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BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

An <u>in-person meeting</u>. No online or phone participation option.

Redwood Coast Energy Authority Office 633 Third Street, Eureka, CA 95501

May 12, 2025 Monday, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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- 1. ROLL CALL. Committee Members: Scott Bauer, Michael Gerace, Skip Jorgensen, Jason Ramos, Frank Wilson. Staff: Director of Business Planning & Finance Lori Biondini; Executive Director Elizabeth Burks, Deputy Executive Director Eileen Verbeck.
- 2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS. This item is provided for the public to address the Finance Subcommittee on matters not on the agenda. At the conclusion of all public statements, the Finance Subcommittee may respond. Any request that requires Finance Subcommittee action will be set by the Subcommittee to a future agenda or referred to staff.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Approve minutes of February 6, 2025, Board Finance Committee meeting.
- OLD BUSINESS None.









5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Budget Discussion

Provide guidance and input to staff on draft fiscal year 2025 - 2026 budget.

- 6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS. All communications shall be limited to RCEA business and shall not request or lead to action by the Committee at this meeting.
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. Any request that requires Committee action will be set by the Committee for a future agenda or referred to staff.
- 8. FUTURE MEETING DATES.
 - A. Thursday, May 22 RCEA Board meeting, initial FY 25-26 draft budget review
 - B. Finance Committee follow-up FY 25-26 Budget meeting (if needed) Select day/time:
 - a. Monday, June 9, 2025, 5 p.m.
 - b. Tuesday, June 10, 12 p.m.
 - c. Thursday, June 12, 12 p.m.
 - d. Thursday, June 12, 3 p.m.
 - C. Thursday, June 26, RCEA Board meeting potential FY 25-26 Budget adoption
- 9. ADJOURNMENT.



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BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted on February 3, 2025. Executive Director Elizabeth Burks called a regular meeting of the RCEA Board Finance Committee to order on the above date at 4:32 p.m. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Bauer, Michael Gerace, Frank Wilson. ABSENT: Skip Jorgensen, Jason Ramos. STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Elizabeth Burks; Business Planning and Finance Director Lori Biondini; Deputy Executive Director Eileen Verbeck; Board Clerk Lori Taketa.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Member of the public Walt Paniak emailed concerns about Humboldt Sawmill Company's data reporting, RCEA's contracted rates with HSC and The Energy Authority (TEA), and suggested RCEA merge with a larger CCA to reduce customer prices. Executive Director Burks closed the public comment period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No member of the public was present to comment on the draft minutes.

M/S: Bauer, Gerace: Approve minutes of May 14, 2024, Board Finance Subcommittee meeting.

<u>The motion passed with the following vote. Ayes: Bauer, Gerace. Noes: None. Absent: Jorgensen, Ramos. Abstentions: Wilson.</u>

NEW BUSINESS – Committee Chair Selection

Staff reported that the Board needs to extend term lengths for both Finance Committee membership and committee leadership positions to facilitate mid-year budget adjustment committee meeting scheduling. No member of the public commented on this agenda item.

M/S: Bauer, Wilson: Appoint Michael Gerace and Frank Wilson to serve as RCEA Finance Committee Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, to serve a one-year term ending February 28, 2026.







<u>The motion passed with the following vote. Ayes: Bauer, Gerace, Wilson. Noes: None.</u> Absent: Jorgensen, Ramos. Abstentions: None.

OLD BUSINESS – A. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Draft Budget Adjustment Deputy Executive Director Verbeck and Business Development and Finance Director Biondini presented the proposed adjustments to the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget and explained the financial model and Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN) funding changes triggering the draft budget adjustments.

The CPUC approved NREN funding and launch, adding \$7.1 million in revenue and expense to RCEA's budget. This funding offsets \$931,982 of the previously adopted budget's expenses. Recent TEA financial modeling projects RCEA's net revenue to be \$13.9 million, instead of the \$1.8 million negative net revenue projected in May 2024. Staff proposed reinstatement of the following budget items that were frozen, postponed or cut at the end of last fiscal year:

- Reinstate travel and training budget
- Unfreeze vacant positions
- Reinstate communication and outreach budget
- Fund compensation and classification study
- Increase electric vehicle rebates by \$50,000
- Fund audits and financial software
- Fund IT hardware replacements and software.

In May 2024, the Board asked for a mid-year evaluation of reinstating their 100% renewable and carbon-free procurement by 2025 target. In May, the Board reduced renewable power procurement standards to State-mandated levels to address the projected budget shortfall. Staff presented three renewable energy procurement options and their anticipated effects on RCEA's financial outlook:

- 1. Maintaining current State-level renewable procurement goals and selling renewable products that exceed those levels would result in an additional \$4 million in net revenue and a 47% renewable and carbon-free power portfolio.
- 2. Keeping current State-level renewable procurement goals and not selling excess renewable products would not change RCEA's net revenue levels but would result in a 75% renewable and carbon-free power portfolio.
- 3. Reinstating RCEA's procurement goals would result in negative net revenue (loss) of \$1.6 million but a 100% renewable and carbon-free portfolio.

The committee members supported the staff's recommendation to maintain current renewable and carbon-free procurement levels and retain energy products that exceed Statemandated levels within RCEA's portfolio (option 2). The directors expressed the need to build RCEA reserves to Reserve Policy goal levels to weather extreme market volatility and difficult renewable energy development conditions.

Staff and directors discussed how Tribal Energy Resilience and Sovereignty funds were not included in this budget adjustment due to uncertainty of receiving obligated federal funding for microgrid construction to provide more reliable electricity service to Hoopa Valley, Karuk, Yurok and Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe lands. The group discussed the establishment of a community benefit fund from non-ratepayer income, and the committee expressed a desire to

direct these funds first to families struggling to pay electricity bills. There was no public comment on this item.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Executive Director Burks confirmed the following meeting dates:

- February 27, 2025, RCEA Board meeting to discuss draft budget adjustments.
- May 2025 and June Finance Committee meetings for draft fiscal year 2025-2026 budget review.

Chair Gerace adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Lori Taketa Clerk of the Board



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STAFF REPORT Agenda Item # 5 - A

| AGENDA DATE: | May 12, 2025 |
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| TO: | Board of Directors Finance Committee |
| | Lori Biondini, Business Development & Finance Director |
| PREPARED BY: | Elizabeth Burks, Executive Director |
| | Eileen Verbeck, Deputy Executive Director |
| SUBJECT: | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Budget |

SUMMARY

Staff will provide a presentation on the preliminary fiscal year 2025-2026 budget at the meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Provide guidance and input to staff on draft fiscal year 2025 - 2026 budget.

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| | POWER RESOURCES | | INFRA | STRUCTURE PLA | ANNING and TRA | NSPORTATION (IP | &T) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | Community Choice Energy | Biomat/FIT | REVNet | NCRCN | RRPG | Proposed New Programs | RCAM |
| Revenue State Contracts REVNet Sales & LCFS Credits Non-government Contracts Electricity Sales | 73,752,521 | | 77,000 | 277,661 | 1,245,149 | | 1,887 |
| Uncollectable Accounts Total | (2,212,576) 71,539,945 | - | 77,000 | 277,661 | 1,245,149 | - | 1,887 |
| Expense WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY CAISO/Market Participation Costs Total Bilateral Costs Resource Adequacy PPA Costs PPA Revenues PCC1 RECs PCC3 RECs Carbon Free Energy Total | 9,544,859 26,180,427 (16,027,860) 1,826,772 704,000 464,406 | | | | | | 5,000 |
| Sub-total | 57,612,586 | - | - | - | - | • | 5,000 |
| PERSONNEL EXPENSES Payroll Full-time Salaries Part-time Salaries Employee Benefits-Insurance Paryoll Taxes Worker's Comp PTO Total Other Personnel Costs Safety Staff Training, Development & Related Travel Local Mileage Recruitment & Screening Administrative Service Fees/Bus Passes Total | 655,230 31,483 174,925 58,371 3,983 | 20,076 - 5,107 1,706 116 | 15,082 16,570 4,740 2,690 184 | 29,865 - 12,278 2,539 173 - - 500 | 155,124 - 37,716 13,186 900 - 750 | 150,693 14,913 48,609 14,077 961 | 60,242 14,570 5,121 349 4,500 7,500 400 |
| Sub-total | 954,191 | 27,005 | 39,465 | 45,355 | 207,675 | 239,352 | 92,682 |
| FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS Offices/Workstations Office Supplies Furniture & Equipment IT Hardware & Supplies Software IT Subcontractors Office Lease and BOD/CAC Space Rental Office Utilities & Mobile Phones/Hotspots Office Maintenance Supplies Office Maintenance Services Total Major Capital Assets | 2,500 | | | | | | 400 |
| Operations & Maintenance Capital Contributions Total Property & Liability Insurance | | | 62,800 5,000 | | | | 167,894 |
| Dues & Memberships Sub-total | 252,744 255,244 | - | 67,800 | - | - | - | 815 169,109 |

| | POWER RESOURCES | | INFRA | STRUCTURE PLA | NNING and TRA | ANSPORTATION (IP | &T) |
|---|---|-------------|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | Community Choice Energy | Biomat/FIT | REVNet | NCRCN | RRPG | Proposed New Programs | RCAM |
| COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH CCA Account Services Printing, postage & delivery General Events Outside Professional Services Sponsorships and Commuity Support Advertising & Media | 90,000 | 1,500 | - | 5,000 | | 10,000 | |
| Sub-total | 91,000 | 1,500 | - | 5,000 | - | 10,000 | - |
| PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SERVICES Regulatory Program Related Professional Services CC Power - special projects CalCCA - special projects NREN Partner Pass-thru | 95,000 305,261 15,000 | 30,000 | | 280,000 | 1,037,474 | | |
| Accounting Legal Wholesale Services - TEA Procurement Credit - TEA Data Management - Calpine Customer Billing - PG&E | 100,000 40,000 896,946 572,390 808,002 256,634 | | | 4,000 | | | |
| Sub-total | 3,089,233 | 30,000 | - | 284,000 | 1,037,474 | - | - |
| INCENTIVES & REBATES Developer Fund/Grant Fund Match EV/EVSE/E-bike Incentives to Customers Residential Equipment Efficiency Commercial Equipment Efficiency Lending Library | - | - - - | : | - - - | : | 10,000 100,000 | |
| Sub-total | - | - | - | - | - | 100,000 | - |
| NON OPERATING COSTS Sub-total | 6,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 120,000 |
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| Total Expense | 62,008,254 | 58,505 | 107,265 | 334,355 | 1,245,149 | 349,352 | 386,791 |
| Net Income Reserves / Rate Stablization | 9,531,691 5,000,000 | (58,505) | (30,265) | (56,694) | 0 | (349,352) | (384,904) |

| | | DEMAND | O-SIDE MANAGE | MENT (DSM) PG&E Local | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| | NREN Implementation | NREN EMV | NREN Marketing | Government Partnership Program | Efficiency Lending Library |
| Revenue State Contracts REVNet Sales & LCFS Credits Non-government Contracts Electricity Sales Uncollectable Accounts | 7,374,328 | 163,898 | 474,799 | 296,099 | |
| Total | 7,374,328 | 163,898 | 474,799 | 296,099 | - |
| Expense WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY CAISO/Market Participation Costs Total Bilateral Costs Resource Adequacy PPA Costs PPA Revenues PCC1 RECs PCC3 RECs Carbon Free Energy Total | | | | | |
| Sub-total | - | - | - | | - |
| PERSONNEL EXPENSES Payroll Full-time Salaries Part-time Salaries Employee Benefits-Insurance Paryoll Taxes Worker's Comp PTO Total Other Personnel Costs Safety Staff Training, Development & Related Travel Local Mileage Recruitment & Screening Administrative Service Fees/Bus Passes | 722,550 145,268 204,900 73,765 5,033 22,000 2,000 | 4,675 - 1,297 397 27 | 17,256 8,029 4,501 2,149 147 | 216,632 - 54,583 18,414 1,256 | 13,927 - 4,854 1,184 81 |
| Total Sub-total | 1,175,516 | 6,397 | 32,081 | 296,098 | 20,046 |
| FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS Offices/Workstations Office Supplies Furniture & Equipment IT Hardware & Supplies Software IT Subcontractors Office Lease and BOD/CAC Space Rental Office Utilities & Mobile Phones/Hotspots Office Maintenance Supplies Office Maintenance Services Total Major Capital Assets Operations & Maintenance Capital Contributions | 400,000 | 500 | | · | |
| Total Property & Liability Insurance Dues & Memberships Sub-total | 130,000 530,000 | 500 | - | - | - |

| | | DEMAND |)-SIDE MANAGE | PG&E Local | |
|--|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | NREN Implementation | NREN EMV | NREN Marketing | Government Partnership Program | Efficiency Lending Library |
| COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH CCA Account Services Printing, postage & delivery General Events Outside Professional Services Sponsorships and Commuity Support Advertising & Media Sub-total | 10,000 10,000 | | 30,000 30,000 | | |
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| PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SERVICES Regulatory Program Related Professional Services CC Power - special projects CalCCA - special projects | 1,147,706 | 157,000 | 320,000 | | |
| NREN Partner Pass-thru Accounting Legal Wholesale Services - TEA Procurement Credit - TEA Data Management - Calpine Customer Billing - PG&E | 3,000,951 | | 92,718 | | |
| Sub-total | 4,148,657 | 157,000 | 412,718 | - | - |
| INCENTIVES & REBATES Developer Fund/Grant Fund Match EV/EVSE/E-bike Incentives to Customers Residential Equipment Efficiency Commercial Equipment Efficiency Lending Library | 949,446 560,709 | | | | 2,500 |
| Sub-total | 1,510,155 | - | - | - | 2,500 |
| NON OPERATING COSTS Sub-total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expense | 7,374,328 | 163,897 | 474,799 | 296,098 | 22,546 |
| Net Income Reserves / Rate Stablization | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (22,546) |

| | STRATEGIC PLANNING CAPE/unfunded energy planning & regional coordination | PROGRAM NREN PA | ADMIN TERAS | COMMUNITY STRATEGIES | GENERAL & ADMIN | FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET |
|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Revenue State Contracts REVNet Sales & LCFS Credits Non-government Contracts Electricity Sales Uncollectable Accounts | | 851,139 | | | 111,190 - 831,458 - - | 1,634,000 77,000 9,993,607 73,752,521 (2,212,576) |
| Total | · | 851,139 | - | 1 - 1 | 942,648 | 83,244,552 |
| Expense WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY CAISO/Market Participation Costs Total Bilateral Costs Resource Adequacy PPA Costs PPA Revenues PCC1 RECs PCC3 RECs Carbon Free Energy Total Sub-total | - | - | - | - | _ | 34,919,982 9,549,859 26,180,427 (16,027,860) 1,826,772 704,000 464,406 22,697,604 57,617,586 |
| PERSONNEL EXPENSES Payroll Full-time Salaries | 130,209 | 288,183 | 98,989 | | 1,077,174 | 3,655,907 |
| Part-time Salaries Employee Benefits-Insurance Paryoll Taxes Worker's Comp PTO Total Other Personnel Costs | 12,455 34,622 12,126 827 | 78,662 24,496 1,671 | 30,389 8,414 574 | | 52,040 490,938 144,470 9,858 570,434 | 280,757 1,202,690 383,103 26,141 570,434 6,119,033 |
| Safety Staff Training, Development & Related Travel Local Mileage Recruitment & Screening Administrative Service Fees/Bus Passes Total | | 17,200 | | 4,500 | 5,000 60,000 500 64,000 50,500 | 9,500 154,413 6,650 64,000 50,500 285,063 |
| Sub-total | 190,239 | 410,212 | 138,366 | 4,500 | 2,524,915 | 6,404,096 |
| FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS Offices/Workstations Office Supplies Furniture & Equipment IT Hardware & Supplies Software IT Subcontractors Office Lease and BOD/CAC Space Rental Office Utilities & Mobile Phones/Hotspots Office Maintenance Supplies Office Maintenance Services Total Major Capital Assets | | 1,000 46,220 | | 16,993 | 15,300 13,000 55,000 119,612 76,000 135,000 81,000 8,000 17,000 | 16,800 13,000 55,000 185,725 476,000 135,000 81,000 8,000 17,000 987,525 |
| Operations & Maintenance Capital Contributions Total Property & Liability Insurance | | | | | 531,200 105,000 | 230,694 536,200 766,894 105,000 |
| Dues & Memberships Sub-total | 6,000 6,000 | 47,220 | - | 16,993 | 8,000 1,164,112 | 397,559 2,256,978 |
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| | STRATEGIC PLANNING CAPE/unfunded energy planning & | PROGRA | AM ADMIN | COMMUNITY STRATEGIES | GENERAL & ADMIN | FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET |
|--|---|-----------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| | regional coordination | NREN PA | TERAS | | | |
| COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH CCA Account Services Printing, postage & delivery General Events Outside Professional Services Sponsorships and Commuity Support Advertising & Media Sub-total | _ | | - | 17,250 105,500 28,000 65,000 215,750 | _ | 90,000 24,750 105,500 28,000 115,000 363,250 |
| PROFESSIONAL & PROGRAM SERVICES Regulatory Program Related Professional Services CC Power - special projects CalCCA - special projects NREN Partner Pass-thru Accounting Legal Wholesale Services - TEA Procurement Credit - TEA Data Management - Calpine Customer Billing - PG&E | 55,000 | 247,904 55,802 90,000 | 25,000 25,000 | | 103,000 90,000 | 150,000 3,220,084 305,261 15,000 3,149,471 228,000 249,000 896,946 572,390 808,002 256,634 |
| Sub-total | 55,000 | 393,706 | 50,000 | - | 193,000 | 9,850,787 |
| INCENTIVES & REBATES Developer Fund/Grant Fund Match EV/EVSE/E-bike Incentives to Customers Residential Equipment Efficiency Commercial Equipment Efficiency Lending Library Sub-total | - | | - | | : | 10,000 100,000 949,446 560,709 2,500 1,622,655 |
| NON OPERATING COSTS | | | | | | |
| Sub-total | - | - | - | - | 3,200 | 129,200 |
| Total Expense | 251,239 | 851,138 | 188,366 | 237,243 | 3,885,227 | 78,244,552 |
| Net Income Reserves / Rate Stablization | (251,239) | 0 | (188,366) | (237,243) | (2,942,579) | 5,000,000 |
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Redwood Coast Energy Authority

Board of Directors
Finance Subcommittee Meeting

May 12, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Budget



RCEA Annual Work Goals

Summary

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Revenue | \$95.4M | \$83.2M |
| Expense | \$81.6M | \$78.2M |
| Projected Net Revenue/ Addition to Cash Reserves | \$13.8M | \$5M |

Revenue

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Electricity Sales | \$80.4M | \$71.5M |
| Grants and Contracts | \$9M | \$11.7M |
| Program Related Service Fees (REVNet sales, project delay damages) | \$5.9M | \$77,000 |

Expense

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wholesale Power Supply | \$64.8M | \$57.6M |
| Personnel | \$5.4M | \$6.4M |
| Facilities and Operations | \$1.2M | \$2.3M |
| Communications and Outreach | \$276,200 | \$363,250 |
| Professional and Program Services | \$8.9M | \$9.9M |
| Incentives and Rebates | \$965,605 | \$1.6M |
| Non-Operating Costs | \$129,000 | \$129,200 |

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Electricity Sales | \$80.4M | \$71.5M |
| Wholesale Power Supply | \$64.8M | \$57.6M |

- Includes maintaining 0.5% retail rate discount from PG&E
- Based on financial modeling from May 5, 2025
- Includes reinstating renewable energy targets for 2026
- TEA recently adjusted their financial modeling, resulting in more accurate load forecasting which decreased RCEA's expected energy revenue and wholesale power expense

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Personnel | \$5.4M | \$6.4M |

- External funding covers \$2.2M of personnel costs
- No new positions are being requested
- Amount includes staff training and professional development including Board travel (\$154K)
- Includes the remaining amount for the class and comp study (\$50,000)
- The result is a 20% increase from last year (\$1M)
 - COLA increase of 6% \$300K
 - Executive Director position was vacant 6 months \$145K
 - Medical premiums increased 9% \$63K
 - Four vacant positions unfrozen in February \$555,000

Personnel - COLA

| | 2024 | 2025 | Total |
|----------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| All Urban Consumers, West Region | 2.9% | 2.2% | 5.1% |
| Social Security Administration | 2.5% | 2.6% | 5.6% |

- RCEA's compensation policy includes a biennial salary survey that would be due this year;
- However, RCEA hired a consultant to perform a full Classification and Compensation study expected to be complete in Sept. 2025
 - Results and recommendations will be presented to Board with mid-year budget review
- In recognition that salaries haven't increased since 2023, Staff propose a cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment for 2024 and 2025, effective July 1 with adoption of the budget.

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Facilities and Operations | \$1.2M | \$2.3M |

- External funding covers \$577,720 of operations (database, other software, memberships)
- Amount includes new financial software (\$60,000)
- Includes part of CalCCA and CC Power membership costs (\$252,744)
- Includes some consultation/design costs for office building (\$530,000)

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Communication and Outreach | \$276,200 | \$363,250 |

- External funds cover \$40,000 of the total
- Includes:
 - Events
 - Advertising
 - Required CCE customer mailings
 - Research and brand awareness
 - Sponsorships of local events

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Professional and Program Services | \$8.9M | \$9.9M |

- External funding covers \$6.4M of the total
 - NREN contracts (\$5.1M)
 - Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP) contracts (\$1.03M)
 - California Energy Commission North Coast Resilient Charging Network (NCRCN) contracts (\$284,000)
- Includes 2024 and 2025 financial audits (\$103,000)
- Special projects through CalCCA and CC Power (\$320,000)
- Data management/metering, billing, and day-ahead energy procurements/scheduling (TEA) services (\$2.5M)

| | FY 24-25 Adopted Budget | FY 25-26 Draft Budget |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Incentives and Rebates | \$965,605 | \$1.6M |

- External funding covers \$1.5M of the total
 - NREN incentives and rebates for Humboldt residential and commercial customers
- Electric Vehicle (EV), residential EV charging equipment, and E-bike rebates (\$100,000)
- Caltrans Wayfinding Match funds (\$10,000)

Customer Programs - Transportation

- Redwood Electric Vehicle Network (REVNet)
- North Coast Resilient Charging Network (NCRCN)
- EV and E-bike Rebates
- Transportation Fleet Electrification Technical Assistance
- Caltrans Wayfinding Match Program

Customer Programs – Energy Efficiency

- Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN)
- Energy Lending Library
- Local Government Program (LGP)

Customer Programs - Resiliency

- Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP) solar plus storage at 16 rural fire stations.
- Tribal Energy Resilience and Sovereignty (TERAS) awarded \$88M from DOE. Due to administration changes there have been delays. Still continuing work on finalizing agreements.

Customer Programs - Generation

- Net Energy Metering (rooftop solar)
- Feed-in Tariff (FIT)
- Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT)
- Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid (RCAM)

Net Revenue Summary

- The proposed budget includes putting all net revenue into Reserves (\$5M)
- Reserve Policy 180 days cash on hand (\$33.1M proposed)
- As of May 9, 2025, the cash balance is \$37M.
 - This includes \$6.3M for CCE operations cash flow,
 - \$700K for non-CCE operations cash flow,
 - \$6.6M of pre-paid NREN funding
 - Leaves \$23.4M of completely unrestricted cash

Looking Forward

- The May 5, 2025 financial model shows negative net revenue for fiscal years 2026-27 and 2027-28 (-\$3.4M and -\$3.5M respectively)
- Building cash reserves is crucial to stabilizing rates in the event of negative net revenue in the future