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City Council Moves Forward to Join East Bay Community Energy *A Clean Energy Option for Pleasanton*

PLEASANTON, Calif. —City Council unanimously decided to move forward to join East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), a not-for-profit community choice aggregation (CCA) program currently serving Alameda County cities.

In 2002, Assembly Bill 117 established community choice aggregation programs which enable local jurisdictions to offer an alternative energy option to customers by allowing jurisdictions the ability to procure electricity from clean, renewable energy sources on behalf of ratepayers.

Currently, EBCE serves Alameda County and 11 cities within the county by purchasing electricity for its customers. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) delivers the power, maintains the grid and manages the billing. An optional program for residents and business owners, the service will appear as separate line item on their monthly PG&E bill.

In 2016, Council directed staff to evaluate EBCE's operations in four areas: program enrollment and cost, environmental benefits, financial viability and risks and uncertainties, and governance for a 12-month period for residential and commercial accounts to determine if EBCE would be an appropriate fit for Pleasanton. The 12-month period for evaluating commercial accounts ended in July 2019, and the evaluation period for residential accounts will sunset in November 2019.

“Council’s decision to move forward on joining EBCE now will not only meet the City’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but will also meet the deadline for the City to receive service by 2021 to ensure the CCA can procure sufficient energy to meet demand for the coming year,” said Nelson Fialho, city manager.

The City Council will vote on the adoption of an EBCE ordinance and resolution to join EBCE’s Joint Powers Authority at its October 1 meeting, followed by second reading at the October 15 City Council meeting.

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