

# **Executive Committee Meeting**

March 14, 2022

### Agenda

- Call to Order / Roll Call
- Public Comment (for items not on the Agenda)
- Action to set the Agenda and Approve Consent Items
  - Consent Public Comment

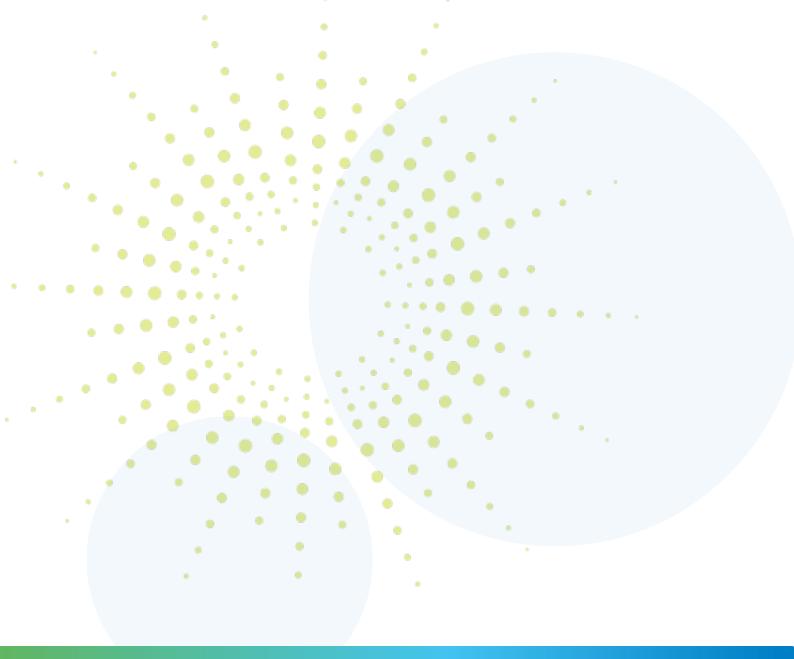


## Chair Report

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# **CEO** Report

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### **Updates**

#### Recruitment

- o COO
- o CFO

All-Staff In-Person Off-Site on March 17

CalCCA Lobby Day in Sacramento – March 15

#### Strategic Plan

- Semi- Annual Update to Executive Committee in April
- EC discussion on how to better engage board alternates?

#### Los Banos Enrollment





# Local Government Solar and Storage Program Approval

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### Local Gov. Solar Program: Request

**Program:** Local Government Solar and Storage

#### Requests

Approval of (prospective) capital for system installations and budget for next round of technical assistance

#### **Amount**

- \$600,000 for technical assistance
- \$8 million for prospective installation capital, repaid over 20 yrs

### Program Overview

**Summary**: Accelerate local renewable energy deployment at local government facilities

#### **Objectives**

- Local solar and storage towards PCE's goal of 20 MW by 2025
- Reduce customer energy costs; insulate against rise in PG&E rates
- Help local governments achieve sustainability goals
- Develop a reproducible program and new service model

#### **Precedents**

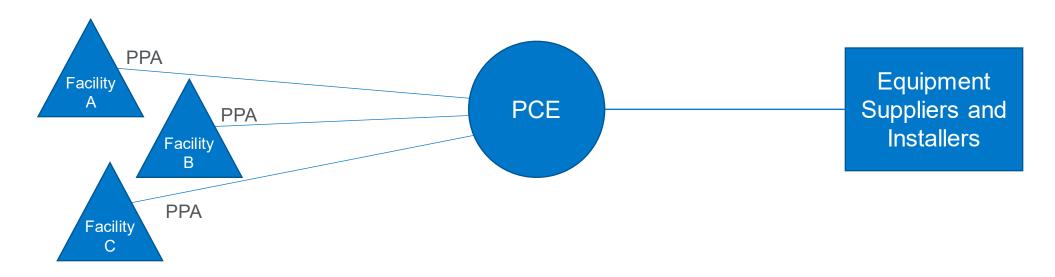
#### **Aggregate Procurements**

- Silicon Valley Renewable Energy Project (2010)
  - o 43 sites, 11MW
- Alameda County Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project (2015)
  - 186 sites, 31MW
- Group-purchasing volume discounts: 10% to 14%

#### **CCAs** developing local solar PPAs

- Peninsula Clean Energy
- East Bay Community Energy
- CalChoice Energy

### General Deal Structure



#### **PCE Provides**

- Site evaluation, procurement and installation
- Aggregation of sites to facilitate better pricing
- Screen, select, and contract with reputable installers
- PPA to at a \$/kWh that is lower than utility rate
- Service with no added "margin" only to cover costs

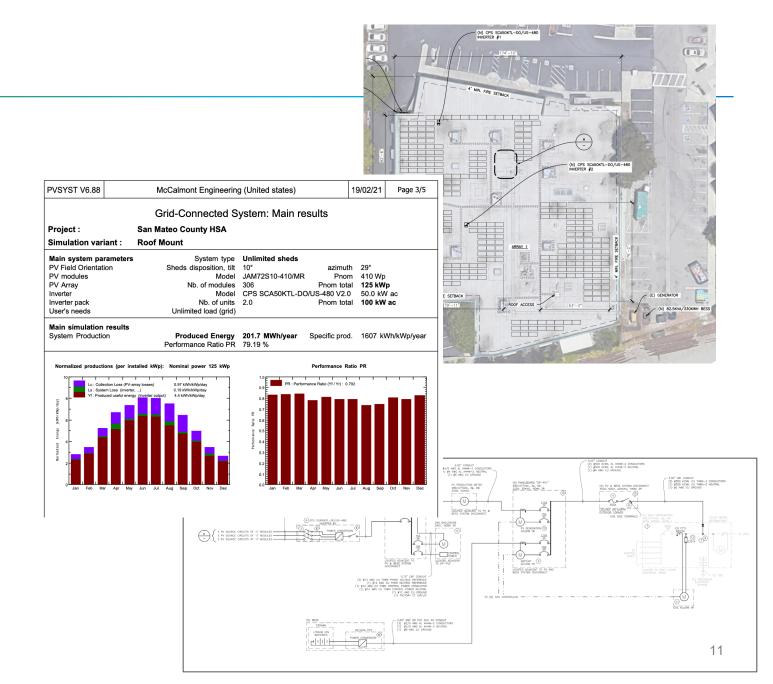
### Completed Work

#### 21 Site Assessments\*

- Site plan
- Solar yield
- Single line diagrams
- Panel layout
- Preliminary financials
- Agency commitments in progress

\*Completed in conjunction with McCalmont Engineering, extensive C&I and utility experience

Peninsula Clean Energy



### Pilot Portfolio: 1.8 MW

Agency	Site(s)	Size (kW)	Status
Atherton	erton Town Hall		Approved
Belmont	elmont Belmont City Hall		Approved
Brisbane	Brisbane Mission Blue Center		Approved
Colma	Colma Community Center	61.5	Approved
San Mateo	HSA Building	126	Approved
County			
Hillsborough	Hillsborough Public Works Yard	41.8	Approved
Los Banos	Community Center,	152	Pending
	Waste Water Treatment Plant	287	
Millbrae	Millbrae Rec Center	155	Approved
Millbrae	brae Millbrae Chetcuti Complex		Approved
Pacifica	Pacifica Community Center		Approved
Redwood City	dwood City Fair Oaks Community Center		Approved
San Carlos	Carlos San Carlos Youth Center		Approved
San Mateo	San Mateo San Mateo Police Building		Approved

### **Projected Savings**

- 20-year solar-only benefit for approved portfolio sites: \$4.5+M
- Savings vary significantly by site type
- Batteries remain expensive provide resilience but at a cost
- Forthcoming rules for net energy metering (NEM 3.0) would likely affect economics significantly
  - o Timing of new rules is unclear, CPUC decision was delayed
  - Submitting interconnection promptly will put projects under current rules
- Avoided PG&E rate increases may be very significant
  - Seeking +~18% starting 2023

### Goal and Progression

- Major component of 20 MW by 2025
- Facilitate all public agencies
- Potentially expand sectors with proven model
- Solar, storage and possibly other clean energy

		Timeline			
	Site Types	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pilot	Cities	Launch >>	Assess	Procure & Install	Operate
Round 2	Cities, schools, districts			Assess & Procure	Install
Round 3	Public agencies & other?				Assess & Procure

### Financial Structure

#### **Capital**

- Installation can be financed, but with interest
- PCE capital may reduce cost of capital

#### **Tax Credit**

- Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) + depreciation can reduce costs about one-third
- Requires tax liability to secure
- PCE is tax-exempt
- PCE exploring tax equity partnerships to capture share of tax benefits

#### **Options being considered**

- 1. Tax credit and finance secured together with a developer PPA ("all in" model)
- 2. PCE provides capital, secures tax credit with tax equity partner, contracts with developer solely for equipment and installation

PCE capital treated as balance sheet asset

### Pilot Next Steps

#### Q1

- Finalize Site Assessment
- 2. Complete legal review and documents

#### **Q2/Q3**

- 4. Execute RFP
- 5. Evaluate Proposals
- 6. Brief local governments on finalist terms (last off-ramp)

#### Q3/Q4

- 6. Contract with local governments
- Contract with developer
- 8. Begin installations

### Round 2

- Larger aggregation: 20 to 40 sites
- Broader eligibility: all public agencies (schools, cities, special districts)
- Schedule: begin outreach on finalization of Pilot business model
- Budget: \$600,000 for technical assistance
  - Site evaluations
  - Procurement support and construction oversight
  - Project management

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# Committee Members' Reports

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