## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

Fax: (707) 269-1777

May 26, 2022 -Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

## **COVID-19 NOTICE**

## RCEA AND HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OFFICES WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THIS MEETING

Pursuant to the AB 361 Brown Act open public meeting law revisions signed into law on September 16, 2021, and Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Proclamation of March 4, 2020, this meeting will not be convened in a physical location. Board members will participate in the meeting via an online Zoom video conference.

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While downloading the Zoom application may provide a better meeting experience, Zoom does not need to be installed on your computer to participate. After clicking the webinar link above, click "start from your browser."

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Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, all writings or documents relating to any item on this agenda which have been provided to a majority of the Board of Directors, including those received less than 72 hours prior to the RCEA Board meeting, will be made available to the public at www.RedwoodEnergy.org.

## **OPEN SESSION** Call to Order

## 1. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

## 2. ORAL 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.

## 3. 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.

- **3.1** Approve Minutes of April 28, 2022, Board Meeting.
- 3.2 Approve Disbursements Report.
- 3.3 Accept Financial Reports.

## 4. 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.

## 5. OLD CCE BUSINESS

**5.1.** Power Procurement Update (Information only)

## 6. NEW CCE BUSINESS

**6.1.** North Coast Renewables Development Collaboration

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Between Redwood Coast Energy Authority and Sonoma Clean Power Authority to Collaborate on Enabling Transformative Renewable Energy Development Along the Northern California Coast.

## **END OF COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY (CCE) BUSINESS**

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Board and Community Advisory Committee Meeting Method Options

Extend Resolution No. 2022-4 Ratifying Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020, State of Emergency Proclamation and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of RCEA's Legislative Bodies, for the period May 28, 2022, through June 26, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act revisions of AB 361, and

## Direct staff to:

- 1. <u>Make arrangements for socially-distanced</u>, *in-person* RCEA public meetings beginning July 2022,
- 2. <u>Make arrangements for *hybrid*, socially-distanced, in-person public meetings beginning July 2022</u>, or
- 3. <u>Continue conducting RCEA public meetings *virtually* until the Governor rescinds the COVID-19 public health state of emergency.</u>
- **7.2** Net Energy Metering Successor Tariff Proceeding Update

<u>Discuss</u>, and potentially direct, RCEA action on next steps regarding advocacy in forthcoming NEM successor tariff policy development.

<u>Discuss</u>, and potentially solicit new volunteers for the RCEA Board Ad Hoc Net Energy Metering Subcommittee.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

**8.1** Proposed Agency Position Additions and Revisions

## Approve:

- 1) Creation of an Infrastructure Programs Manager position,
- 2) Addition of a DSM Intake Coordinator position,
- 3) Addition of a Power Resources Specialist position,
- 4) Update to the RCEA Organization Chart, and
- 5) Revising the Assistant/Coordinator/Associate position to clarify the distinction between limited-term and permanent positions.
- **8.2** FY 2022-2023 Preliminary Draft Budget

Provide guidance and input to staff on draft FY22-23 budget.

## 9. STAFF REPORTS

- **9.1** Deputy Executive Director's Report
  - a. Monthly RCEA Work Report

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 3:30 p.m. The location of this meeting is to be determined.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

April 28, 2022 - Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 22, 2022. Chair Stephen Avis called a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority to order on the above date at 3:32 p.m., stating that the teleconference meeting was being conducted pursuant to the AB 361 Brown Act open public meeting law revisions signed into law on September 16, 2021, and Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Proclamation of March 4, 2020. Chair Avis stated that the posted agenda contained public teleconference meeting participation instructions.

PRESENT: Chair Stephen Avis (briefly offline from 4:15-4:20 p.m.), Scott Bauer (arrived 3:34 p.m.), Rex Bohn, Vice Chair Chris Curran, David Grover, Mike Losey, Sarah Schaefer, Frank Wilson, Sheri Woo. ABSENT: None. STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Power Resources Director Richard Engel, The Energy Authority Client Services Manager Jaclyn Harr, Community Strategies Manager Nancy Stephenson; Clerk of the Board Lori Taketa, Deputy Executive Director Eileen Verbeck.

## REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

Director Losey mentioned a Washington Post article rating 25 investor-owned utilities' performance on climate change policy implementation. Eleven utilities were found to be actively obstructing climate change policies. PG&E scored among the highest-rated utilities for implementing climate change policies.

Chair Avis reported that a large tract off the Oregon Coast was opened for offshore wind development.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments for non-agenda items. Chair Avis closed the oral communications portion of the meeting.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **3.1** Approve Minutes of March 24, 2022, Board Meeting.
- **3.2** Approve Disbursements Report.
- **3.3** Accept Financial Reports.
- 3.4 Adopt RCEA Resolution 2022-4 Ratifying Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020, State of Emergency Proclamation and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of RCEA's Legislative Bodies for the Period April 28, 2022, through May 27, 2022, Pursuant to Brown Act Revisions.
- **3.5** Accept Annual RCEA Supplier Diversity Report and Plan.

No member of the Board or public requested items to be removed from the consent calendar.

M/S: Grover, Losey: Approve the consent calendar items.

## The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: Avis, Bauer, Bohn, Curran, Grover, Losey, Schaefer, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Chair Avis confirmed there was a quorum to conduct Community Choice Energy business.

## **OLD CCE BUSINESS**

**5.1** Energy Risk Management Quarterly Report

The Energy Authority Client Services Manager Jaclyn Harr described rate and revenue projections for 2023 and beyond and presented a range of possible rate scenario models. Ms. Harr expressed optimism about agency revenues in the next two years but advised caution due to the extremely volatile energy market and regulatory uncertainty. Ms. Harr described RCEA's energy price hedging to moderate exposure to energy cost fluctuations; the Russia-Ukraine war's impact on natural gas prices and California energy production; and the Sandrini solar project's delays due to solar industry-wide supply chain and tariff issues.

Ms. Harr verified that a significant portion of RCEA's cash reserves are still tied up as buyer security for the Sandrini Solar project, and that contract negotiations for the project have been reopened due to a six-month construction delay. There was discussion about lowering customer rates or offering year-end bill credits as the agency's fiscal position improves, the need to pay back loans that are helping the agency weather a recent cash shortfall and reprioritizing reserve funding.

There were no responses from the public to Chair Avis' invitation for comment. Chair Avis closed the public comment period.

## M/S: Grover, Losey: Accept Energy Risk Management Quarterly Report.

<u>The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: Bauer, Bohn, Curran, Grover, Losey, Schaefer, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Avis. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Woo.</u>

## **OLD BUSINESS**

7.1. CPUC-Mandated Long-Duration Storage (LDS) Procurement

Power Resources Director Richard Engel described RCEA's participation in the California Community Power (CC Power) procurement to meet CPUC mandates. Director Engel described the Goal Line long duration storage project, its complex contract structure and the ongoing firm clean resources mandated procurement. Of CC Power's ten CCA members, six are participating in the Goal Line procurement. CCAs often choose not to participate if they can meet procurement mandates more easily by other means or if they determine the contracts being pursued by CC Power do not align with their agency's own procurement preferences. Smaller CCAs such as RCEA often participate in CC Power's joint procurements to benefit from greater, pooled buying power. Staff was disappointed that non-lithium-ion battery projects did not score higher in the group's analysis, but ultimately supported the Goal Line lithium-ion battery project due to concerns that non-lithium-ion battery vetting delays would cause missed LDS compliance deadlines, which RCEA is on track to meet.

Chair Avis invited public comment. There were no comments from the public. Chair Avis closed the public comment period.

M/S: Losey, Grover: Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute on behalf of Redwood Coast Energy Authority as a member of California Community Power the following agreements and any necessary ancillary documents for the Goal Line Long Duration Storage project with a delivery term of 15 years starting at the Commercial Operation Date on or about June 1, 2025, for an RCEA share not to exceed 3.21 MW:

- a) Project Participation Share Agreement by and among Redwood Coast Energy Authority, California Community Power and participating community choice aggregators
- b) <u>Energy Storage Service Agreement Buyer Liability Pass Through Agreement by and among Redwood Coast Energy Authority, California Community Power and Goal Line BESS 1, LLC</u>
- c) Operations Agreement by and among Redwood Coast Energy Authority,
  California Community Power and participating CCAs for Goal Line (agreement to be developed, not attached).

The motion passed with the following roll call vote. Ayes: Avis, Bauer, Bohn, Curran, Grover, Losey, Schaefer, Wilson, Woo. Noes: None. Absent: None.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Bauer requested Board discussion of ways to speed up renewable energy project construction given the long lead times for project development and permitting. The offshore wind project may take until 2030 to permit and build, but global greenhouse gas emissions must be halved by that time. Current renewable energy project construction speeds are inadequate to meet the goal. The directors discussed how regulatory agency (like the California Coastal Commission) approvals often slow project development, how Oregon and New York offshore wind projects will likely be operational before California projects and how agencies nationwide at all levels need to ascertain how to address the climate crisis swiftly while not circumventing concerns underpinning regulations. It was suggested that staff investigate efforts to change environmental regulation to complete renewable projects within federal infrastructure funding deadlines. Staff pointed out that the Board's legislative platform directs staff to support streamlining renewable resource projects and that staff is communicating with the Governor's office about ways to move the offshore wind project forward as quickly as possible.

The directors welcomed Supervisor Bohn to his first meeting in years as the County's Director, and thanked Director Grover for his enthusiastic service. Director Grover confirmed that Councilmember Jack Tuttle would be attending the May meeting as Trinidad's newly appointed representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Lori Taketa Clerk of the Board

## Redwood Coast Energy Authority Disbursements Report As of March 31, 2022

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	Check	03/22/2022		Umpqua Bank	Service Charge	-22.68

## **Redwood Coast Energy Authority** Disbursements Report As of March 31, 2022

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Liability Check	03/24/2022	E-pay	EDD	Taxes	-5,872.02
Liability Check	03/24/2022	E-pay	Internal Revenue Service	Taxes	-27,582.76
Liability Check	03/24/2022	E-pay	EDD	Taxes	-103.01
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	ACH	CalPine Corporation	Calpine Febraury 2022 Costs	-61,461.12
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	ACH	Leapfrog Energy	February 2022 RA	-36,740.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	ACH	Snow Mountain Hydro, LLC	Cove plant hydro - FEB 2022	-39,831.37
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	ACH	Humboldt Sawmill Co.	HSC February 2022	-556,078.92
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	ACH	Keenan	Anthem Medical Insurance April 2022	-24,552.78
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13033	Advanced Display & Signs	RCEA office sign replacement	-269.39
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13034	Colonial Life	Colonial Life Premiums Mar 2022	-1,234.58
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13035	Developed Employment Services, LLC.	Facilities maintenance work	-143.95
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13036	Eureka Chamber of Commerce	2022 Annual Membership Dinner sponsor	-500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13037	Food For People, Inc.	Donations Mar. 2022	-1,200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13038	HSU - Sponsored Programs Foundation	Pole Mounted Solar plan engineering	-2,568.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13039	Humboldt Bay Coffee Co.	Office coffee	-51.90
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13040	Keyes & Fox, LLP	February legal services	-158.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13041	Mission Uniform & Linen	MAR mat service, janitorial supplies	-107.60
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13042	Morgan Brown	Translation services for DSM forms	-550.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13043	NYLEX.net, Inc.	Onsite network support services - Apr	-3,200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13044	Times Printing Company	March printing expenses	-1,240.63
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13045	Winzler, John	Office Lease - April 2022	-7,132.00
Check	03/25/2022	13046	CCE Customer	EV rebate #18	-1,000.00
Check	03/25/2022	13047	CCE Customer	Residential EVSE rebate #11	-500.00
Check	03/25/2022	13048-55	NEM Customers	NEM Account close-outs	-805.94
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13056	PG&E CCA	February CCE Charges	-22,211.35
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2022	13057	PG&E Utility Account	2/14-3/15/22 office utilities	-1,256.80
Paycheck	03/25/2022	ACH	Employees	Payroll	-64,660.94
Liability Check	03/25/2022	ACH	Newport Group	Deferred compensation contributions	-12,351.52
Liability Check	03/25/2022	ACH	Newport Group	Deferred compensation contributions	-17,030.79
OTAL					-1,129,383.39

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## **Redwood Coast Energy Authority** Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2021 through March 2022

	Jul '21 - Mar 22	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		_	
Income			
5 REVENUE EARNED			
Total 5000 · Revenue - government agencies	431,995.65	911,000.00	47.42%
Total 5100 · Revenue - program related sales	19,537.66	31,000.00	63.03%
Total 5400 · Revenue-nongovernment agencies	1,139,176.58	1,377,873.00	82.68%
Total 5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales	31,781,563.90	44,645,168.00	71.19%
Total 5 REVENUE EARNED	33,372,273.79	46,965,041.00	71.06%
Total Income	33,372,273.79	46,965,041.00	71.06%
Gross Profit	33,372,273.79	46,965,041.00	71.06%
Expense			
Total 6 WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY	36,312,606.97	41,084,582.00	88.39%
Total 7 PERSONNEL EXPENSES	2,263,547.72	3,517,800.00	64.35%
Total 8.1 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS	482,521.80	3,313,389.00	14.56%
Total 8.2 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH	67,850.84	118,570.00	57.22%
Total 8.3 TRAVEL AND MEETINGS	1,692.39	44,300.00	3.82%
8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS			
8400 · Regulatory	96,652.03	180,000.00	53.7%
8410 · Contracts - Program Related Ser	265,450.89	393,000.00	67.55%
8420 · Accounting	4,822.00	55,000.00	8.77%
8430 · Legal	116,524.95	153,000.00	76.16%
8450 · Wholesale Services - TEA	491,238.00	639,088.00	76.87%
8460 · Procurement Credit - TEA	517,909.45	340,032.00	152.31%
8470 · Data Management - Calpine	553,624.32	738,144.00	75.0%
Total 8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS	2,046,221.64	2,498,264.00	81.91%
Total 8.5 PROGRAM EXPENSES	451,862.39	631,393.00	71.57%
Total 8.6 INCENTIVES & REBATES	94,255.45	601,000.00	15.68%
Total 9 NON OPERATING COSTS	77,896.91	414,320.00	18.8%
Total Expense	41,798,456.11	52,223,618.00	80.04%
Net Ordinary Income	-8,426,182.32	-5,258,577.00	160.24%
Net Other Income	0.00	6,600,000.00	0.0%
Income	-8,426,182.32	1,341,423.00	-628.15%

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## Redwood Coast Energy Authority Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2022

	Mar 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	300.00
1050 · GRANTS & DONATIONS 3840	15,995.51
1060 · Umpqua Checking Acct 0560	-52,493.30
1071 · Umpqua Deposit Cntrol Acct 8215	5,288,793.77
1075 · Umpqua Reserve Account 2300	100,000.00
1076 · First Republic Bank - 4999	62,266.82
8413 · COUNTY TREASURY 3839	5,329.01
Total Checking/Savings	5,420,191.81
Total Accounts Receivable	84,546.30
Other Current Assets	
1101 · Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	-2,031,759.61
1103 · Accounts Receivable-Other	8,892,241.35
1120 · Inventory Asset	21,715.00
1202 · Prepaid Expenses	-11,490.13
1205 · Prepaid Insurance	11,998.61
1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,403.00
Total Other Current Assets	6,884,108.22
Total Current Assets	12,388,846.33
Total Fixed Assets	8,402,029.71
Other Assets	
1700 · Retained Deposits	4,293,600.00
Total Other Assets	4,293,600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	25,084,476.04
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Accounts Payable	5,392,666.01
Total Credit Cards	7,967.85
Other Current Liabilities	
2002 · Deposits Refundable	244,845.00
2013 · Unearned Revenue - PA 2020-2023	1,156,963.30
2050 · Liabilities	
2056 · BLR Short Term Loan	2,000,000.00
2057 · MCE Short Term Loan	4,000,000.00
Total 2050 · Liabilities	6,000,000.00
Total 2100 · Payroll Liabilities	187,334.94
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,589,143.24
Total Current Liabilities	12,989,777.10
Long Term Liabilities	
Total 2700 · Long-Term Debt	6,287,592.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	6,287,592.00
Total Liabilities	19,277,369.10
Equity	10,277,000.10
2320 · Investment in Capital Assets	215,489.00
3900 · Fund Balance	14,018,009.11
Net Income	-8,426,391.17
Total Equity	5,807,106.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	25,084,476.04

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## STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 5.1

AGENDA DATE:	May 26, 2022
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Richard Engel, Director of Power Resources
	Jocelyn Gwynn, Senior Power Resources Manager
SUBJECT:	Power Procurement Update

### **SUMMARY**

Several power projects in development that RCEA has contracted or is currently negotiating contracts for are experiencing delays due to various market uncertainties, including supply chain disruptions, rising commodity costs, and a solar tariff investigation being conducted by the Department of Commerce. Staff will provide an oral presentation updating the Board on the following projects in the context of these issues, and staff's plans for alleviating the delays:

- Sandrini Sol 1
- Hatchery Road and North Coast Highway Solar Feed-In Tariff
- Fairhaven Battery Storage (in negotiation)
- Foster Road and Mad River Solar + Storage (in negotiation)

## **ALIGNMENT WITH RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

Procuring the above projects aligns with the following Strategic Plan goals, in addition to meeting RCEA's compliance requirements for long-term renewable resource procurement and new capacity development. Managing the risks associated with these projects is in alignment with RCEA's Energy Risk Management Policy.

- 4.1.4 Maximize Renewable Energy Content of RCEA's CCE Program
- 4.1.5 Ensure Diversity in Local Sources
- 4.1.7.3 Provide Feed-In-Tariff Power Procurement Program for Small Generators
- 4.1.8.1 Support Utility Scale Solar Energy Development

## **EQUITY IMPACTS**

Not applicable.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

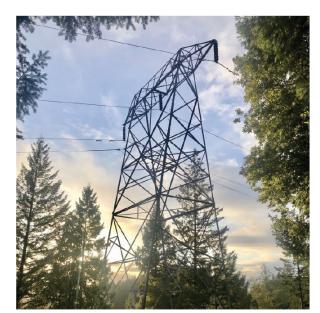
To be discussed in the Board presentation.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.







## **Update on Power Procurement & Market Challenges**

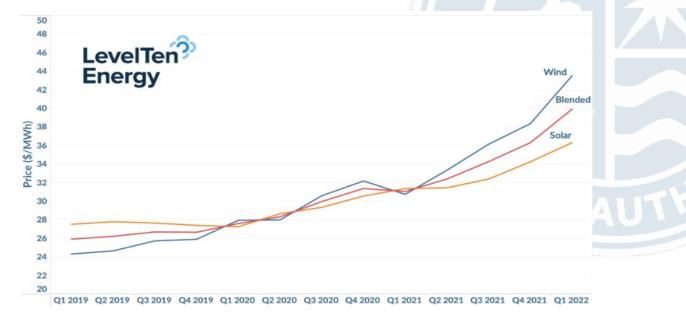
Presentation to RCEA Board of Directors May 26, 2022



- Project Development, Regulatory and Policy Concerns
- Update on RCEA Projects
- Options for Mitigation

## Project Development Concerns

- Global Issues
  - Supply chain disruptions
  - Inflationary pressure
  - Oil & shipping costs
- Energy Specific Issues
  - U.S. Dept. of Commerce probe into solar panel manufacturing
  - COVID closures at solar & storage manufacturing facilities
  - California interconnection, transmission, and permitting delays



P25 Indices of North American PPA price offers uploaded on the LevelTen Energy Marketplace in Q1 2022

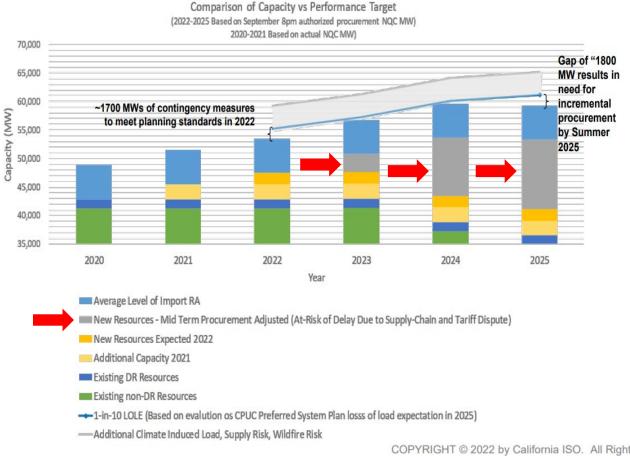
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## Regulatory & Policy Concerns

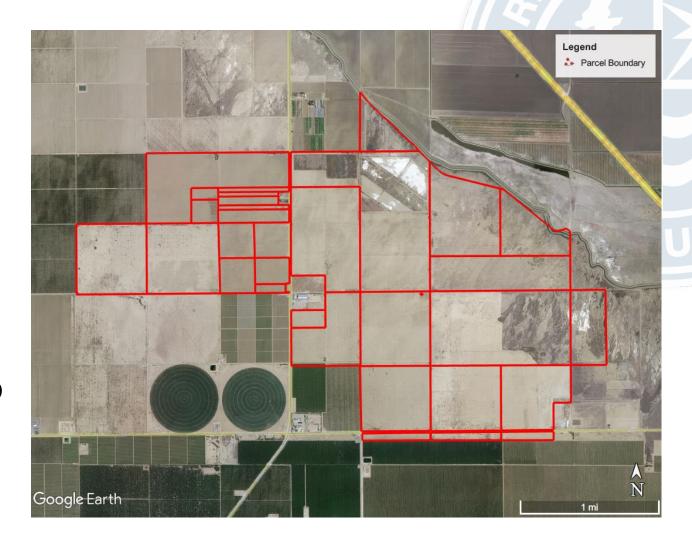
- Regulatory requirements for new resources driving seller's market
  - RPS Compliance needs, particularly for long-term resources
  - Mid-Term Reliability Procurement needs for firm capacity (primarily storage)
  - Corporate sustainability goals
- Concerns previously highlighted creating feeding frenzy on buyer's side

## September peak conditions 2022-2025



## Sandrini Sol 1

- Contract amendment under negotiation
- Price increase less than 10%
- Delayed commercial operation date (COD) to late 2023



## Feed-in Tariff Projects

Project	Construction start	Commercial operation
Hatchery Road A-D	Q2 2023	Q3 2023
North Coast Highway Solar 1 & 2	Q4 2022	Q1 2023



## Shortlisted Mid-Term Reliability Projects

- 1. Fairhaven Energy Storage (right)
- 2. Foster Clean Power Solar (below)
- 3. North River Clean Power Solar





These projects were originally offered with online dates in time for 2023 compliance; all are now facing delays

## Options for Mitigation

Issue	Need	Strategies
Incremental Capacity (2019 mandate)	Need to procure additional capacity (<5 MW by 2023)	<ul> <li>Bilateral procurement from other load serving entities</li> <li>Backstop procurement by PG&amp;E</li> </ul>
Mid-Term Reliability Capacity (2021 mandate)	Need to procure additional capacity (5 MW by 2023, 8 MW by 2025)	- 2022 Solicitation
Long-Term Renewable Portfolio Standard Energy	Small buffer needed if Sandrini comes online by 10/31/23; significant procurement needed if further delay/termination	<ul> <li>PG&amp;E Voluntary Allocation &amp; Market Offer (VAMO)</li> <li>10-year bundled or unbundled Renewable Energy Certificate contract</li> <li>New RPS Solicitation</li> </ul>
Short-Term Renewable Portfolio Standard Energy	Need to procure 2022 energy but supply is tight	<ul> <li>TEA actively searching on the market</li> <li>PG&amp;E Voluntary Allocation &amp; Market</li> <li>Offer (VAMO)</li> </ul>



## STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 6.1

AGENDA DATE:	May 26, 2022
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Jocelyn Gwynn, Senior Power Resources Manager
SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding with Sonoma Clean Power for North
	Coast Renewables Development Collaboration

### **BACKGROUND**

RCEA and its neighboring Community Choice Aggregator to the south, Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA), share common interests in promoting the development of large-scale, transformative renewable energy resources in the Northern California region. While RCEA pursues community-driven development of offshore wind (OSW) power infrastructure in Humboldt County, SCPA is only a few steps behind us with respect to geothermal resources in their service territory of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. SCPA has proposed establishing a Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone) within that area and is currently evaluating responses to their Request for Information¹ seeking partnerships with private entities, similar to RCEA's 2018 Request for Qualifications that resulted in our OSW public-private partnership. In addition, several of the transmission routes that are contemplated for delivery of OSW power to the grid at scale pass through SCPA's GeoZone, creating an opportunity for shared advocacy on transmission planning.

### SUMMARY

Staff seek Board approval to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding (MOU) with SCPA so that the two parties may work together in a more structured fashion on the following main areas of cooperation:

- Sharing best practices around public-private partnerships
- Regulatory engagement and advocacy on transmission issues
- Exploring common-interest funding opportunities

## **ALIGNMENT WITH RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

The MOU with SCPA supports RCEA's strategic OSW efforts by increasing collaboration and improving efficiency of work RCEA is already doing in pursuit of the following goals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://sonomacleanpower.org/uploads/documents/SCP-Geothermal-Opportunity-Zone-RFI.pdf

- 1.1.2 Support Proactive Energy-Related Business Development
- 1.1.3 Support Energy-Sector Workforce Development
- 4.1.5 Ensure Diversity in Local Sources
- 4.1.9.1 Develop Offshore Wind Energy
- 4.4.2 Support Upgrade of the Electricity Transmission and Distribution System

## **EQUITY IMPACTS**

Not applicable.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding Between Redwood Coast Energy Authority and Sonoma Clean Power Authority to Collaborate on Enabling Transformative Renewable Energy Development Along the Northern California Coast.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Memorandum of Understanding Between RCEA and SCPA

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY AND

## SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY TO COLLABORATE ON ENABLING TRANSFORMATIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on the date of the last party signing below by and among Redwood Coast Energy Authority ("RCEA") and Sonoma Clean Power Authority ("SCPA"), each individually a "Party" and collectively the "Parties".

## 1. The Parties:

- a. RCEA is a California Joint Powers Authority and Community Choice Aggregator serving Humboldt County, whose members include the County of Humboldt, the Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, and Trinidad, and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.
- b. SCPA is a California Joint Powers Authority and Community Choice Aggregator serving Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, whose members include the Counties of Sonoma and Mendocino, the Cities of Cloverdale, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sonoma, Cotati, Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Willits, Santa Rosa and Sebastopol, and the Town of Windsor.

## 2. Background:

- a. RCEA and SCPA share a common objective of reducing greenhouse emissions by minimizing the dependency on natural gas resources for electricity generation. Offshore wind and geothermal power are two technologies that are scalable and offer the opportunity to provide intra-seasonal and around-the-clock power that can effectively replace the flexibility and reliability of natural gas.
- b. RCEA seeks to support the development of floating offshore wind energy projects adjacent to its service territory for purposes of pursing its goal of 100% local, renewable energy, and to that end has partnered with private entities to develop, operate and manage an offshore wind facility. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has designated an area off the coast of RCEA's service territory as the Humboldt Offshore Wind Energy Area ("WEA") and plans to auction lease blocks within the area.
- c. RCEA's RePower Humboldt Strategic Plan directs building the clean energy sector into a cornerstone of the local economy through a breadth of strategies that include innovation, research and development, local energy-related business development, and establishing Humboldt Bay as the primary west coast hub for the offshore wind energy industry.

- d. SCPA seeks to support the longevity and growth of geothermal energy projects within and adjacent to its service territory and to that end has proposed creation of a Geothermal Opportunity Zone within Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Through the Geothermal Opportunity Zone, SCPA will partner with private entities to proactively address development barriers and build new local geothermal capacity.
- e. The Parties are subject to the State of California's Renewable Portfolio Standards program and Integrated Resource Planning procurement orders, which mandate an increase in energy and capacity procurement from renewable energy resources pursuant to the State's decarbonization and reliability targets.
- f. Significant transmission upgrades will be necessary to deliver power at scale to the grid from both the Humboldt Offshore WEA and the Geothermal Opportunity Zone. Some of the transmission corridors that could deliver energy from the Humboldt Offshore WEA to the grid pass through the proposed Geothermal Opportunity Zone. The Parties wish to collaborate in advancing the development of potential transmission corridor upgrades that could mutually benefit the Parties and their respective development of the Humboldt Offshore WEA and Geothermal Opportunity Zone.
- g. The Humboldt Offshore WEA and Geothermal Opportunity Zone are both transformative renewable energy projects with extensive lead times for development and construction. Local, state, and federal policy on permitting, tax incentives, grant funding, transmission, energy markets, and compliance issues can create barriers or opportunities for both projects.

## 3. Purpose:

The purpose of this MOU is to collaborate on opportunities to enable transformative renewable energy projects like the Humboldt Offshore WEA and Geothermal Opportunity Zone in our region. Collaboration can include advocacy for upgrades to the Parties' shared grid interconnection transmission corridors, mitigation of policy barriers for renewable energy project development, and the sharing of experience and information on partnerships and agreements for the mutual benefit of the Parties' region. Transmission upgrades and improved policy would allow for the eventual development of large-scale renewable energy projects in each Party's respective jurisdiction, and further each Party's individual power procurement and economic development goals as well as grid decarbonization and reliability goals of the State of California.

## 4. Anticipated Areas of Cooperation:

The anticipated areas of cooperation under this MOU are the following:

a. To share non-confidential information on best practices and local Tribal and community engagement related to working with private entities in public-private partnerships;

- b. To understand, collaborate and engage with regulatory authorities and transmission operators on relevant transmission-related issues;
- c. To explore grant or public funding opportunities that are consistent with the purpose of this MOU;
- d. To develop communication strategies for engaging local and state agencies and elected officials in order to advance the purpose of this MOU; and
- e. To timely communicate with the other Party about relevant developments that could affect or impact the purpose of this MOU.

### 5. Term:

This MOU will commence upon its execution by both Parties and will terminate upon notice from one Party to the other of its desire to so terminate the MOU. The date of such termination shall be as stated in said notice.

### 6. Amendment:

RCEA and SCP expect the areas of cooperation to evolve and grow as the Humboldt Offshore WEA and Geothermal Opportunity Zone projects progress. If necessary, Parties may amend this agreement through a written amendment to this MOU.

## 7. Indemnity:

Each of the Parties to this MOU is a public entity. Pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, each Party shall indemnify, defend and hold each of the other Parties, and their respective officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any liability and expenses, including defense costs, any costs or liability on account of bodily injury, death or personal injury of any person or for damage to or loss of property, any legal fees and any claims for damages attributable only to performance of the responsibilities as set forth in this MOU by the indemnifying party or its officers, agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors under this MOU, except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of an indemnified party.

### 8. No Joint-Venture:

This MOU does not establish a joint venture, partnership, or business unit of any kind between the Parties, nor does it necessarily create a financial obligation on behalf of any Party. Moreover, this MOU does not obligate or commit either Party to any project within the Humboldt Offshore WEA or Geothermal Opportunity Zone.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each Party has caused this MOU to be duly signed and delivered, effective as of the date of the last Party signing.

REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY:					
Eileen Verbeck, Acting Executive Director	Date:				
SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY:					
Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer	Date:				



## STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 7.1

AGENDA DATE:	May 26, 2022
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Meredith Matthews, Administrative Specialist
	Lori Taketa, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT:	Board and CAC Meeting Method Options

### **BACKGROUND**

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 authorizing Brown Act revisions which allowed legislative bodies to meet virtually provided there is a state of emergency, and either 1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or 2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. This body and its subcommittees, and the Community Advisory Committee and its subcommittees, continued to meet virtually since September 2021, as they had been since the beginning of the pandemic, in accordance with these revised Brown Act provisions.

### **SUMMARY**

Local COVID infection rates fluctuate, with a recent rise in cases causing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to move Humboldt County from an area of "low" transmissibility to "medium." Masking continues to be strongly recommended in indoor public settings and businesses. Social distancing when indoors in public spaces is also routinely cited as a method to help the community weather COVID surges. Staff recommends following social distancing and masking recommendations for RCEA's public meetings which typically last more than an hour.

Many Humboldt County legislative bodies have returned to in-person and hybrid meetings. Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, which previously hosted RCEA Board meetings, follows OSHA guidelines and can accommodate a total of 15 people with social distancing in their Board room. Because of the size of RCEA's Board and Community Advisory Committee, nine and 15 members, respectively, and Counsel's advice not to limit the number of public meeting attendees, staff is researching other meeting spaces. Venues with adequate space for social distancing that are available during meeting times will be identified between McKinleyville and Fortuna.

If the Board would like its members, staff and the public to be able to attend either in-person, by phone or online (hybrid meetings) without making each remotely participating director's meeting

location publicly accessible, the Board would continue to adopt AB 361 resolutions. Purchase of portable hybrid meeting equipment may also be necessary if a meeting venue is not already hybrid meeting ready. Staff will report on available options at this meeting.

## ALIGNMENT WITH RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A – Operations.

### **EQUITY IMPACTS**

N/A. Staff recommends taking measures to reduce health risks to vulnerable populations.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

Annual teleconferencing subscription costs have been included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget. Portable hybrid equipment purchase and venue rental costs have not been included in the coming fiscal year's budget.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Extend Resolution No. 2022-4 Ratifying Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020, State of Emergency Proclamation and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of RCEA's Legislative Bodies, for the period May 28, 2022, through June 26, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act revisions of AB 361, and

## Direct staff to:

- 1. <u>Make arrangements for socially-distanced, *in-person* RCEA public meetings beginning July 2022,</u>
- 2. <u>Make arrangements for *hybrid*, socially-distanced, in-person public meetings beginning July 2022</u>, or
- 3. <u>Continue conducting RCEA public meetings *virtually* until the Governor rescinds the COVID-19 public health state of emergency.</u>

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution No. 2022-4 Ratifying Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020, State of Emergency Proclamation and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of RCEA's Legislative Bodies, for the period April 28, 2022, through May 27, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act revisions of AB 361.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY
RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020,
AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 28, 2022, THROUGH MAY 27, 2022,
PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

**WHEREAS**, the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of RCEA's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch RCEA's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

**WHEREAS,** a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within RCEA's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS,** such conditions now exist in Humboldt County, specifically, Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency of March 4, 2020, remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services recommends practicing physical distancing at meetings of legislative bodies; and

**WHEREAS,** COVID-19 public health emergency and increased risk of infection has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within Humboldt County that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of RCEA, and desires to ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS,** as a consequence of the emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of RCEA shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

**WHEREAS,** public access and participation in meetings of RCEA's legislative bodies shall be provided via online video conferencing software which shall also allow for public participation and real-time public comment opportunity by telephone.

## NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. <u>Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency</u>. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The staff and legislative bodies of Redwood Coast Energy Authority, including but not limited to the Board of Directors and its subcommittees, and the Community Advisory Committee and its subcommittees, are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. <u>Effective Date of Resolution</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for 30 days or until this Resolution is extended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 6 of this Resolution.

Section 5. Extension by Motion. The Board of Directors may extend the application of this Resolution by motion and majority vote by up to 30 days at a time, provided that it makes all necessary findings consistent with and pursuant to the requirements of Section 54953(e)(3).

Adopted this 28th day of April 2022.

	ATTEST:
Stephen dris	Lori Jaketa
Stephen Avis, Reel A Board Chair	Lori Takefa, Clerk of the Board
Date:	Date: <u>5/2/2022</u>

## **CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2022-4 passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority, County of Humboldt, State of California, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Avis, Bauer, Bohn, Curran, Grover, Losey, Schaefer, Wilson, Woo.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

Lori Saketa

Clerk of the Board, Redwood Coast Energy Authority

Venue	Capacity with Social Distancing	Hybrid Capable	Cost
City of Fortuna - Monday Club*	40-45	No	\$40/hour
McKinleyville CSD - Azalea Hall*	75	No	\$50/hour + \$50 projector rental
Jefferson Center 1000 B Street Eureka	75	Yes	\$75/hour
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District - Eureka	15	Yes	None
Veterans Memorial Building - Eureka	75	No	\$75/meeting
Sequoia Conference Center - Eureka*	60	Yes	\$300/meeting

- Surveyed 18 meeting spaces between McKinleyville and Fortuna.
- Presenting spaces that are available for scheduled Board <u>and</u> CAC meetings. Venues with asterisk (\*) are unavailable for one meeting.



## STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 7.2

AGENDA DATE:	May 26, 2022
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Aisha Cissna, Regulatory and Legislative Policy Manager
SUBJECT:	Net Energy Metering Successor Tariff Update

### **BACKGROUND**

Net metering is an electricity billing mechanism that allows consumers who generate some or all of their own electricity (typically from a rooftop solar energy system) to use that electricity anytime, instead of when it is generated.

In August 2020, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) initiated a proceeding to develop a successor Net Energy Metering (NEM) tariff pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill 327 passed in 2013.

On December 13, 2021, the CPUC issued a Proposed Decision explaining the proposed, new tariff provisions. If this Proposed Decision had passed as written, the current NEM 2.0 tariff would have expired in the spring of 2022.

On January 27, 2022, the RCEA Board of Directors received a staff report summarizing the Proposed Decision, CCA advocacy, and potential next steps for potential RCEA advocacy. Following the staff report, the Board of Directors voted to establish an ad hoc subcommittee to work with staff to study the complex proposed changes from the perspective of RCEA customers and report back to the Board. Chair Stephen Avis and then Director Mike Wilson volunteered to participate. Since then, Director Wilson resigned from his position on the Board and a replacement for his seat on the ad hoc NEM subcommittee has not yet stepped forward.

On February 3, 2022, the CPUC requested additional time to analyze the record and consider revisions to the proposed decision based on party comments, effectively putting the decision on hold.

### **SUMMARY**

On May 9, 2022, the CPUC issued a Ruling asking for comments on three specific portions of the previously issued Proposed Decision: the glide path approach, non-bypassable charges, and community distributed energy resources.

The glide path approach describes the process by which the current NEM 2.0 tariff export compensation rate will transition to the successor tariff compensation rate. Under NEM 2.0, customers are compensated for their exports based on the retail value of that electricity. Under the successor tariff proposed decision, customers would be compensated for their exports based on the "avoided cost." The "avoided cost" is a value calculated through the CPUC's "Avoided Cost Calculator" (ACC) which, in theory, calculates the costs that the electric grid is able to avoid through the deployment of various energy technologies (e.g., energy efficiency, distributed energy resources, etc.). The avoided cost rate changes on an hourly basis

depending on the value that energy provides the grid. The ACC value compensates NEM customers at a lower value than the NEM 2.0 tariff currently provides.

The Proposed Decision had proposed a "Market Transition Credit" (MTC) to ease the transition from the old export compensation rate to the new ACC export compensation rate. The MTC is essentially a blanket payment to customers that amounts to \$10-\$26/month and steps down over time. The May 2022 Ruling introduces the "ACC Plus Adder" approach. With this approach, a fixed cents/kWh export adder would be layered on top of the ACC-based hourly export credits. The export adder would step down gradually over time to reach the base ACC value.

The second topic for which the CPUC seeks party comments is related to non-bypassable charges (NBCs). NBCs are fees that customers pay on every kilowatt-hour of electricity that they consume from the grid. These charges are be used to fund things like wildfire mitigation, energy assistance programs for low-income households, energy efficiency programs, and nuclear decommissioning. Primarily, the Ruling asks whether NBCs on gross consumption should be collected from successor tariff customers, whether NBCs should only be collected from a subset of successor tariff customers, and which electric program and securitization charges should be considered as NBCs.

The third topic for which the CPUC seeks party comments is community distributed energy resources. The Ruling invites parties to comment on whether low-income customers and/or renters would benefit from a community solar tariff program modeled on the successor tariff structure, compared to the existing Community Solar Green Tariff program. The Ruling also seeks party input on whether the Commission should adopt a policy that any community solar program or tariff guarantee a certain level of bill savings to increase participation.

Previous CCA advocacy focused on the following themes:

- The Grid Participation Charge is discriminatory and should not be adopted.
- As a matter of fairness and equity among all customers who consume energy from the grid, customers with customer-sited distributed generation should pay the same set of non-bypassable charges as any other customer for their net consumption.
- The export compensation rate as proposed by the CPUC goes too far, too quickly. A
  rate based on existing electrification rates with a gradual step-down will help ensure
  there is not a sharp falloff in installations, that our State meets its renewable energy
  and climate goals and will reduce cost shift.
- There are modest fixed charges associated with existing electrification rates. Lowincome customers should be exempt from these fixed charges.

Note that this Ruling is *not* reopening other aspects of the Proposed Decision (for example, the Grid Participation Charge) for consideration and party input.

Opening Comments on the Ruling are due on June 6, 2022, and Reply Comments are due on June 24, 2022. It is possible that a new proposed decision could be issued as early as July 2022.

RCEA remains engaged in this proceeding and will likely file joint comments with a small group of other CCAs.

## ALIGNMENT WITH RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Under section 4.3 "Rates and Tariffs," RCEA sets a goal to "Provide a net energy metering program that encourages more distributed local generation and more equitably compensates such generation." Changes to the NEM tariff could impact RCEA's compensation structure.

Under the "Provide Education on all Electric Rate Schedule Options", RCEA sets a goal to "Provide information on all available rate schedules including Net Energy Metering..." Tracking NEM successor tariff developments is important to providing customers with up-to-date information on the NEM rate schedule.

## **EQUITY IMPACTS**

This Ruling posits several considerations regarding the applicability of the glide path, non-bypassable charges, and community solar programs respective to low-income versus non-low-income customers. Some key considerations include whether low-income customers should be subject to lower export compensation rates, if they should pay a different set of non-bypassable charges, and whether a new community solar tariff program should be developed for low-income customers.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

<u>Discuss</u>, and potentially direct, RCEA action on next steps regarding advocacy in forthcoming <u>NEM successor tariff policy development</u>.

<u>Discuss</u>, and potentially solicit new volunteers for the RCEA Board Ad Hoc Net Energy Metering Subcommittee.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None. A presentation will be made at the May 2022 Board meeting.

# Net Energy Metering Successor Tariff Update

RCEA Board of Directors Meeting May 26, 2022

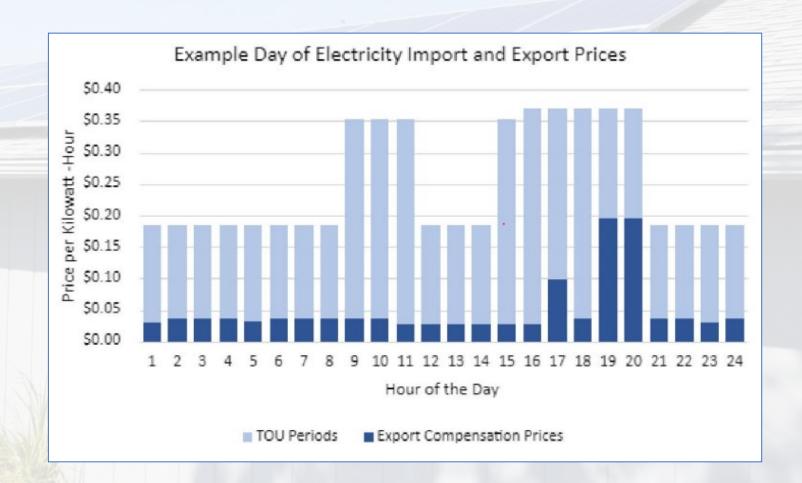
## **Topics**

- Procedural timeline
- Refresh: successor tariff PD and advocacy
- Ruling summary
- Recommended actions

August 2020	March 2021	December 2021	May 2022	July 2022
cpuc initiated a regulatory proceeding to establish a successor net energy metering tariff	Parties submitted successor tariff proposals	adopted a proposed decision on successor NEM tariff	CPUC issued Ruling to re-examine glide path, non-bypassable charges, and community DERs subtariff	Possible revised proposed decision

# **Export Compensation**Rate

Base compensation rate for rooftop solar exports on the "Avoided Cost Calculator" rate instead of the retail rate



### **Market Transition Credit**

<b>Customer Type</b>	MTC Amount	Approximate Total
PG&E Low-Income	\$4.36/kW/month for 10 years	~\$26/month
PG&E Non-Low- Income	\$1.62/kW/month for 10 years	~\$10/month

Table 8 Adopted Monthly Grid Participation Charge for Successor Tariff Customers							
Customer Segment PG&E SDG&E SCE							
Residential	\$8.00/kW	\$8.00 kW	\$8.00 kW				
Low-Income	\$0/kW	\$0/kW	\$0/kW				
Nonresidential	\$0/kW	\$0/kW	\$0/kW				

- Grid Participation Charge: \$48/month (PG&E res; 6kW system)
- Those temporarily billed on NEM 2.0 won't pay Grid Participation Charge until the successor tariff is fully operationalized

- Low-income subtariff
- Equity fund for distributed solar
- 15-year legacy period

## Refresh: Previous CCA Advocacy

- Keep 20-year legacy period for current NEM customers\*
- Eliminate Grid Participation Charge (average of \$48/month)
- NEM customers should pay the same set of NBCs as any other customer
- Export compensation rate decrease goes too far, too quickly
  - A rate based on existing electrification rates with a gradual stepdown will prevent a sharp falloff in installations and ensure renewable energy goals are met

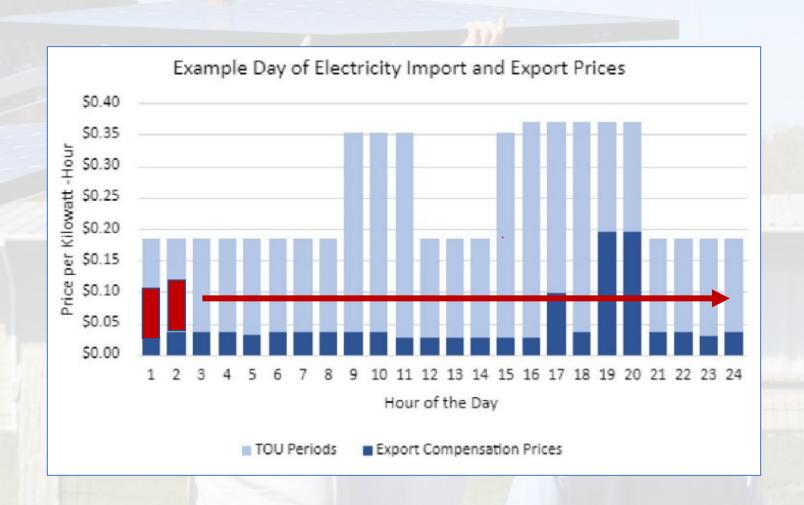
## **NEM Ruling**

- Glide path approach
- Non-bypassable charges on gross consumption
- Community distributed energy resources

## NEM Ruling: Glide Path Approach

#### MTC

- \$26/month for lowincome customers
- \$10/month for non-low-income customers
- "ACC Plus Adder" would replace MTC
  - Fixed cents/kWh export adder on top of the ACCbased hourly export values
  - Steps down over time to ACC value



## NEM Ruling: Non-bypassable Charges

- Considers collecting non-bypassable charges based on gross consumption
- If NBCs are collected, which charges should be levied?
- If additional charges are developed in other proceedings in the future, how should the CPUC determine if those new charges should be applied to successor tariff customers?

Public Purpose Programs*	Reliability Services
Dept. of Water Resources Charge/Wildfire Fund*	Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee
Competition Transition Charge*	<b>Energy Cost Recovery Account</b>
Nuclear Decommissioning*	Wildfire Hardening
New System Generation	<b>Local Generation</b>

## **NEM Ruling: Community DERs/Solar**

- The Commission offers a community solar program for LIcustomers living in DACs through the Community Solar Green Tariff (CSGT) program
- Would LI-customers and/or renters benefit from a community solar tariff program modeled on the tariff structure compared to the CSGT program?
- Should the Commission adopt a policy that any community solar tariff/program guarantee bill savings to increase participation and ensure consumer protections?

# Ruling Milestones

Milestone	Date
Ruling issued asking for party comment	May 9
Opening comments	June 10
Reply comments*	June 24

## Recommended Action

- Discuss, and potentially solicit new volunteers for the RCEA Board Ad Hoc Net Energy Metering Subcommittee.
- Discuss, and potentially direct, RCEA action on next steps regarding advocacy in forthcoming NEM successor tariff policy development.\*





## STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 8.1

AGENDA DATE:	May 26, 2022
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Eileen Verbeck, Deputy Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Creation of Infrastructure Program Manager Position, Addition of a Power Resources Specialist Position, Addition of an Intake Coordinator Position and Updates to RCEA's Organization Chart

#### **SUMMARY**

Currently, RCEA's Department of Infrastructure Planning and Operations is responsible for transportation-related activities, microgrid development, and resiliency topics related to microgrids and energy storage. This department currently consists of a director and a specialist. Historically, this staffing could adequately support transportation initiatives with occasional support from part-time or limited-term employees. However, recent growth encourages a reevaluation and expansion of our existing staffing. Below is a list of recent changes behind this proposal to create an Infrastructure Program Manager position:

- Recent legislation has allocated millions of state and federal dollars to transform our transportation system away from fossil fuels, with opportunities starting in 2022. We need staff to apply for and manage these grant funds.
- Inter-agency coordination is accelerating particularly with other CCAs, with working groups on topics such as demand response; regulation, rates and infrastructure for vehicle electrification; and low-carbon fuel standard funding.
- Grid stability is becoming a leading concern as public safety power shutoff events and climate
  disruptions stress dated electrical infrastructure. Changes in the resiliency space are
  accelerating and require more focused attention from senior staff.
- RCEA's ownership and operation of the microgrid requires dedicated staff time.
- The existing specialist role requires more time to tactically support our growing regional electric vehicle (EV) charging network and local community interest in EVs, as well as an opportunity to support other infrastructure projects, which results in less time to evaluate additional funding opportunities.
- Transportation electrification and resiliency both require heightened knowledge of grid infrastructure capabilities and evolution.

In recent years our Regulatory and Legislative Policy Manager and Demand-Side Management and Finance Departments have provided short-term support to the transportation team, but the frequency and scope of ongoing needs are better served through a dedicated position. Transportation electrification and resiliency are also merging as vehicles become a potential extension of the electric grid, particularly regarding energy storage and load shifting, and open new methods to store and deliver energy within communities.

Adding a manager to the Infrastructure Planning and Operations team will build dedicated capacity to develop and support infrastructure programs that span both transportation and resiliency, allow the existing specialist to focus on role-appropriate tasks, and allow the director to ramp up resiliency initiatives. The manager will build staff capacity as infrastructure initiatives rapidly expand in the next 2-3 years and require additional hiring and oversight. Hiring a manager now will allow them to become familiar with RCEA goals, gain an overview on existing programs and emerging funding sources, define mid-level strategies, and grow a team as transportation electrification and resiliency become a major focus for RCEA. The manager role also builds institutional capacity to support future leadership changes and growth.

Along with the creation of the Infrastructure Program Manager position, the following additional staffing adjustments are proposed:

- 1. Addition of a full-time Demand-Side Management (DSM) Intake Coordinator position. Staff is also recommending a revision of the existing Assistant/Coordinator/Associate job description to further clarify the distinction between limited-term and permanent positions.
  - Currently RCEA's DSM Intake Coordinator has been classified as a limited-term coordinator position. This role has evolved to require a significant investment in training and proficiency in multiple tools and access to confidential RCEA customer data. The DSM Intake Coordinator is responsible for communicating directly with customers, looking up their account information in multiple data tools, entering that information into DSM's PowerPath database, and assigning the customer to a technician to provide energy services. In addition, the DSM Intake Coordinator has provided support duties including scheduling DSM team meetings and participating in outreach activities. When a limited-term intake coordinator leaves, either for their own career advancement or because their term has completed, training of a new intake coordinator requires extensive training, usually performed by the Senior Program Manager. Staff is proposing addition of a full-time intake coordinator to reduce the loss of job knowledge by utilizing limited-term employees for this position.
- 2. Addition of a second, full-time Power Resources Specialist position reporting to the Director of Power Resources. The Community Choice Energy Department currently consists of a Director, Power Resources Manager, Account Services Manager, one Power Resources Specialist, and additional part-time or limited term employees as needed. Staff recommends adding a second full-time Power Resources Specialist to assist the department with an ever-increasing workload. Below is a list of changes in recent years that have led to the need for additional staffing:
  - RCEA's portfolio of contracts has increased in size and complexity and new contracts and amendments are added annually.
  - Contracted projects that have been in development are approaching construction and operation, requiring increased oversight and engagement from RCEA staff.
  - Recurring procurement mandates from the CA Public Utilities Commission require timely execution of contracts for new capacity with stringent deadlines and penalties.
  - Additional compliance filings are imposed by regulatory agencies every year as the state's renewable, reliability and resource planning programs mature and are restructured.
  - Rising retail electricity costs and increased customer offerings are causing increased customer service calls and data analysis requests.
  - RCEA initiated its first late-payment noticing and debt collections, necessitated by the uptick in late payments during the COVID-19 moratorium on power shutoffs.

- New transportation and DSM programs will drive changes in electric load and procurement planning.
- A new Demand Response Program must be planned and implemented in 2023.

A draft job description for the Infrastructure Programs Manager position and revisions to the existing Assistant/Coordinator/Associate job description are attached, along with a proposed update to the RCEA organization chart.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH RCEA'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

All RCEA employees are tasked with working to advance the Strategic Plan. Below is a table of key strategic plan areas by position:

Position	Strategy 1 – Regional Energy	Strategy 2 – Integrated	Strategy 3 – Low-carbon	Strategy 4 – Energy
	Planning &	Demand Side	Transportation	Generation &
	Coordination	Management		Utility Services
Infrastructure				
Programs		X	X	
Manager				
Intake	Х	Х		
Coordinator	^	^		
Power				
Resources		X		X
Specialist				

#### **EQUITY IMPACTS**

Transportation is a major expense for lower-income community members and dedication of resources to define and pursue equitable transportation programs is warranted. Low- and underserved communities, particularly when geographically isolated, are also disproportionately impacted by grid instability. A manager-level position will have deeper experience and strategic awareness to seek and apply for funds that benefit underserved population segments, particularly for new technologies that are often only accessible to affluent community sectors. Underserved markets also require senior staff to assess existing market offerings and adapt or create new program designs to fit the needs of hard-to-reach communities.

The addition of the Intake Coordinator and Power Resources Specialist positions should result in increased availability of services to a wide segment of Humboldt County's communities through ongoing implementation of RCEA's Community Choice Energy and Demand Side Management programs.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

The full cost associated with creating the Infrastructure Programs Manager position will increase RCEA's annual personnel budget by around \$110,000 per year. The addition of a Power Resources Specialist and Intake Coordinator positions will increase the budget by about \$150,000 per year.

These proposed changes have been included in the preliminary draft FY 22-23 budget to be presented at this meeting.

While not easily quantifiable, the proposed staffing changes are expected to improve the overall operational effectiveness and efficiency of RCEA, which is an investment that will likely result in improved performance and increased services and benefits provided to RCEA customers. Currently, we are awaiting approval of a \$700,000 CEC Transportation Grant that if awarded will fund a portion of the Infrastructure Programs Manager position. This position will also allow RCEA to expand future grant pursuits as state and federal funding accelerate in the coming year. Overall, personnel costs remain a very small share of RCEA's total budget, about 4.7%, compared to 20-40% for many JPAs and special districts.

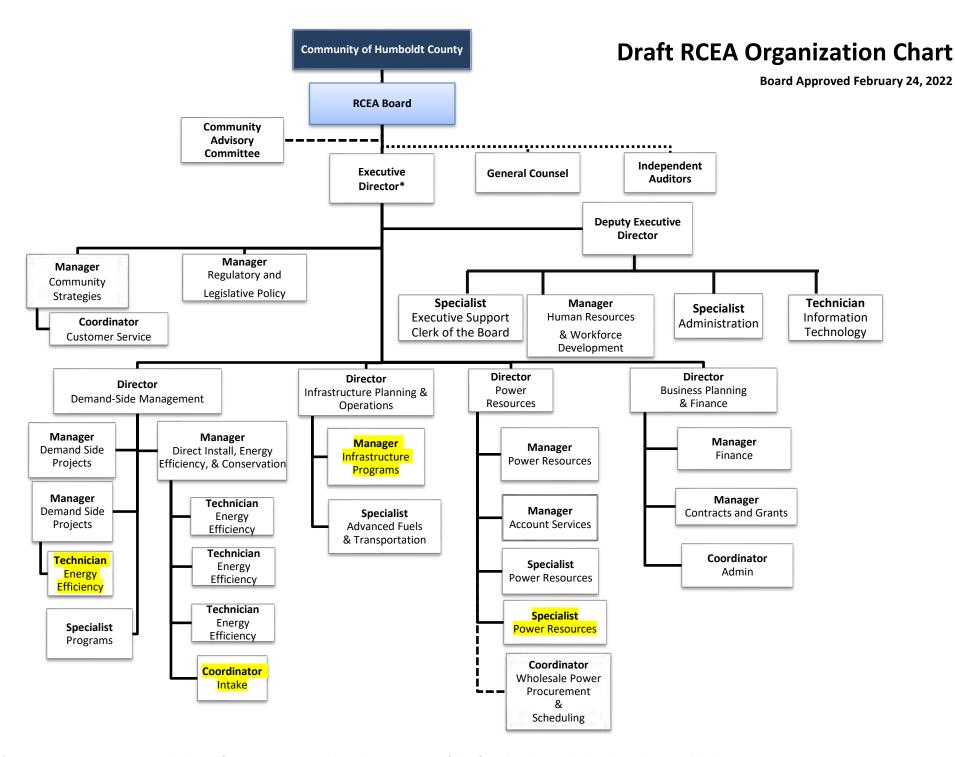
#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

#### Approve:

- 1) Creation of an Infrastructure Programs Manager position.
- 2) Addition of a DSM Intake Coordinator position,
- 3) Addition of a Power Resources Specialist position,
- 4) Update to the RCEA Organization Chart, and
- 5) Revising the Assistant/Coordinator/Associate position to clarify the distinction between limited-term and permanent positions.

#### **ATTATCHMENTS**

- 1. Proposed changes to RCEA Organizational Chart
- 2. Proposed Infrastructure Programs Manager position description
- 3. Revised Assistant/Coordinator/Associate position description



<sup>\*</sup>Executive Director may approve the hiring of part-time, intern and limited-term positions if they fit within the Board adopted total personnel budget.



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#### **Manager/Senior Manager – Infrastructure Programs**

General Class Description: Under general direction of a Director, a program or project Manager assists in planning, organizing, coordinating, and managing programs or activities of their associated department; provides professional assistance to staff; and performs related work as assigned. This class has lead responsibility for planning and implementation for one or more programs or functional areas. A Manager is responsible for accomplishing program goals and objectives and directs the day-to-day operations and activities of their designated program or functional area within a department. A Manager works with their Director to ensure consistent and efficient implementation of agency operational policies and long-term operational excellence. This position class is distinguished by complex and widely-scoped duties related to program and project management, subject-matter expertise, and may include supervisorial responsibility. This position exercises considerable discretion and independent judgment in the coordination and prioritization of duties and responsibilities assigned, and in acting on behalf of the department Director in their absence.

#### Summary

The Infrastructure Programs Manager works under general direction of the Director of Infrastructure Planning and Operations and has responsibility for a wide range of matters related to RCEA's infrastructure programs. The Infrastructure Programs Manager plans and manages implementation of transportation electrification, resiliency, and related initiatives and projects. The Infrastructure Programs Manager also assists with continuous program improvements and develops and enhances the overall capital asset portfolio. The Infrastructure Programs Manager manages staff scheduling and workloads, manages budgets, and oversees implementation of projects and deliverables, and may supervise other Infrastructure program staff. The Infrastructure Programs Manager has knowledge of transportation electrification and resiliency technologies, local and state policy and goals, and intermediate to advanced project management and coordination skills.

#### **Essential Functions and Responsibilities**

Duties are illustrative and may vary. Other duties may be assigned.

- Oversee the day-to-day functions of RCEA's Infrastructure programs to achieve programmatic goals, provide high-quality service, and exemplify efficient and adaptive design.
- In collaboration with the Director, assist with strategic planning and development of infrastructure programs consistent with RCEA's mission.
- Serve as the lead technical staff person for infrastructure topics such as transportation electrification and resiliency.
- Perform and oversee routine program activities such as capital asset operations and performance, site selection, agreements and construction, project design and analysis, consultation with customers, tracking, and reporting.
- Assist Director to manage overall budget, schedule, and resources to achieve project deliverables within a dynamic program environment.
- Seek, apply for, and manage funding agreements such as state and federal grants.
- Collaborate with local, state, and federal public and private stakeholders to achieve shared regional and industry goals, including standards, legislative, and regulatory initiatives.
- Represent rural community concepts and interests in local and state working groups and forums.
- Manage vendor, contractor, consultant, and third-party relationships.

- Provide logistical and administrative oversight of program operations, including supervising staff, inventory management, controlling and monitoring expenditures, representing and enforcing RCEA policies and procedures, training, and identifying resource gaps and solutions.
- Provide technical assistance to the public, deliver training, and represent RCEA at external events.

#### **Minimum Qualifications**

#### Experience/Education:

- Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:
- Education or experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree or greater in transportation planning, energy management, engineering, environmental sciences, or a closely related field.
- A minimum of 3 years of increasingly responsible project management experience, preferably energy, transportation, or public works project management.
- Experience in supervisory responsibility, preferably for a staff delivering a variety of products and services for a diverse audience and using a range of program design, technologies, and supply and delivery channels.

#### Knowledge of:

- Clean transportation, resiliency, and distributed grid technologies.
- Principles of usage, efficiency, and application of zero emission vehicles and distributed smart energy resources.
- Principles of capital asset management such as stakeholder engagement, business modeling, financing, construction, and operations.
- Local and state codes, policies, and goals for public works in general, as well as transportation electrification, resiliency, and decarbonization initiatives.
- Principles of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, distributed generation resources, electric grid design and evolution.
- General legislative and regulatory framework for transportation, grid resiliency, and decarbonization.
- Principles and methods of program development, implementation, and project management.

#### Ability to:

- Work collaboratively with coworkers and third-party providers to identify and solve problems.
- Prepare accurate, comprehensive, and timely reports and other deliverables as required.
- Assist with program development and design, including needs assessments, proposal drafting, marketing tool preparation, program evaluation and reporting.
- Learn, interpret, and apply policies, procedures, and regulations. Provide program-based guidance and interpretation for staff and the public.
- Assist with administration of project budgets, including control and monitoring of project-related expenditures.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with diverse community stakeholders. Communicate clearly and effectively with customers.
- Identify and solve problems effectively and expeditiously.
- Direct, supervise and coordinate the work of assigned staff.
- Manage multiple priorities, meet deadlines, and quickly adapt to changing priorities in a fastpaced dynamic environment.
- Work well under pressure.
- Be thorough and detail-oriented.
- Demonstrate patience, tact, teamwork and commitment to superior service and performance.

#### **Working Conditions and Essential Requirements**

The physical demands described here are representative of those required for the position. Position requires sitting, walking, standing, bending, and twisting in the performance of daily activities. The position requires hand manipulation and repetitive hand movement and fine coordination in using a computer keyboard and other office equipment. The position requires near and far vision in reading reports, use of a computer, and to perform testing and diagnostic tasks. Acute hearing is required in supporting meetings and providing phone and in-person customer service. Fine and gross motor control is required to set up and operate diagnostic and data collection equipment in a variety of settings. The position requires the ability to use ladders and hand tools and to physically work in construction settings. The position occasionally requires lifting and/or moving bulky and/or heavy objects. RCEA will make reasonable accommodation of the known physical or mental limitations of a qualified applicant with a disability upon request. Possession and continued maintenance of a valid class C California driver's license or the ability to provide alternate transportation and a safe driving record is required.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Master's degree in a related field.
- Knowledge of RCEA programs.
- Knowledge of CARB, CEC, and CPUC transportation and resiliency programs.
- Prior experience managing sub-contractors.
- Prior experience working with public agencies.
- Experience working with organizations involved with projects and programs in the areas of environmental and economic development.
- Experience working in an entrepreneurial context.

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#### Assistant / Coordinator / Associate

Class Description: Under the supervision of a Manager or Director, an Assistant, Coordinator or Associate supports RCEA staff by providing general or clerical duties related to one or more programmatic or administrative functions. The Assistant/Coordinator/Associate may be a permanent staff position or a limited-term/part-time role. Permanent staff positions serve essential operations and support roles for a specific department or RCEA as a whole. Limited-term/part-time Assistant, Coordinator, and Associate positions provide internship-style career development opportunities related to energy, public policy, and/or government administration for those new to these fields.

#### Summary

Under direct supervision, provides varied administrative and programmatic support for agency operations, including office administration, customer service, and energy programs, as assigned.

#### **Essential Functions and Responsibilities**

Duties are illustrative only and may vary. Other duties may be assigned.

- Provide administrative support to staff and assist in general office management.
- Provide office and field-based customer service assistance.
- Perform office tasks such as answering phones, processing paper and electronic records, and entering data.

#### **Minimum Qualifications**

#### Experience/Education:

Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

• Education or experience equal to an Associate's degree in a related field, or two (2) years relevant work or educational experience, or any combination thereof.

#### Knowledge of:

- Basic office functions, such as operation of common office equipment, email and phone communications, scheduling, and document handling.
- Business software applications, including word processing, spreadsheets, email, calendars, and web browsers.
- Basic business terminology.
- Note taking, task management, and time management approaches and tools.

#### Ability to:

- Learn, understand, and effectively communicate information to coworkers, customers, and/or vendors.
- Promote and maintain a customer-centric approach to job duties.
- · Work effectively as part of a team.
- Handle multiple tasks simultaneously at a fast pace and within stringent time constraints.
- Understand and apply office policies and procedures.

Exercise discretion and independent judgment when necessary.

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#### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in a related discipline from an accredited institution.
- Knowledge of RCEA programs.
- Prior experience working with public agencies and/or public utilities.
- Experience working with organizations involved with projects and programs in the areas of environmental and economic development.
- Experience working in an entrepreneurial context.

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## STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 8.2

AGENDA DATE:	May 26, 2022
TO:	Board of Directors
PREPARED BY:	Eileen Verbeck, Deputy Executive Director Lori Biondini, Director of Business Planning and Finance
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Year 2022-23 Preliminary Draft Budget

#### **SUMMARY**

Attached is a preliminary draft of the fiscal year 2022-2023 (FY22-23) annual budget for review. This current fiscal year was marked by continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and significant uncertainty around energy revenue, energy costs, and the ability to implement customer programs. This current fiscal year also marks the completion of RCEA's major capital investment, the microgrid project. As a result, the presented budget contains conservative estimates of anticipated revenue.

#### **BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS**

Staff calculated power sales cost and revenue based on models provided by The Energy Authority dated April 30, 2022. Staff used the most conservative scenario of power sales cost and revenue, which assumes that there will be no PG&E rate changes in 2023 and that RCEA rates will remain 0.5% below corresponding PG&E rates.

#### **REVENUES**

- Government Agencies \$1,101,031: Revenue in this category is this year's share of the 3-year funding from the California Public Utilities Commission for energy efficiency programs anticipated to be about \$877,031 (booked as it is expensed), and this year's share of a 2-year grant from the California Energy Commission for medium and heavy duty zero-emission vehicle planning anticipated to be about \$150,000 (reimbursed as it is expensed). Revenue in this category also includes funds from California's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) which provides reimbursements for new electric vehicle charging equipment and revenue from RCEA's Electric Vehicle Network (REVNet) for an anticipated total of \$112,000.
- Non-government Agencies \$489,124: Revenue in this category includes the remaining \$182,802 of grant funds from Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation / Schatz Energy Research Center for construction of the Airport Microgrid, and this year's share of funding from Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Local Government Partnership Program for energy efficiency programs which is \$246,634. Additionally, RCEA expects to receive an estimated \$59,688 in Tech Quick Start Grant funds from Southern California Edison for identifying and assisting customers looking to purchase and install electric heat pumps.
- **Electricity Sales \$93,848,684:** This line item includes electricity sales revenue, excess power generated through RCEA's power purchase agreements that is sold in the energy market, and the value of the energy produced by the Redwood Airport Microgrid. Payments for excess energy generation by net-energy metering customers, estimated to be \$250,000, is included in the total electricity sales line item, and \$1,707,003 (2% of

projected electricity sales) is assumed to be uncollectable due to customer non-payment. This line item has a degree of uncertainty and represents a conservative forecast.

#### **EXPENSES**

- Wholesale Power Supply \$76,236,276: Energy costs continue to be RCEA's largest expense. Power costs for the fiscal year represent what has already been procured through RCEA's previously approved hedging strategy and existing power purchase agreements.
- Professional and Program Services \$2,820,516: This budget line item includes contracted services for energy scheduling coordination, energy procurement credit fees, data management, legal services, accounting services, regulatory services, as well as program-specific professional services, including database development and engineering calculations. Additionally, funds have been budgeted for ramping up coordination with RCEA's offshore wind project partners and to support community outreach related to the upcoming offshore lease auction and ancillary community projects.
- Personnel \$4,071,684: The proposed budget includes the addition of three full-time positions (Infrastructure Programs Manager, Intake Coordinator and Power Resources Specialist). The budget includes an increase in health insurance benefits estimated at 7% from the current fiscal year. Overall, the proposed budget has 16% increase from the current year's budget. Staff are anticipating an expansion of projects and programs in the upcoming year including, the proposed Rural REN (\$96 million over five years), CEC Transportation Grant (\$700,000), and the release of additional state and federal transportation grant funds. The next fiscal year will require a fully staffed organization to implement upcoming projects and programs.

All positions listed in the Board-adopted organization chart are full-time, fully benefited positions. Non-benefited, part-time, limited-term and intern positions can be created and dissolved at the discretion of the Executive Director if they fit within the Board-adopted total personnel budget. The proposed personnel budget includes \$291,564 in funds for part-time, limited-term and intern positions.

- Facilities and Operations \$801,816: This budget line item is for operations costs such
  as information technology, office supplies and utilities, as well as costs associated with
  RCEA-owned or managed assets. The largest item in this budget are costs associated
  with operating the Airport Microgrid, increase in insurance costs (partly due to insuring
  the Airport Microgrid), upgrades to our IT infrastructure, and purchasing and maintaining
  a new financial software system. The draft budget does not currently include the planned
  purchase and/or renovation of a new office facility.
- Incentives and Rebates \$477,823: This line item is for direct incentives and rebates paid out. This currently includes customer incentives funded through the RCEA-administered California Public Utilities Commission efficiency program and incentives approved as part of CCE-funded customer benefit programs. The following CCE-funded programs are included in the proposed budget: heat pump rebates, residential energy efficiency kits, mobile home solar program, grocery refrigeration program, electric vehicle rebates, electric vehicle charging station rebates and e-bike rebates.

#### **SUMMARY OF RESERVES**

In the current year FY21-22 RCEA experienced significant cashflow challenges that exhausted all cash reserves. Key causes of the cashflow constraints included:

- Extremely high energy prices in 2021;
- Customer rates that did not provide for full cost-recovery;
- An inflated 2021 power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) exit fee that did not reflect the rising market prices;
- Over \$3.2 million in pandemic-era delinquent RCEA customer bill payments;
- \$4 million of RCEA's cash reserves tied up in the security deposit for the 100MW Sandrini Solar project; and
- Around \$3-4 million of RCEA's reserves tied up at any given time in ongoing cashflow
  management due to the structural delay between payments for wholesale energy
  procurement versus when the associated retail revenue from energy sales is realized.

RCEA received a \$2 million loan from the Blue Lake Rancheria and arranged the temporary sale of power purchase agreement assets to MCE for \$4 million that enabled RCEA to continue to operate through the cashflow challenges.

The proposed FY22-23 budget includes repayment of the funds to Blue Lake Rancheria and cancelling the power sale to MCE. The projected net revenue for FY22-23 is \$8 million. Staff recommends all projected net revenue be designated as cash reserves to replace the funds utilized in FY21-22.

The preliminary draft budget presented at the meeting has already been shared with the Board's Finance Subcommittee. A tentative second meeting with the Finance Subcommittee will facilitate any further input in advance of the final draft presentation to the Board at the June meeting.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Provide guidance and input to staff on draft FY22-23 budget.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Preliminary Draft Fiscal Year 2022-23 RCEA Budget

	COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY (CCE) - POWER RESOURCES					
Account	Core Power Resources	Airport Solar Microgrid	Redwood Coast Offshore Wind	TOTAL Power Resources		
Income						
5 REVENUE EARNED						
Total 5000 · Revenue - Government Agencies	-	-	-	-		
Total 5100 · Revenue - Program-Related Sales	-	-	-	-		
Total 5400 · Revenue-nongovernment agencies	-	182,802	-	182,802		
5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales						
5510 · Electricity Sales	85,350,127	<u>-</u>	-	85,350,127		
5550 · PPA Revenues	9,698,621	506.939	_	10,205,560		
5580 · Uncollectable Accounts	(1,707,003)	-	_	(1,707,003)		
Total 5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales	93,341,745	506,939	_	93,848,684		
Total 5 REVENUE EARNED	93,341,745	689,741		94,031,486		
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Expense	70 100 170	75 700				
Total 6 WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY	72,160,478	75,798	=	72,236,276		
Total 7 PERSONNEL EXPENSES	942,515	40,627	44,678	1,027,820		
Total 8.1 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS	69,080	183,302	100	252,482		
Total 8.2 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH	72,750	1,000	80,000	153,750		
8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS						
8400 · Regulatory	180,000	-	-	180,000		
8410 · Contracts - Program Related Ser 8420 · Accounting	20,000	-	100,000	120,000		
8430 · Legal	60,000	2,000	75,000	137,000		
8450 · Wholesale Services - TEA	624,984	30,000	-	654,984		
8460 · Procurement Credit - TEA	690,545	-	-	690,545		
8470 · Data Management - Calpine Total 8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS	737,532 2,313,061	32,000	175.000	737,532 2,520,061		
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Total 8.5 PROGRAM EXPENSES	623,600	-	-	623,600		
Total 8.6 INCENTIVES & REBATES	-	-	-	-		
Total 9 NON OPERATING COSTS	5,000	194,000	-	199,000		
Total Expense	76,186,484	526,727	299,778	77,012,989		
Net Income	17,155,261	163,014	(299,778)	17,018,497		
Not income	17,100,201	103,014	(299,110)	17,010,437		

	DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM)					
Account	PG&E Local Government Partnership Program	RCEA- Administered CPUC Efficiency Program	TECH Grant	CCE-funded DSM Services and Programs	TOTAL DSM	
Income						
5 REVENUE EARNED						
Total 5000 · Revenue - Government Agencies	-	877,031	=	-	877,031	
Total 5100 · Revenue - Program-Related Sales	-	-	-	-	-	
Total 5400 · Revenue-nongovernment agencies	246,634	-	59,688	-	306,322	
5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales						
5510 · Electricity Sales	-	-	-	-	-	
5550 · PPA Revenues	-	-	=	-	-	
5580 · Uncollectable Accounts	-	-	-	-	-	
Total 5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales			<u> </u>			
Total 5 REVENUE EARNED	246,634	877,031	59,688	-	1,183,353	
Expense						
Total 6 WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY	-	-	-	-	-	
Total 7 PERSONNEL EXPENSES	239,434	571,408	59,688	641,119	1,511,649	
Total 8.1 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS	3,200	3,800	-	2,800	9,800	
Total 8.2 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH	4,000	6,000	-	3,100	13,100	
8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS						
8400 · Regulatory	-	-	-	-	-	
8410 · Contracts - Program Related Ser 8420 · Accounting	-	55,000 -	_	45,000 -	100,000	
8430 · Legal	-	2,500		6,500	9,000	
8450 · Wholesale Services - TEA	-	-	-	-	-	
8460 · Procurement Credit - TEA 8470 · Data Management - Calpine	-	-	-	- -	-	
Total 8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS	-	57,500	-	51,500	109,000	
Total 8.5 PROGRAM EXPENSES	-	1,000	-	1,000	2,000	
Total 8.6 INCENTIVES & REBATES	-	237,323	-	181,000	418,323	
Total 9 NON OPERATING COSTS	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expense	246,634	877,031	59,688	880,519	2,063,872	
Net Income	-			(880,519)	(880,519)	

Income   S REVENUE EARNED			TRANSPORTATION					
Total 5000 - Revenue - Government Agencies	Account		Medium/Heavy	Transportation Services and	TOTAL Transportation			
Total 5000 · Revenue - Government Agencies   74,000   150,000   - 22								
Total 5100 · Revenue - Program-Related Sales   30,400   -   -   3								
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Expense	·	-						
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8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS  8400 · Regulatory	Total 8.2 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH	2.500	2.184	-	4,684			
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8420 · Accounting       -		-	-	-	-			
8430 · Legal       4,000       -       5,000       5         8450 · Wholesale Services - TEA       -       -       -       -         8460 · Procurement Credit - TEA       -       -       -       -         8470 · Data Management - Calpine       -       -       -       -         Total 8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS       4,000       50,000       5,000       5         Total 8.5 PROGRAM EXPENSES       12,500       -       -       -       1         Total 8.6 INCENTIVES & REBATES       -       -       59,500       5	<u> </u>	-	50,000	-	50,000			
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		,		-	12,500			
T / LA NON ORTHANIA COOTO	Total 8.6 INCENTIVES & REBATES	-	-	59,500	59,500			
Total 9 NON OPERATING COSTS	Total 9 NON OPERATING COSTS	-	-	-	-			
Total Expense         364,659         110,000         117,200         59	Total Expense	364,659	110,000	117,200	591,859			
Net Income (260,259) 40,000 (117,200) (33	et Income	(260,259)	40,000	(117,200)	(337,459)			

	STRATEGIC PLANNING			GENERAL & ADMIN	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET
Account	Other	CAP/ CAPE	TOTAL Strategic Planning		BODGET
Income					
5 REVENUE EARNED					
Total 5000 · Revenue - Government Agencies	-	-	-	-	1,101,031
Total 5100 · Revenue - Program-Related Sales	-	-	-	-	30,400
Total 5400 · Revenue-nongovernment agencies	-	-	-	-	489,124
5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales					
5510 · Electricity Sales	-	-	-	-	
5550 · PPA Revenues	-	-	-	-	
5580 · Uncollectable Accounts	-	-	-	-	
Total 5500 · Revenue - Electricity Sales	-	-	-	-	93,848,684
Total 5 REVENUE EARNED	_	_	_	-	95,469,239
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Expense  Total 6 WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY	_	<u>-</u>	-	4,000,000	76,236,276
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Total 7 PERSONNEL EXPENSES	-	183,380	183,380	1,048,660	4,071,684
Total 8.1 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS	-	100	100	383,434	801,816
Total 8.2 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH	-	-	-	5,470	177,004
8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS					
8400 · Regulatory	-	-	-	-	180,000
8410 · Contracts - Program Related Ser	20,000	-	20,000	-	290,000
8420 · Accounting	-	-	-	87,455	87,455
8430 · Legal 8450 · Wholesale Services - TEA	-	-	-	25,000	180,000 654,984
8460 · Procurement Credit - TEA	_	-	-	-	690,545
8470 · Data Management - Calpine	_	=	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	737,532
Total 8.4 PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SRVS	20,000	-	20,000	112,455	2,820,516
Total 8.5 PROGRAM EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	638,100
Total 8.6 INCENTIVES & REBATES	-	-	-	-	477,823
Total 9 NON OPERATING COSTS	-	-	-	2,047,020	2,246,020
Total Expense	20,000	183,480	203,480	7,597,039	87,469,239
Net Income	(20,000)	(183,480)	(203,480)	(7,597,039)	8,000,000

# Fiscal Year 2022-23 Preliminary Draft Budget Overview

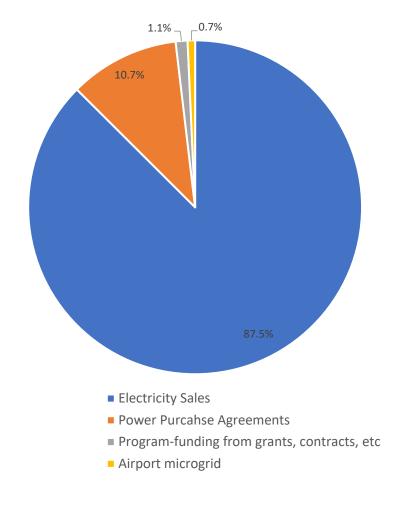
## FY22-23 Budget Assumptions

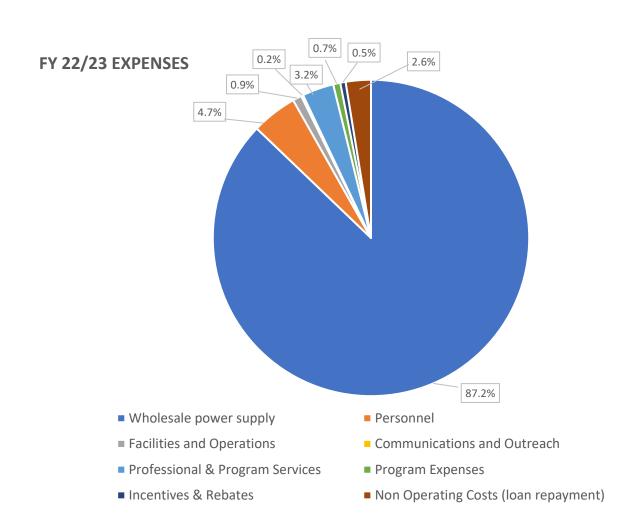
- Energy revenue and costs based on model from April 30, 2022.
- Modeled revenue adjusted down by 4% and costs adjusted up by 11% per recommendations by TEA based on analysis of several rate and cost scenarios. Staff chose the most conservative scenario to present in our budget.
- Assumes no rate change in 2023.

REVENUE		
FY 21/22	\$ 53,500,000	
FY 22/23	\$ 95,500,000	

EXPENSES		
FY 21/22	\$52,200,000	
FY 22/23	\$87,500,000	

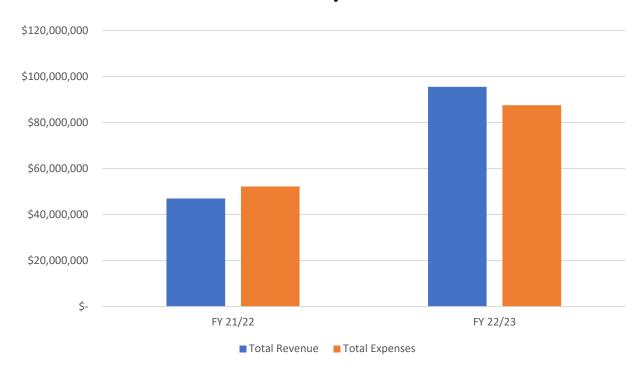
#### FY 22/23 REVENUE





## Changes/Highlights: Energy sales and costs

- Electricity sales revenue projected to be up \$38.9M
- Wholesale power costs projected to be up \$28.5M
- Delinquent customer utility-bill payments are expected to decrease.
   It is calculated as 2% of electricity sales revenue.



## Changes/Highlights: Personnel

- Includes addition of three full-time positions (Infrastructure Manager, Power Resources Specialist and Intake Coordinator).
- ~16% in total personnel budget increase personnel is 4.7% of total budget, so ~0.6% increase to total budget.

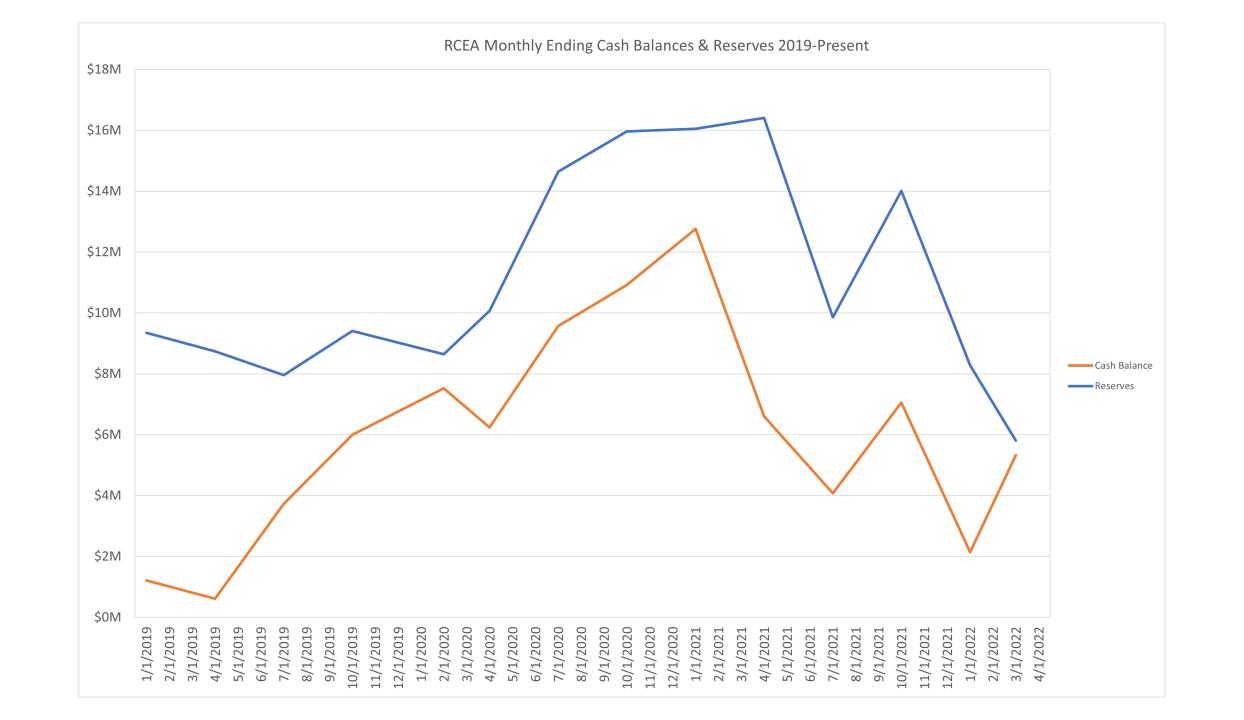
## Changes/Highlights: Other

- Repayment of loan to Blue Lake Rancheria \$2M
- Purchasing power supply back from MCE \$4M
- Budgeted for necessary IT upgrades and financial software
- Funds have been budgeted in anticipation of ramping up Offshore Wind outreach and professional services (consultants and legal)
- As of January 2022, RCEA has provided over \$5.5M in cumulative rate payer savings. Budget reflects 0.5% retail rate discount from PG&E rates.

## **Preliminary Bottom-line**

	Current Budget	FY22-23 Preliminary Draft
Revenue	\$53.5M	\$95.5M
Expenses	\$52.2M	\$87.5M
Net Revenue	\$1.3M	\$8M

- In FY 21-22 we experienced negative net revenue which caused RCEA to use all cash reserves and receive loan funds.
- Current budgeted net revenue does not reflect actuals.
- End result: Addition of \$8M to reserves to replace cash reserves utilized in FY 21-22.



## Potential Funding Sources FY 22-23

- Awaiting approval of \$700,000 CEC Transportation Grant (Personnel and EV Charging Stations).
- We are still awaiting a decision from CPUC on our Rural REN proposal \$96M over 5 years. Expect to find out sometime between June Nov 2022.
- If awarded portion of the revenue will offset current personnel and programmatic costs being funded by CCE-DSM General budget.

Projected Rural REN Budget	FY 2022-2023
Revenue	\$1M
Pass Through Implementation	\$4.6M

## **Next Steps**

- Staff will refine and finalize proposed budget
- Option for second Finance Subcommittee meeting
   4-5pm June 15 for additional review/input.
- Final proposed budget presented to Board June 23

# RCEA Board of Directors Meeting May 26, 2022

## 8. New Business

## 8.2 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Preliminary Draft Budget

Provide guidance and input to staff on draft FY22-23 budget.



#### STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 9.1

AGENDA DATE:	May 26, 2022
TO:	Board of Directors
FROM:	Eileen Verbeck, Deputy Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Deputy Executive Director's Report

#### **SUMMARY**

Deputy Executive Director Eileen Verbeck will provide a brief update on:

- · Local and national offshore wind related activities,
- RCEA recent activities, and
- Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid Grand Opening Celebration June 22, 2022
- Other topics as needed.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None. (Information only.)