

**CITY OF ALBANY
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 21, 2014

TO: Sustainability Committee

FROM: Claire Griffing, Sustainability & Transportation Coordinator

SUBJECT: Update on CCA Options

The City Council reviewed the contract for a membership analysis with Marin Clean Energy (MCE) on April 7, 2014 and asked for more information about the potential for an Alameda County CCA program. Staff will bring the contract back to Council on June 16th.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors' Transportation and Planning Committee, represented by Supervisors Haggerty and Miley, met on May 5th to discuss the establishment of a County Community Choice program. The staff report indicated it would take an estimated 4 years and a budget upwards of \$3,000,000 to form a County CCA. Both supervisors indicated support for the program moving forward and little concern regarding the projected costs. They both indicated the desire to move faster than the indicated timeline. Would. They instructed staff to bring an amended report to the full Board and the item is scheduled for June 3rd. If they move forward with the initial feasibility study, they will begin by requesting PG&E load data from each city.

Unincorporated Napa County has joined MCE and procurement will begin this summer. MCE has indicated that they plan to only go through the procurement process once per year so if Albany were to join, at this point a rollout would not happen until fall 2015.

The following tables outline some of the pros and cons of initiating a contract with MCE for a membership analysis versus waiting for an Alameda County Program to materialize.

Move Forward with MCE Membership Analysis	
Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is available for the membership analysis • It is an existing program with identifiable strengths • It was the first CCA program in California and has improved its energy portfolio every year it has been in existence • MCE is governed primarily by small cities • Neighboring Richmond is a member and El Cerrito and San Pablo are planning to conduct membership analyses in the near future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stopwaste has concerns with overlapping energy efficiency programs • There are currently no other cities in Alameda County that have joined, although several have expressed interest • If the City were to join after the membership analysis, it could not switch to a different CCA if a more attractive option becomes available

Wait for Alameda County Program

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuity with County energy efficiency programs• More investment in in-county renewable generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uncertainty regarding timing, financial obligations, program design, and governance• Will take longer than joining MCE• GHGs will be emitted during the time the City will wait for a new CCA program to form• Don't have funding source for feasibility study• City will have to forfeit grant