

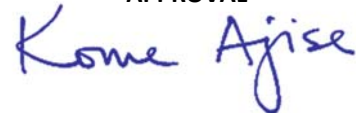
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Agenda Item No. 4
Thursday, May 2, 2019

To: General Assembly

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Regional Council



Subject: Consideration of Proposed General Assembly Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review the following resolution as submitted by Ventura County Supervisor and Regional Council member Linda Parks regarding SCAG's endorsement of local governments' ability to form Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs, which was recommended for approval by the Regional Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Provide innovative solutions that improves the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year, in preparation for the annual General Assembly meeting, proposed resolutions that are offered by Official Representatives are considered by both the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council prior to submission to the General Assembly.

This year, SCAG staff received a proposed resolution from Ventura County Supervisor and Regional Council member Linda Parks supporting Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs. CCA programs are locally-based programs that allow customers a choice of whom to purchase electricity from aside from traditional utilities. To date, there are several active CCA programs in the SCAG region, including the Clean Power Alliance which serves Los Angeles and Ventura counties and cities within these counties.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed the proposed resolution on March 21, 2019 and recommended its approval by the Regional Council. The Regional Council reviewed the proposed resolution on April 4, 2019 and recommended its approval by the General Assembly.

BACKGROUND:

The SCAG Bylaws provide the opportunity for any Official Representatives of SCAG to propose any policy matter for action by the General Assembly by way of submittal of a resolution. Supervisor Parks has submitted the attached GA resolution relating to CCA programs for the Committee's review and consideration.

Assembly Bill 117 passed in 2002 and was later amended in 2011 to allow all cities, counties, or groups of cities and counties within the State to form Community Choice Aggregation programs to provide electricity to customers within their jurisdictions that are currently serviced by traditional utility providers such as Southern California Edison.

CCA programs are locally-based programs that allow customers a choice when purchasing electricity. While traditional utilities can continue to provide transmission and distribution (lines and wires) services, CCA programs provides opportunities for more clean energy options, offer local accountability and transparency and can play a role in the State's energy goals. To date, there are a number of active CCA programs in California. Among the CCA programs in the SCAG region are the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California (which is the largest CCA in the State), the Apple Valley Energy, Lancaster Choice Energy and the Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy.

In October, SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee received an update on the CCA programs in the State. Among the information provided is that formation of CCA programs can help to address the State's renewable energy goals. All CCA program are bound to the same state mandated portfolio standards as any utility providers, at least 33% renewable energy by 2020 and 50% by 2030. The recent passage of SB 100 signed into law by Governor Brown in September 2018 increased the renewable energy provision to 60% by 2030. Through a CCA program, local governments can develop an electricity generation portfolio that diversifies technology types, is responsive to local environmental and economic goals and can potentially offer electricity to customers at a lower overall cost.

Supervisor Parks' proposed resolution would have the SCAG General Assembly endorse the ability of local governments to form Community Choice Aggregation programs and "give their residents and businesses a choice for cleaner, greener and more affordable energy." SCAG staff is supportive of the resolution given its consistency with SCAG's policies to support the State's renewable goals.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed the proposed resolution on March 21, 2019 and recommended its approval by the Regional Council. Thereafter, on April 4, 2019, the Regional Council reviewed the proposed resolution and recommended its approval by the General Assembly.

Attachment:

Proposed General Assembly Resolution in support of Community Choice Aggregation Programs



RESOLUTION NO. GA 2019-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, in 2002 the California State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, Assembly Bill 117 that enables cities and counties to become electric service providers through Community Choice Aggregation (CCA);

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation presents residential and commercial electricity customers a choice in energy providers, more clean energy options, local accountability and transparency, and are an increasingly critical part of the State's energy landscape, and because local governments exercising community choice must include all customers within their jurisdiction, all residents and businesses can benefit;

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation provides opportunities for adding clean jobs in local and regional renewable energy projects that stimulate the economy, adds healthy competition in the retail energy market, provides local control on energy decisions and rate-setting, accelerates a clear path to a clean energy future, contributes to improved air quality, and addresses climate change through reduced greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee received an update on the CCA programs in October 2018;

WHEREAS, there are currently eighteen operational CCAs in California including Apple Valley Clean Energy, CleanPowerSF, Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, East Bay Community Energy, King City Community Power, Lancaster Choice Energy, MCE, Monterey Bay Community Power, Peninsula Clean Energy, Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy, Rancho Mirage Energy Authority, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, San Jacinto Power, San Jose Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy, Solana Energy Alliance, Sonoma Clean Power and Valley Clean Energy; and

WHEREAS, Clean Power Alliance is the largest CCA in not only the State of California but also the United States, representing over one million customers across 31 geographically and socioeconomically diverse cities and unincorporated county areas in the SCAG region, including the counties of Los Angeles and Ventura, and the cities of Agoura Hills, Alhambra, Arcadia, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Carson, Camarillo, Claremont,

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WHEREAS, one-third of the communities in Clean Power Alliance selected 100% renewable energy (“Green Power”) for their customers, thereby reaching State-mandated renewable energy goals eleven years in advance while offering 100% renewable energy in these communities at no additional cost to customers who participate in financial assistance programs;

WHEREAS, other CCAs in the SCAG region include Apple Valley Clean Energy, Lancaster Choice Energy and Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy; and

WHEREAS, local governments through Community Choice Aggregation may help provide initial price stability, long-term electricity cost savings, innovations in renewable energy advancement, and local benefits for their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments to endorse the ability of local governments to continue to form Community Choice Aggregation programs and give their residents and businesses a choice for cleaner, greener and more affordable energy.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments at its annual meeting held on the 2nd day of May, 2019.

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