# PUBLIC MEETING COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY FEASIBILITY STUDY

FOR THE CITIES OF DEL MAR, CARLSBAD, ENCINITAS AND OCEANSIDE

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# **AGENDA**

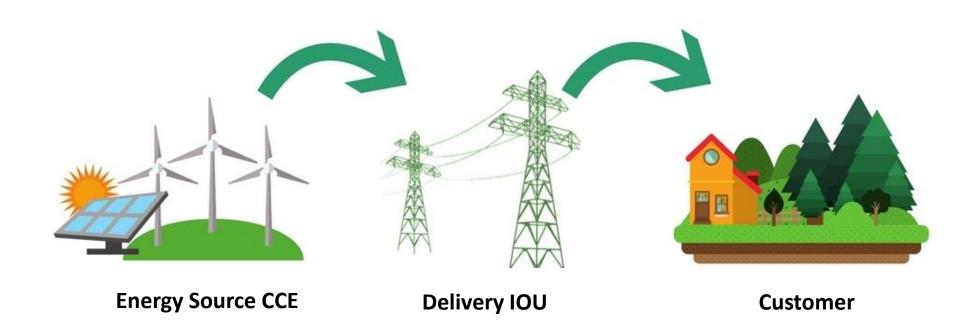
- Introduction
  - What is Community Choice Energy and Where are CCEs Being Formed?
- Recap of Draft Financial Feasibility Study
- Other Feasibility Study Metrics
- Summary

# WHAT IS COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY (CCE OR CCA) AND WHERE ARE CCEs BEING FORMED?

- History of Electric Utility Deregulation
- AB 117 (2002)
- Why are CCEs Being Set Up?
  - Cheaper energy costs
  - Less Green House Gas emissions (GHG)
  - Encourage local economic development
  - Local control over power products, rates and programs
- Opt-Out Protocol
- 20% of CA Under CCE Currently
- 80% of CA Under CCE in 2-3 Years



# **HOW DOES A CCE OPERATE?**



# STEPS IN SETTING UP A CCE

Feasibility Study

**Business Plan** 

Form JPA or Enterprise Fund

Implementation Plan

Secure Financing

Hire Staff

Coordinate with IOU

Obtain Power Supply

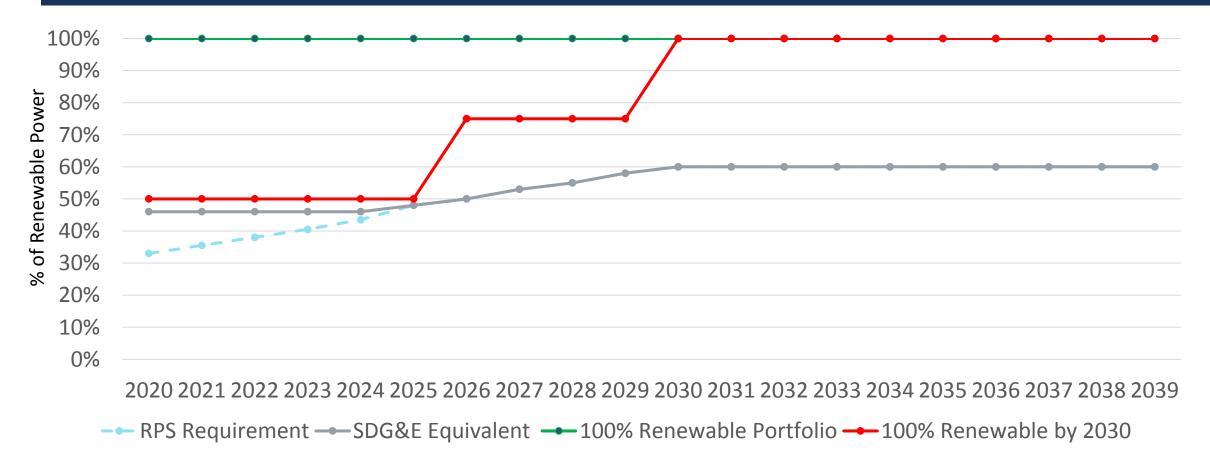
Launch

■ Usually takes 12 – 18 months to file Implementation Plan plus another 12 months to launch

### OVERVIEW OF CCE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY

- Study Question: Can the North San Diego County Cities form a CCE that is financially feasible under a range of likely future conditions?
- Methodology: Conservatively estimate CCE rates and compare to SDG&E rates
- Also review options for operational structures and governance choices
- Identify risks of forming a CCE

# KEY ASSUMPTIONS RESOURCE PORTFOLIO OPTIONS



Note: Minimum 80% greenhouse gas free in all scenarios

# KEY ASSUMPTIONS SDG&E GENERATION RATE FORECAST

- SDG&E has procured renewable resources to meet 44%-46% of requirements at relatively high prices
- 40%-50% natural gas and 10%-15% of market power
- Rate forecast is conservative at 1-2% growth, higher growth would increase feasibility of CCE

### OTHER OPERATING COST ASSUMPTIONS

- Transmission and distribution charges a pass-through from SDG&E
- Billing and data management
- SDG&E fees and Exit Fees (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, PCIA)
- Consulting/Staffing
  - 11-12 FTEs at full operations for all 4 Coastal Cities combined
- Administrative and General
- Reserve Accumulation = 4 months of expenses
- Financing Costs
  - \$1M \$2M start-up then \$14 \$15M cash working capital at launch
  - Pay back in 2 3 years

## **FEASIBILITY RESULTS**

- Pro Forma Results
  - The CCE can provide a 2% rate discount off SDG&E rates for two portfolios modeled

	Annual Rate Savings	Discretionary Funds over 10 years
SDG&E-Equivalent Renewable	\$9 million	\$150 million
100% Renewable by 2030	\$9 million	\$60 million

- Sensitivity analysis
  - Market Prices, PCIA/Exit Fee, Load
  - In most cases, the CCE remains financially feasible. Only in the worst case is the CCE more expensive than SDG&E

# **OTHER IMPACTS**

## **GHG Emission Reductions (2021-2030)**

	SDG&E Equivalent Renewable Portfolio	100% Renewable by 2030	100% Renewable	SDG&E
GHG Free Share, %	80%	89%	100%	60%
Equivalent Number of Cars off the Road Each Year	23,696	34,130	47,391	



## **GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES**

### New City Department

- Greatest Control
- General Fund Liability

#### New Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- Good Control
- Collaboration Required
- Good protection of General Fund

#### Join Existing JPA

- Little effort needed
- Shared overhead costs
- Less Local Control
- Greater influence on Regulatory Issues
- Low Liability of General Fund

#### **Turnkey Operator**

- Easiest to implement
- No cash upfront or going forward
- Less control over operation decision making
- Low liability likely

# **MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES**



### **SUMMARY**

- A North San Diego County Cities CCE is Financially Feasible Under a Wide Range of Sensitivities
  - High/low wholesale power prices
  - Lower or higher than expected participation rates/load levels
  - Changes in PCIA
- Early Repayment of Start-Up Capital Very Likely (2 3 years maximum)
- \$8 \$9 Million in Bill Savings Annually
- Through CCE, Participants Gain Greater Local Control Over Rates, Programs, Power Supply Options
- Green House Gas Reduction Potential is Significant
- Increased Economic Development of 100 New Jobs and \$13M GDP Locally Each Year for Change in Disposable Income Only/Construction of Local Distributed Energy Resources Would Increase Local Economic Development Activity