

Public Comment

July 23, 2026

RCEA Board of Directors
Regular Meeting

Agenda item 5.5 - RCEA 2026 Integrated
Resource Plan Filing to the California Public
Utilities Commission

From: [Corinne Frugoni](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Biomass NO!
Date: Friday, June 26, 2026 4:50:41 PM

I attended a meeting in 2023 where RCEA asked the community what kind of energy to put in its next IRP and the majority chose a portfolio with zero biomass. Unfortunately the BOD voted to continue the mill waste combustion after being strong armed by one of its members who apparently had some questionable special connections to the plant.

RCEA's 2019 strategic plan included a longterm transition away from mill waste combustion and no long term biomass contracts. 15 years is long term.

6 months ago HSC was required to assess community health risk due to its levels of toxic emissions. No HSC biomass should be considered until the state reviews that report and decides that no toxic harm exists.

Biomass is expensive. BioMAT is over.

Sincerely
Corinne Frugoni
Arcata

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jon Reisdorf](#)
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Subject: Vote no to biomass
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As a resident of the Lazy J trailer ranch in Arcata since 2004 I am asking you to vote no on having Biomass in our county's energy mix. In 2019 the RCEA's strategic plan included a long term moving away from biomass contracts. In 2023 the community requested the RCEA to not include biomass in their energy portfolio. The jury is still out on the health risks of biomass. Besides biomass is expensive. The obvious vote is NO.

Jon Reisdorf

Agenda Item 9.2 - RCEA Fiscal Year 26-27
Budget Adjustment

From: [Jack Tuttle](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Budget Shortfalls and Ideas to Strengthen RCEA
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026 10:02:30 AM
Attachments: [RCEA Strategic AI Prompt for Board.pdf](#)

Using AI to Explore Strategies for Strengthening RCEA

Purpose

This prompt is intended to encourage independent, objective thinking about the future of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA). Rather than leading people toward a predetermined answer, it asks AI to analyze the organization from a strategic perspective and identify opportunities that align with RCEA's mission.

Suggested ChatGPT Prompt

Assume you are a strategic consultant hired by the Redwood Coast Energy Authority. Review RCEA's mission, powers as a California Community Choice Aggregator, the current California energy market, CPUC regulations, PG&E's changing rate structures, and the challenges facing CCAs. Develop a prioritized strategic plan that would strengthen RCEA's long-term financial sustainability while advancing its mission of providing affordable, reliable, low-carbon energy and maximizing benefits to Humboldt County. Include both revenue-generating opportunities and cost-saving measures. Rank each recommendation by impact, implementation difficulty, financial return, community benefit, and alignment with RCEA's mission.

Additional Questions to Explore

- What are the ten biggest strategic mistakes RCEA could make over the next ten years, and what are the ten biggest opportunities it could seize?
- If RCEA were your company and it needed to increase net income by \$20 million over the next five years without abandoning its public mission, what specific strategies would you pursue?
- Imagine RCEA is presenting at a national conference in 2035 as the most innovative and financially successful Community Choice Aggregator in the United States. Describe what decisions the board made between 2026 and 2035 that led to that success. Explain how RCEA diversified revenue, reduced costs, increased electrification, improved customer satisfaction, strengthened grid resilience, partnered with local businesses, and increased local renewable generation while keeping rates competitive.

Suggested Introduction

"I'd be interested to see what conclusions different people reach independently. If everyone asks the same question, we can compare where the analyses agree and where they differ. That may help identify strategies worth exploring further."