Program Related Service Fees (EV charging use, FIT application fees)	\$50,000	\$5.9M <i>(this includes \$5.8M in collected delay damages from the Sandrini PPA)</i>

Expense Adjustments

	Adopted FY 24-25 Budget	Proposed FY 24-25 Mid-year Adjustment
Wholesale Power Supply	\$61M	\$64.7M
Personnel	\$5.2M	\$5.4M
Facilities and Operations	\$978,375	\$1.1M
Communication and Outreach	\$114,900	\$276,200
Professional and Program Services	\$4.4M	\$8.9M
Incentives and Rebates	\$230,000	\$965,605
Non-Operating Costs	\$129,000	\$129,000

Net Revenue Summary

- The adopted budget anticipated a reduction of the reserve fund of **\$1.8M**
- The proposed mid-year adjustment estimates net revenue of **\$13.8M**
- Reserve Policy – 180 days cash on hand (\$36.2M based on proposed budget adjustment)
- As of February 20th, the cash balance is \$31.9M.

Next Steps:

- Conduct analysis on basing rates on cost of service.
- Use of Reserves – Once goal of 180 days cash on hand is reached and maintained for 12 months, the Board can make decision on utilizing funds.



REDWOOD COAST Energy Authority

STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 9.2

AGENDA DATE:	February 27, 2025
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Faith Carlson, Regulatory and Legislative Policy Manager
SUBJECT:	Federal Activity Update

SUMMARY

As of February 11, President Donald Trump has signed over 90 Executive Orders, Memoranda or Proclamations. Many of these actions have implications for the energy sector or aim to dramatically reform the federal government.

Although RCEA's routine operations are not federally funded, these executive orders will affect our work.

Currently, the only RCEA project directly impacted by these orders is the Tribal Energy Resilience and Sovereignty project (TERAS), which has been "paused" for 90 days pending Department of Energy review for consistency with the Administration's priorities.

Some of these executive orders already face legal challenges which may affect their implementation. RCEA staff will continue tracking Federal Policy implementation and new releases to understand their impact on daily operations.

BACKGROUND

Among the President's powers include the ability to issue three types of directives: Executive Orders, Memoranda, and Proclamations.

Executive Orders:

- Are numbered and must be published in the Federal Register
- Have the force of law (if not in violation with the Constitution or Congressional Order)
- Manage the operations of the executive branch of the government
- Have broader subject matter, such as creating a new agency, or instructing multiple agencies on how to implement federal law.

Memoranda:

- Are not numbered and are optionally published in the Federal Register
- Generally, have the same power as an executive order
- Have more targeted subject matter, such as delegation of tasks assigned by Congress to the president to a specific office.

Proclamations:

- Are numbered and published in the Federal Register
- Communicate information on holidays, trade, and policy.

RCEA does not rely on federal funds or federal permits for daily operations, but there are many facets of our work that can be impacted by these orders.

List of Presidential Actions

Below is a non-exhaustive list of Presidential Actions that may be relevant to RCEA. See staff report attachment for details on each action.

Executive Actions Related to Energy and the Environment

- Executive Orders:
 - Unleashing American Energy
 - Declaring a National Energy Emergency
 - Initial Recissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions
 - Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements
 - Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential
 - Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence
 - Emergency Measures to Provide Water Resources in California and Improve Disaster Response in Certain Areas
 - Council to Assess the Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Presidential Memoranda:
 - Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis
 - Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Wind Leasing and Review on the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects

Other Relevant Executive Actions

- Executive Orders:
 - Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
 - Reforming the Federal Hiring Process and Restoring Merit to Government Service
 - Restoring Accountability to Policy-Influencing Positions Within the Federal Workforce
 - Establishing and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency'
 - Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation
- Presidential Memoranda:
 - Regulatory Freeze Pending Review
 - America First Trade Policy

IMPACTS

The broad impact of the above actions is unknown.

The cost of energy and pace of renewable energy project development will likely be impacted. Tariffs could increase imported energy prices and affect supply chains for energy infrastructure construction, resulting in slower timelines and increased costs. For other projects, prioritization and permitting streamlining could speed up timelines.

The executive orders remove Federal support for offshore wind projects. Progress towards electric vehicle adoption and conversion to energy efficient appliances could be slowed.

Both the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) have competitive programs for which RCEA could apply. The current Administration's position on these programs will mean less climate work grant solicitations. The rollback of commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion and Justice40 initiatives create multi-level concerns including decreased competitiveness of projects from our region.

ALIGNMENT WITH [RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

Staff will continue to track Federal Actions and is committed to supporting the RCEA mission. Staff will incorporate Board feedback in RCEA's Policy Platform.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The TERAS project \$88 million in federal funding has been paused. The broad financial impacts are currently unknown.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Give guidance on level of engagement with Federal Government and how often staff should report back on federal developments.

ATTACHMENTS

RCEA-Relevant Presidential Actions

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RCEA-Relevant Presidential Actions

Actions Related to Energy and the Environment

Date	Action	Summary	Notes
1/20/25	Executive Order: Unleashing American Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourages energy exploration and production on Federal lands and waters, the elimination of “the electric vehicle mandate,” "safeguard(s) the American people's freedom to choose from a variety of goods and appliances," and states policy to guarantee opportunity for public comment and scientific analysis. - Repeals multiple Biden Executive Orders (EOs) on climate change, permitting, energy, and environmental issues. - Pauses Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds, including funds for electric vehicle charging stations for 90 days minimum. - Directs Secretary of Energy to restart liquefied natural gas export project reviews. - Revokes 5/24/77 EO 11991 - protection and enhancement of environmental quality. - Propose rescinding Council on Environmental Quality’s National Environmental Policy Act regulations, directs CEQ to revise regulations. - Directs agencies to eliminate permitting process delays. - Directs all agencies to “adhere to only the relevant legislated requirements for environmental considerations.” - Disbands the working group Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases and eliminates the social cost of carbon from the calculation for federal permitting or regulatory decisions. - Federal agencies are directed to examine and remove barriers to domestic critical minerals mining and processing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy efficient appliance standards likely to be affected by this order - States and regional authorities have jurisdiction over permitting and planning. - This is the EO that paused the TERAS program which is funded through the IRA.
1/20/25	Executive Order: Declaring a National Energy Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declares a national energy emergency. - The Northeast and West Coast are named as places where "dangerous State and local policies jeopardize our Nation's core national defense and security needs." - Authorizes any lawful emergency authorities to facilitate identification, leasing, siting, production, transportation, refining and generation of domestic energy sources. - Directs agencies to submit recommendations within 30 days. - Forms a committee to review Endangered Species Act exemption requests and to explore regulatory reform. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - States and regional authorities have jurisdiction over permitting and planning. - The Order’s main justifications are affordability, energy security, and jobs.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directs assessment of the Department of Defense's ability to acquire and transport energy, electricity, or fuels needed to protect the homeland within 60 days. - Defines "energy" or "energy resources" as crude oil, natural gas, lease condensates, natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products, uranium, coal, biofuels, geothermal heat, the kinetic movement of flowing water, and critical minerals. 	- Solar and wind excluded from "energy" definition.
1/20/25	Executive Order: Initial Recessions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revokes 78 executive actions from Biden's administration, including those related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), immigration, and climate. - Directs the creation of a list of additional executive actions for repeal and executive actions to replace the rescinded actions and review all national security memoranda from the previous administration for potential revision within 45 days. <p>Repealed EOs related to energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EO 13990 of 1/20/21: Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis. - EO 13992 of 1/20/21: Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation. - EO 14008 of 1/27/21: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. - EO 14027 of 5/7/21: Establishment of the Climate Change Support Office. - EO 14030 of 5/20/21: Climate-Related Financial Risk. - EO 14057 of 12/8/21: Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability. - The Presidential Memo of 1/13/23: Withdrawal of Certain Areas off the United States Arctic Coast of the Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Gas Leasing. - EO 14082 of 9/12/22: Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. - EO 14096 of 4/21/23: Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All. 	
1/20/25	Presidential Memorandum: Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directs agencies to "pursue appropriate actions" to lower cost-of-living, including "eliminate counterproductive requirements that raise the cost of home appliances" and "eliminate harmful, coercive 'climate' policies that increase the cost of food and fuel." 	- Agency revision of policies is required to comply with all relevant statutes, which could slow process down.



1/20/25	Executive Order: Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Withdraws the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will take a year to implement.
1/20/25	Presidential Memorandum: Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Withdrawal any new or renewed wind leasing in the Offshore Continental Shelf. - Directs identification of any "legal bases" for removal of existing wind leases. - Puts a temporary halt on federal on- and off-shore wind leasing, permitting, loans, and rights of way and directs agencies to assess the environmental impacts on wildlife and the "economic costs associated with the intermittent generation of electricity and the effect of subsidies on the viability of the wind industry." - Requests assessment of the "environmental impact and cost to surrounding communities of defunct and idle windmills" and recommendations to remove the windmills. 	
1/20/25	Executive Order: Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removes regulatory barriers on developing energy in Alaska, focused largely on liquid natural gas. 	
1/23/25	Executive Order: Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orders development of AI action plan within 180 days. - Revokes and orders modification of government policies that "present obstacles to" ... "America's global AI dominance." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While this EO does not mention energy, AI is a driver of increased energy consumption.
1/24/25	Executive Order: Emergency Measures to Provide Water Resources in California and Improve Disaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentions "harmful State or local policies" and "Overriding Disastrous California Policies" - Within 15 days, orders report on "all authorities, including emergency authorities, available to ensure, require, maintain, or use infrastructure necessary to fight and prevent massive wildfires in Southern California." - Orders immediate action to maximize water deliveries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In response to LA wildfires. - Could expedite hydropower permitting.

	Response in Certain Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows Secretary of the Interior to deliver more water and produce more hydropower. - Orders identification and review of regulatory hurdles to CA water-supply and storage projects within 30 days. - Orders review of CA state and local policies. - Orders review of “any lack of compliance by California with the terms of existing Federal grants, contracts, or other financial assistance to States or localities.” - Orders specific actions related to LA and Northern Carolina disaster response. 	
1/24/25	Executive Order: Council to Assess the Federal Emergency Management Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishes the Federal Emergency Management Agency Review Council to assess FEMA’s ability to capably and impartially address disasters within the United States. - Orders a “comparison of the FEMA responses with State, local, and private sector responses.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While this EO has no explicit mention climate, climate change can lead to increasing intensity or frequency of natural disasters.

Actions Related to Federal Funding, Trade, Hiring, Regulation, and Government Efficiency

Date	Action	Summary	Notes
1/20/25	Presidential Memorandum: Regulatory Freeze Pending Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pauses the issuance, publication and enforcement of new federal rules for 60 days pending review. - Director of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to oversee implementation, including exemptions for emergencies or urgent deadlines. 	
1/27/25	Office of Management and Budget Memorandum on Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires Federal agencies to identify and review all Federal financial assistance programs and supporting activities consistent with the President’s policies and requirements. - By 2/10, agencies shall submit to OMB programs, projects, or activities subject to this pause. - New awards, disbursement, and other actions must be paused until OMB reviews and provides guidance with response to information submitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included as an example of the roll out of the above EO, commonly called “Federal Funding Freeze.” Has been extensively challenged in court.

1/20/25	Presidential Memorandum: America First Trade Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directs federal agencies to investigate trade deficit and recommend "appropriate measures, such as a global supplemental tariff or other policies, to remedy such deficits." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could lead to an increase in procurement costs for energy infrastructure.
1/20/25	Executive Order: Restoring Accountability to Policy-Influencing Positions Within the Federal Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinstates a prior EO President Trump signed near the end of his first term, which reclassifies federal employees into a new category of political appointees, removing civil service protections so they can be fired at will. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff turnover and lower staffing could slow disbursement of funds and other processes, such as environmental review and federal permitting.
1/20/25	Executive Order: Reforming the Federal Hiring Process and Restoring Merit to Government Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directs agencies to prioritize candidates committed to government efficiency and "ideals of our American republic," without consideration of race, sex or religion. - Implementation plan due within 120 days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff turnover and lower staffing could slow disbursement of funds and other processes, such as environmental review and federal permitting.
1/20/25	Executive Order: Establishing and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renames United States Digital Service to United States DOGE Service (USDS) where DOGE is an acronym for Department of Government Efficiency. - Establishes a USDS "temporary organization" which may include Special Government Employees and outlines DOGE Team structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - US Digital Service was established by Obama's administration to improve federal websites. - DOGE has the goal to lower the federal workforce and identify efficiency measures.



1/31/25	Executive Order: Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defines regulation as formal regulation, rules, memoranda, administrative orders, guidance documents, policy statements, and interagency agreements. - Unless prohibited by law, whenever new regulation issued, at least 10 prior regulations be repealed. - The incremental cost of all new regulation must be <0, as determined by the Director of OMB, unless exempt by law or the Director. - Agencies to estimate cost or savings of each new regulation added or repealed. - No new regulations may be issued by an agency if it was not included in the most recent version or update of the Unified Regulatory Agenda or approved by OMB. - Replaces 2023 regulatory analysis guidance with 2003 guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could reduce regulatory burden on energy sector. It is unclear how much authority this EO has on independent agencies (such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC).
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Actions Related to Environmental and Social Justice

Date	Action	Summary	Notes
1/20/25	Executive Order: Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directs agencies to terminate diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) programs in the federal government. - Within 60 days, agencies must report all DEI and “environmental justice” programs and positions. 	



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Federal Activity

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- Recession of past administration's Presidential Actions
- New orders and memos to:
 - Unleash American energy
 - Declare a national energy emergency
 - Lower Cost of Living
 - Pause new offshore wind leases
 - Develop liquid natural gas in Alaska
 - Specific measures related to FEMA and CA water supply
 - Withdraw USA from Paris Climate Agreement
 - Implement tariffs to select countries or on select materials
 - Establish National Energy Dominance Council



Actions aim to:

- Increase new energy development and exploration
- Pause existing programs, such as electric vehicle programs, energy efficiency appliance standards, Inflation Reduction Act, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts
- Accelerate permitting
- Increase electricity capacity

Actions order

- Regulatory freeze
- Funding freeze
- Exploration of a global supplemental tariff
- Recategorization of federal employees into political appointees
- Renaming of United States Digital Service to Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)
- Removal of 10 regulations for any 1 new regulation
- Termination of federal diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility programs



- New and existing offshore wind
- Electric vehicle and charging deployment
- Energy efficient appliances
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Cost of energy and pace of renewable energy project development
 - Tariffs:
 - Could increase imported energy prices
 - Could affect supply chains for energy infrastructure construction, resulting in slower timelines and increased costs
 - Permitting - Prioritization and permitting streamlining could speed up timelines.
 - Funding
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and other grant programs
 - \$88 million of TERCAS funding paused
 - Competitiveness of projects from our region may be reduced due to loss of DEI and Justice40 initiatives

How is staff tracking this?

- Direct tracking
- Coalition tracking and response through:
 - California Community Choice Association (CalCCA)
 - California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC)
 - The Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC)
 - American Public Power Association (APPA)

Staff is seeking guidance from the Board on how often they'd like to hear about federal developments and if there are specific engagement requests.



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STAFF REPORT
Agenda Item # 10.1

AGENDA DATE:	February 27, 2025
TO:	Board of Directors
FROM:	Beth Burks, Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Executive Director's Report

SUMMARY

Executive Director Beth Burks will provide updates on topics as needed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. (Information only.)

ATTACHMENT

None.

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