

AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

This meeting will proceed as an in-person meeting at **15310 Barranca Parkway, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92618**. In addition, as a convenience to the public, the Orange County Power Authority is also providing an option for members of the public to remotely view and participate in the meeting. Further details are below. Please note that, in the event of a technical issue causing a disruption in the remote participation option, the meeting may continue unless otherwise required by law.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any items on the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any items not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board.

6. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS ON CONFERENCES/EVENTS ATTENDED

Board Members may briefly provide information to other members of the Board and the public, ask questions of staff, or report on conferences, events, or activities related to Authority business. There is to be no discussion or action taken on comments made by Board Members unless authorized by law.

7. CLOSED SESSION

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

Title: Chief Executive Officer

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board of Directors, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board of Directors request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

1. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 16, 2024

Recommended Action:

Approve as submitted.

2. MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JULY 30, 2024

Recommended Action:

Approve as submitted.

3. REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

4. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (CAC) REPORT

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

5. RISK OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

6. RESCHEDULE THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Recommended Action:

1. Consider canceling the November 19, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and scheduling a Regular Board Meeting on November 25, 2024.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-XX, amending the Board's 2024 regular meeting schedule to reschedule the November regular Board meeting.

7. 2024 BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REVIEW

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Authority adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX adopting the amended Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 and directing submittal to the Authority's code-reviewing body for approval.

10. REGULAR CALENDAR

The following items call for discussion or action by the Board of Directors. The Board may discuss and/or take action on any item listed below if the Board is so inclined.

1. MARKETING AND PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

2. APPROVE COMMUNITY POWER PLAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ENERGY COALITION

Recommended Action:

Authorize the CEO to execute a two-year Agreement with The Energy Coalition for Community Power Plan Technical Assistance and Program Support, effective September 18, 2024, through September 17, 2026, including the option for the CEO to extend the Agreement for three additional one-year terms, subject to satisfactory performance. The not-to-exceed amount for developing the Community Power Plan is \$250,000, plus \$250,000 for as-needed technical assistance, program implementation support, and grant management, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000.

3. INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF 2024 JOINT RATE COMPARISON MAILER

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

4. OCPA 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommended Action:

Discuss and consider appointing the two at-large members to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

11. STAFF REPORT

Staff may briefly provide information to the Board and the public. The Board may engage in discussion if the specific subject matter of the report is identified, but the Board may not take any action. There is to be no other discussion or action taken unless authorized by law.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY**

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jung called to order the Regular Meeting of the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Treseder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:	Director Tammy Kim	City of Irvine
	Director Kathleen Treseder	City of Irvine
	Vice Chair Susan Sonne	City of Buena Park
	Chair Fred Jung	City of Fullerton

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vicki Johnson, Laguna Woods resident.
Danny Gray, Capo Beach resident.

6. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS ON CONFERENCES/EVENTS ATTENDED – None.

7. PRESENTATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

CEO Mosca presented three new staff members: Intern Hanna Brown, Director of Communications and External Affairs Jacquie Henderson, and the Director of Power Resources Louis Ting.

2. THE ENERGY AUTHORITY PRESENTATION

Jaclynn Harr, a representative of The Energy Authority, provided an overview of CAISO, the day ahead market, and energy delivery to customers.

Chair Jung requested additional information on the transmission lines, the timeline to build new ones, and issues with residential solar and battery storage. He thanked Ms. Harr for the presentation.

Director Treseder thanked Ms. Harr for the presentation.

Vice Chair Sonne also thanked Ms. Harr for this informational presentation.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION

Vice Chair Sonne made the motion, seconded by Director Treseder to:

Approve consent calendar items 9.1 – 9.8.

The motion carried unanimously by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes: Chair Jung, Vice Chair Sonne, Director Treseder, Director Kim,

Noes: None

Absent: None

1. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2024

Action Taken:

Approved as submitted.

2. REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Action Taken:

Received and filed.

3. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (CAC) REPORT

Action Taken:

Received and filed.

4. ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING NEW LOCATION OF BOARD MEETINGS

Action Taken:

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-04, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Orange County Power Authority, Setting the New Location of the Board of Directors Regular Meetings for the remainder of 2024.

5. PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE FOR MAY – JUNE 2024

Action Taken:

Received and filed the Public Outreach update for May – June 2024.

6. RATIFY RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Action Taken:

Ratified the rates effective July 1, 2024.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LOCAL PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING CLAIMS

Action Taken:

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-05, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Orange County Power Authority Adopting a Government Claims Presentation Policy.

8. UPDATE ANNUAL ENERGY USE AND VOTING SHARES

Action Taken:

Approved update to the weighted voting exhibits of OCPA's Joint Powers Agreement.

10. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. CUSTOMER PROGRAMS UPDATE

Energy Programs Analyst Morales Sandoval provided a summary of this item.

Chair Jung asked who operated the CARE and FERA programs and how long a new SCE applicant would need to wait to get approval. He stated it took over a year to get approval, even if applicants were income-qualified.

Energy Programs Analyst Morales Sandoval stated that SCE administered these programs.

Director Kim asked if OCPA was partnering with organizations like CalOptima that are already reaching out to these communities. She can provide staff information on these organizations.

Vice Chair Sonne asked if the Calpine Foundation has established their grant funding parameters. Ms. Morales Sandoval stated that they would be rolled out in the fall. CEO Mosca confirmed that staff would work and collaborate with Calpine to set the parameters and goals.

Action Taken:

Received and filed.

2. OFFICE SPACE UPDATE

Regulatory and Legislative Manager Halligan provided a brief summary of this item.

Chair Jung thanked the Office Space Ad-Hoc Committee for their work on this item.

Action Taken:

Received and filed.

11. STAFF REPORT

CEO Mosca provided several highlights from his agenda staff report and reminded the Board Members that a special meeting would be held on July 30th. The September 17th meeting will be held in the new location.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Jung adjourned the July 16, 2024, Orange County Power Authority Board Regular meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Submitted by:

Pat Jacquez-Nares, Authority Secretary



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY**

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jung called to order the Special Meeting of the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors at 10:11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:	Director Tammy Kim	City of Irvine
	Director Kathleen Treseder	City of Irvine
	Vice Chair Susan Sonne	City of Buena Park
	Chair Fred Jung	City of Fullerton

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident.
Vicki Johnson, Laguna Woods resident.
Craig Preston, Costa Mesa resident.

5. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Chief Executive Officer Mosca and Alden Walden from Pacific Energy Advisors provided a brief summary of this item.

Chair Jung stated that the data projections were on the conservative side. Was this because we did not want to make mistakes before we launched?

Mr. Walden answered that the data was from the past and consumption patterns change. The other reason was the time of the energy procurement.

CEO Mosca stated that there would not be an issue with energy procurement. OCPA needed to be very cautious with the data received from SCE. For example, the peak loads now were very different from 2023. Therefore, having greater information and a data set would only aid us in procuring energy.

Chair Jung asked CFO Law what was the bulk of the Agency's expenses? CFO Law answered that the cost of energy was 96% of the Agency's expenses. He further asked what our basic choice rate was compared to SCE's basic rate. CFO Law responded that OCPA's basic choice rate was at a three percent discount from SCE's basic rate. Chair Jung stated that a 3% savings for businesses would have a positive impact on the Fountain Valley businesses and their residents.

Vice Chair Sonne thanked the staff for their outstanding work gathering this data and for working with Fountain Valley staff.

Director Treseder announced that she was participating in today's meeting from Whistler Public Library in Whistler, Canada, and no one was in the room with her. She also thanked the staff for preparing this study and said that it shows that OCPA would remain strong if Fountain Valley joined. Director Treseder asked how Fountain Valley customers would be notified they were opted in and what type of notices they would receive. She would like to have staff accommodate the Fountain Valley City Council requests and is pleased that their residents and business owners could receive a cheaper cost for their energy and save money. She further announced that she is available to speak with any Fountain Valley Council Member and staff to answer any questions they may have.

CEO Mosca stated that the State required pre- and post-launch notices. We would have a plan for providing this information, which would require the approval from the City of Fountain Valley. We would also be providing this information with the multicultural community in mind as well.

Vice Chair Sonne made the motion, seconded by Director Kim to:

1. Review and file City of Fountain Valley ("City") Feasibility Study.
2. Direct OCPA staff to extend invitation to the City to join OCPA and work with the City in effectuating its membership, including satisfaction of all Joint Powers Agreement obligations and preparing an Implementation Plan Amendment for consideration by the Board of Directors at future meeting.

The motion carried unanimously by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes:	Chair Jung, Vice Chair Sonne, Director Treseder, Director Kim,
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Jung adjourned the July 30, 2024, Orange County Power Authority Board Special meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Submitted by:

Pat Jacquez-Nares, Authority Secretary

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ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 9.3

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Steven Halligan, Regulatory and Legislative Manager

Approved By: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

SUMMARY

In 2024, Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) actively engaged in various legislative and regulatory activities to advocate for policies that align with our mission and strategic priorities. This year, the agency has worked closely with legislators, stakeholders, and regulatory bodies at both the state and federal levels. Our efforts have been focused on building strong relationships with key stakeholders. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the legislative activities carried out in 2024, including adopting the OCPA Policy Platform, attending major events, and a recap on priority legislation.

2024 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

In December 2024, the OCPA Board approved the 2024 OCPA Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform, a first for OCPA, after extensive outreach to critical stakeholders was conducted. The Policy Platform laid the framework for our advocacy efforts throughout the year. The policy included eight key priority areas including Affordability and Rates, Clean and Reliable Grid, Climate Change Mitigation, Customer Programs, Data Access, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Local Control and Development, and Power Resources Planning and Procurement.

Throughout 2024, our legislative team provided regular updates to the Board at each Board meeting. The updates included summaries of key pieces of proposed legislation, information on high-priority regulatory proceedings, reports on interactions with legislators and key stakeholders, and strategic recommendations for further advocacy efforts.

In February 2024, Chair Jung, Vice Chair Sonne, Director Kim, Director Treseder, Chief Executive Officer Joe Mosca, and Regulatory and Legislative Manager Steven Halligan attended a joint CCA advocacy day in Sacramento. The event was highly successful, with 13 meetings attended throughout the day, including meetings with nine legislators, two legislative directors, a director at the California Public Utilities Commission, and members of the Governor's staff.

Several topics were discussed throughout the day, including affordability, opportunities for OCPA to provide support and assistance, partnerships, OCPA successes, and plans for the future.

In March 2024, Chair Jung, Chief Executive Officer Joe Mosca, and Regulatory and Legislative Manager Steven Halligan attended a joint CCA advocacy day in Washington, D.C. The OCPA delegation met with federal legislators and federal agency staff. This included four members of Congress, staff from California Senators, and several Committee staff members, including the House Committee on Energy & Commerce, the Senate Committees on Energy & Natural Resources, and the Department of Energy. Key topics discussed included the need for timely and cost-effective transmission development, the full deployment of IRA and IIJA funding, and further investments in Electric Vehicle infrastructure and building decarbonization.

Throughout 2024, OCPA attended several events to further our engagement and advocacy efforts. OCPA hosted a local staffers luncheon, which provided valuable opportunities to build relationships with local policymakers and staff, fostering collaboration on shared policy priorities. Participation in the California Climate & Energy Collaborative Conference and the CalCCA Annual Conference allowed us to stay informed on emerging trends and legislative developments in energy efficiency and other areas. OCPA staff received a tour of the CAISO operations center, which provided insights into the operational complexities of the state's energy grid. Staff also attended several regional and statewide conferences, including OCCOG Annual Conference, SCAG conference, Sustain SoCal Driving Mobility Conference, CivicWell Policy Makers Conference, UCI Dean's Climate & Energy Lecture, Irvine in Action: Sustainability Panel and Mixer, Cool Irvine Eco Fair, and the CalCities OC Division meeting. The events allowed OCPA to network with key stakeholders, share best practices, and advocate for key OCPA policy objectives.

PRIORITY LEGISLATION

Over 100 pieces of legislation were tracked throughout 2024. Through CalCCA, a position of support was taken on 13 bills. The bills ranged from Affordability to Building Decarbonization to CCA Autonomy to Infrastructure. Summaries and outcomes of those pieces of legislation are below.

- AB 817 Open meeting: teleconferencing: subsidiary body (Pacheco)
 - Summary: Allows a subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference without meeting all of the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act until January 1, 2026.
 - Status: In committee: Set, second hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.
- AB 1834 Resource adequacy: Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program (Garcia)
 - Summary: The bill clarifies that the identified reliability needs for the POU is determined by the POU and not DWR or CPUC.
 - Status: On Senate Floor. Read second time (8/19). Ordered to third reading.
- AB 2329 Energy: California Affordable Decarbonization Authority (Muratsuchi)
 - Summary: This bill would require the PUC and Energy Commission to jointly authorize the establishment of the California Affordable Decarbonization

Authority as a nonprofit public benefit corporation and to take all necessary measures to create the authority.

- Status: In committee: Held under submission
- AB 2672 California Alternate Rates for Energy program: public housing authority owned or administered Homekey housing facilities (Petrie-Norris)
 - Summary: This bill would require that the CARE program include public housing authority owned or administered Homekey housing facilities where the residents of the facility substantially meet the CARE program's income eligibility requirements, as determined by the commission, and the account is in the name of Homekey, a nonprofit funded by Homekey, or the public housing authority that owns or administers the facility.
 - Status: On Senate Floor. Read second time (8/19). Ordered to third reading.
- AB 2779 Independent System Operator: transmission planning (Petrie-Norris)
 - Summary: Requires CAISO transmission plans to include the new use of grid-enhancing technologies deemed reasonable by CAISO in that plan and the cost of efficiency savings of deploying those technologies.
 - Status: On Senate Floor. Read second time (6/18). Ordered to third reading.
- AB 3238 California Environmental Quality Act: electrical infrastructure projects (Garcia)
 - Summary: Streamlines endangered species under CESA and streamlined CEQA for electrical infrastructure projects
 - Status: In committee: Held under submission
- AB 3246 Electricity: permit to construct: advanced reconductoring: exemption (Garcia)
 - Summary: This bill would require the commission, on or before January 1, 2026, to update the above-described general order to provide an exemption that would instead authorize an electrical corporation to seek the commission's approval of advanced reconductoring, as defined, of its existing electrical transmission facilities through the commission's informal advice letter process, as specified.
 - Status: In committee: Held under submission
- SB 59 Battery electric vehicles: bidirectional capability (Skinner)
 - Summary: This bill would authorize, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission), in consultation with the state board and the Public Utilities Commission, to require any weight class of battery electric vehicle to be bidirectional capable, as defined, if it determines there is a sufficiently compelling beneficial bidirectional-capable use case to the battery electric vehicle operator and electrical grid.
 - Status: On Senate Floor. Read second time (8/21). Ordered to third reading.
- SB 1006 Electricity: transmission capacity: reconductoring and grid-enhancing technologies (Padilla)
 - Summary: CPUC must ensure CA on track to deliver specified transmission capacities by certain dates and annually report to Legislature. CPUC must conduct study on cost savings + efficiencies from using reconductoring and other grid enhancing tech to improve grid reliability
 - Status: On Senate Floor. Read second time (8/15). Ordered to third reading.

- SB 1014 Wildfire safety: The California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act (Dodd)
 - Summary: This bill would require the deputy director, on or before January 1, 2026, and every 3 years thereafter, to prepare a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework sufficient to quantitatively evaluate wildfire risk mitigation actions, as provided. The bill would require the framework to allow for geospatial evaluation and comparison of wildfire risk mitigation actions, as defined, sufficient to direct coordinated mitigation efforts and long-term collaborative mitigation.
 - Status: Held in Committee and under submission
- SB 1095 Cozy Homes Cleanup Act: building standards: gas-fuel-burning appliances (Becker)
 - Summary: This bill would also require the department, if necessary, by July 1, 2026, to update rules and regulations that facilitate the use of electricity-powered space and water heating technologies for manufactured homes, mobile homes, and multifamily manufactured homes when necessary to replace fuel-burning appliances with electric appliances.
 - Status: Held in Committee and under submission
- SB 1130 Electricity: Family Electric Rate Assistance program (Bradford)
 - Summary: This bill would expand eligibility for the FERA program by eliminating the requirement that a household consist of 3 or more persons. The bill would require the commission, by March 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, to require the state's 3 largest electrical corporations to report on their efforts to enroll customers in the FERA program. The bill would require the commission, by June 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, to review each electrical corporation's report to ensure it has sufficiently enrolled eligible households in the FERA program commensurate with the proportion of households the commission determines to be eligible within the electrical corporation's service territory. If the commission, in its review of a report, determines an electrical corporation has not sufficiently enrolled eligible households in the FERA program, the bill would require the commission to require the electrical corporation to develop a strategy and plan to sufficiently enroll eligible households within 3 years of the adoption of the strategy and plan.
 - Status: On Senate Floor. Read second time (8/19). Ordered to third reading.
- SB 1165 State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: certification of facilities: electrical transmission facilities or projects. (Padilla)
 - Summary: The bill would authorize an electrical corporation that files an application with the PUC to authorize the new construction of any electrical transmission facility to simultaneously submit to the Energy Commission an application for certification of the facility, as specified. The bill would authorize the Energy Commission to recover the reasonable administrative costs incurred from evaluating an application, as specified. The bill would provide that the Energy Commission's certification of a facility proposed by an electrical corporation satisfies and replaces the PUC's obligations under CEQA with respect to that facility. The bill would prohibit the PUC from approving an application

until after the Energy Commission has issued a decision on certification of the proposed facility. Because these provisions would be part of the Public Utilities Act and a violation of these requirements or a PUC action implementing these requirements would therefore be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

- Status: Held in Committee and under submission

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Several activities are still planned for the remainder of 2024. This includes attending the inaugural national CCA conference hosted by LEAN in Washington DC., where OCPA will meet with key legislators and federal agencies will also take place. OCPA will participate in CalCCA's annual legislative planning day in Sacramento in the fall. Additionally, the OCPA Policy Platform will be updated based on feedback from stakeholders. To support our ongoing legislative and regulatory goals, OCPA is currently hiring a Policy Advisor.

REGULATORY UPDATE

OCPA actively participated in several regulatory proceedings in 2024. A summary of each proceeding is included below.

- Provider of Last Resort (POLR) – R.21-03-011
 - Summary: The CPUC issued a Scoping Ruling on September 16, 2021, to set forth the scope of the POLR proceeding. This proceeding implements the POLR requirements and framework directed by SB 520. The POLR proceeding will be considered in three phases. Phase 1 will focus on issues necessary to establish a comprehensive framework for existing POLRs. Phase 2 will set rules that allow a different entity to be designated as the POLR. Phase 3 may be opened to consider any additional issues not covered in Phase 1 or Phase 2.
 - Status: On July 17, 2024, a Joint CCA Advice Letter (AL) on New CCA Registration Requirements was filed as directed in the Phase 1 Decision. The AL contained the annual assumptions used in pro forma financial statements and key milestones for CCA implementation. These provisions apply only to new forming CCAs and not to the expansion of existing CCAs. PG&E protested this AL, stating that the AL attempts to limit the CPUC's authority over implementation plans and does not fully address the requirements of the POLR Decision. A Ruling setting the Phase 2 Pre-hearing conference (PHC) and ordering PHC statements was issued August 6, 2024. The PHC is scheduled for August 23, 2024.
- CEC Integrated Energy Policy Report Update 2024
 - Summary: Dockets 24-IEPR-01, 02 and 03 constitute the proceedings to develop the 2024 IEPR Update, focusing on electricity resource plans, the electricity demand forecast, and the feasibility of wave and tidal energy per SB 605.
 - Status: On August 8, 2024, the CEC held a workshop on wave and tidal technologies. The workshop contained presentations and panel discussions on the

status of technology development. Comments on the workshop are due August 22, 2024.

- CEC Load Management Standards (LMS)
 - Summary: Docket 23-LMS-01 implements the CEC's LMS (Calif. Code of Regulations, Title 20, sections 1621 1625), which include requirements for CCAs to develop dynamic pricing by 2027. The objective of the LMS is to increase statewide demand flexibility through the development of hourly locational marginal cost-based rates. The rates will be entered into a statewide database – the MIDAS – and automation service providers will access customers' rate information through a "Single Statewide Tool" created jointly by the IOUs, CCAs, and POUs. The statewide system of granular time and location dependent signals are intended to be used by automation-enabled loads to provide real-time load flexibility on the electric grid. The CEC adopted the LMS Regulations on October 12, 2022, in CEC docket 21 OIR 03.
 - Status: The IOUs, POUs, and CCAs are required to present a joint proposal on the SST to the CEC on October 1, 2024. The IOUs, CalCCA and CCA staff, and POUs met on August 8 and 15, 2024, to continue discussion of the IOU proposal on the Single Statewide Tool (SST), which will enable access by third party automated service providers and third parties to IOU, POU and CCA rates, potentially allowing load shifting and/or changing rates.
- Resource Adequacy (RA) – R.21-10-002 and R.23-10-011
 - Summary: The OIR for R.21-10-002 set forth the following objectives: to continue the CPUC's oversight of the RA program, to consider broader structural reforms to the program, and to establish RA procurement obligations for LSEs beginning with the 2023 RA year. This proceeding is split into two tracks. The implementation track has considered near term reforms, including the adoption of the local and flexible capacity requirements, reforms to the CPE structure, modifications to the PRM, and revisions to RA counting. The reform track considers broader structural changes to effectuate a 24-hour SOD framework. The OIR for R.23-10-011 continues the CPUC's oversight of the RA program, establishes forward RA procurement obligations applicable to LSEs beginning with the 2025 compliance year, and considers structural reforms to the program. This proceeding is the successor to proceeding R.21-10-002 and includes the following issues in scope: Adoption of local and flexible RA requirements, LOLE study and PRM, 24-hour SOD framework, UCAP, QC counting conventions, RA compliance and penalties, and other refinements to the RA program.
 - Status: Energy Division issued its LOLE study on July 22, 2024, recommending an 18.5 percent PRM. ALJ issued an email Ruling on August 6, 2024, stating that Energy Division identified errors in the LOLE study and will issue revised results in late August for parties to comment on.
- Disconnections – R.18-07-005
 - Summary: This proceeding was opened in 2018 to address rising disconnection rates from customer nonpayment of electric bills. After issuing several decisions

instituting various rules and programs, Phase 2 is now addressing issues to further prevent disconnections, especially following the COVID pandemic.

- Status: A PD was issued August 8, 2024, requiring the IOUs to continue, “unless and until the Commission orders otherwise,” allocating all payments made on past-due electric utility bills between the IOUs and CCAs based on their proportionate share of those bills. This indefinite suspension of the “waterfall” (the past standard practice of the IOUs to allocate all partial payments on past due bills to themselves, in the name of preventing disconnections, prior to allocating to CCAs) caps a long-running dispute over this issue between the IOUs and CCAs.
- Integrated Resources Planning (IRP) – R.20-05-003
 - Summary: The IRP proceeding considers the CPUC’s electric procurement policies and programs to ensure safe, reliable, and cost-effective electricity supply. The proceeding evaluates system, local, and flexible reliability needs ten years out, authorizes procurement, and reviews LSEs’ procurement plans. The current IRP process began with a Scoping Ruling released on September 24, 2020. The CPUC issued an updated Scoping Ruling on April 18, 2024.
 - Status: On August 9, 2024, the CPUC issued a PD allowing bridge resources for the Diablo Canyon Replacement Capacity MTR requirement. Comments are due August 29, 2024, and Reply Comments are due September 3, 2024.
- Energization Timelines for New Load – R.24-01-018
 - Summary: This rulemaking was opened January 25, 2024, to implement portions of SB 410, requiring the CPUC to establish procedures to promote timely energization of customer connections, and AB 50, requiring the CPUC to establish criteria for timely service through energizations and require the IOUs to revise their distribution planning processes. By September 30, 2024, the CPUC is required to establish reasonable average and target energization time periods per Pub. Util. Code section 934(a)(1), and to establish a procedure for customers to report energization delays per section 934(a)(2). The proceeding is split into two phases. P1 encompasses the issues that must be decided by September 30, 2024, including: (1) average and maximum energization timelines, (2) processes for the IOUs to report their compliance with the established deadlines to the CPUC, (3) procedures for customers to report delays to the CPUC, (4) whether unique energization timelines should be established for certain end-use project types including transportation electrification, or for projects requiring upstream capacity upgrades, and (5) reporting processes to ensure consideration of impacts to ESJ communities. P2 will continue the analysis of improving the energization timelines and process.
 - Status: The CPUC issued a PD Establishing Target Energization Time Periods and Procedures for Customers to Report Energization Delays on August 12, 2024.
- Demand Flexibility – R.22-07-005
 - Summary: The CPUC issued an OIR on July 22, 2022, to advance customer demand flexibility through electric rates to support reliability, decarbonization, and affordability. The Phase 1 Scoping Ruling, dated November 2, 2022, set forth

the schedule, including two tracks for (1) establishing an Income Graduated Fixed Charge (IGFC) for residential rates as required by AB 205 (Track A), and (2) streamlining the adoption of demand flexibility rates for IOUs (Track B). Within Track B, Energy Division formed two working groups (WG), addressing (1) demand flexibility rate design (WG 1), and (2) the systems and processes necessary to enable unbundled customers to take service on dynamic prices (WG 2). The WGs culminated with the filing of the Track B WG Report on October 11, 2023.

- Status: PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E submitted their IGFC Implementation Plan ALs on August 13, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 9.4

To: Orange County Power Authority Community Advisory Committee

From: Linda Kraemer, Community Engagement Manager

Approved by: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) REPORT

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

MEETING REPORT

On Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., a quorum of six Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members (Chair Ziemer, Vice Chair Masri, Vice Chair Nanda, and Committee Members Elliot, Futch, and Figueroa) were present and held their monthly meeting with the OCPA team.

2024 Regulatory and Legislative Update

Legislative and Affairs Manager Steven Halligan provided the CAC with a 2024 regulatory and legislative update. In 2024, CalCCA tracked over 100 pieces of legislation and voted to support 13 bills. The Committee received an update on the status of those 13 bills, and it also received a summary of upcoming legislative regulatory actions.

Introduction to The Green P100neer Program

The CAC received information on the [Green P100neer program](#). External Affairs Manager Gabe Dima-Smith shared the program with commercial customers, who are large utilizers. It included information on the benefits, such as co-branding between OCPA and their business. Staff explained that Yoga Six has reported an increased customer membership since becoming a Green P100neer. The Committee was briefed on the recent addition of Buena Park Bicycle Shop as the first Green P100neer in Buena Park.

Discussion on Various Customer Groups and Rate Structures

The CAC heard a summary of frequent customer inquiries, questions, and concerns from External Affairs Manager Andrew Di Giovanna. Customer needs differ between residential and commercial. There are seven residential and ninety commercial customer rate classifications. A brief explanation of the pros and cons of various rate structures occurred. The committee was walked through the steps for customers to conduct their own rate comparison on the SCE website, which considers customer usage patterns and advises rate plans for the customers. Staff explained that most inquiries OCPA receives are on renewable energy options and questions about lowering bills. The committee heard examples of customer inquiries and how OCPA has been able to provide personal service to customers.

Staff Update

OCPA received a staff update from Community Engagement Manager Linda Kraemer. The update included a “Save The Date” for the [2025 CalCCA Conference](#) hosted by OCPA, which brings industry-wide experts from California and beyond to Irvine and Southern California. The Committee also heard about current and upcoming programs in process, recent and upcoming OCPA cleantech job workshops, and an overview of the dynamic [OCPA news and media content](#), including the OCPA “Unplugged” and “Sustainably Speaking” video series, recent podcasts, and growing community outreach. The Committee discussed the recent Joint Rate Comparisons (JRM) mailer and a new [JRM information link](#) on OCPA’s website.

Committee Member Announcements

Committee Member Ellis shared about his recent tour of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) with Board Member Kathleen Treseder. Chair Ziemer celebrated OCPA’s new office and suggested that art could be contributed by OCPA member community groups. Committee Member Figueroa shared that the Buena Park Sustainability Commission would be at the Buena Park Culture Fest and emphasized the importance of OCPA and the Commission working together. She also requested more support for businesses in Buena Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENT

None.

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 9.5

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: RISK OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and File.

BACKGROUND

The Risk Oversight Committee (ROC) was established via the Board-adopted Energy Risk Management Policy (Policy No. 11). Per the policy, members of the ROC will be selected by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who will serve as the Chair of the ROC. The ROC comprises the CEO, CFO, Director of Power Resources, Pacific Energy Advisors (PEA) representatives, and transactional counsel from the Authority's contracted law firm.

The ROC has the authority to:

- Meet at least once per quarter or as otherwise called to order by the ROC's Chair.
- No less than once per quarter, report to the Board regarding its meetings, deliberations, and other areas of concern.
- From time to time, adopt and/or adapt risk management guidelines defining internal controls, strategies, and processes for managing market risks incurred through or attendant upon wholesale trading, retail marketing, long-term contracting, CRR trading, and load and generation scheduling.
- Specify the permitted transaction categories and set risk limits for wholesale trading. The ROC will receive and review information and reports regarding risk management, wholesale trading transactions, and the administration of supply contracts.
- Have direct responsibility for enforcing compliance with this Policy. Any material violations of this Policy, as determined by the ROC, shall be reported to the Board for appropriate action.

As part of its recent audit of OCPA, the State Auditor recommended that the Board consider amending the Energy Risk Management Policy (Policy No. 11) to alter the membership of the ROC to include a limited subset of Board members in a manner that does not violate open meeting requirements of the Brown Act. Following review and discussion with the Interim General Counsel, it was determined that formally adding Board members to the ROC through an

amendment to the Energy Risk Management Policy would make the ROC meetings subject to the Brown Act, which is incompatible with the ROC's responsibilities for reviewing and analyzing market-sensitive information and prospective transactions, substantial aspects of which are confidential under CPUC rules and best practices for CCAs. As an alternative, the CEO has initiated a practice of inviting the Board Chair and Vice Chair to ROC meetings to observe. This is intended to provide additional Board oversight of the ROC without making Board members official members of the ROC under the Energy Risk Management Policy. This practice was initiated with the April 3, 2023, meeting and will continue for future meetings.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The Risk Oversight Committee (ROC) met on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Attendees included Joe Mosca, CEO; Tiffany Law, CFO; Louis Ting, Director of Power Resources; PEA consultant John Dalessi; and Glen Price of Best, Best & Krieger. Fred Jung, Chair of the Board of Directors, and Susan Sonne, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, attended the ROC meeting but only observed it.

The ROC discussed the following:

- Q4 2024 Market Update
 - Energy Position Reports
 - Market Exposure and Risk
 - Long-term Contracting Update
 - Portfolio Market Valuation
 - Counterparty Credit Exposure

There are no Policy violations to report.

The final ROC meeting for the 2024 year will take place on:

- December 5, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 9.6

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: RESCHEDULE THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Consider canceling the November 19, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and scheduling a Regular Board Meeting on November 25, 2024.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-XX, amending the Board's 2024 regular meeting schedule to reschedule the November regular Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors previously adopted Resolution 2023-08, establishing the meeting dates and regular meeting locations for calendar year 2024 Regular Board meetings. This schedule included a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Staff recommend setting a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. and canceling the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for November 19, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2024-XX – Amending the Board's 2024 regular meeting schedule to reschedule the November regular Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY CANCELING THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AND ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 25, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M.

A. Orange County Power Authority (“OCPA”) is a joint powers authority formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 6500 *et seq.*), California Public Utilities Code § 366.2, and a Joint Powers Agreement effective on November 20, 2020.

B. The Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 54950 *et seq.*) provides that the legislative body of each local agency shall provide, by ordinance, resolution, bylaws, or other rule, the time and place for holding its regular meetings.

C. On December 20, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2023-08, establishing the date, time, and location of regular meetings of the Board of Directors for calendar year 2024.

D. The Board of Directors seeks to cancel the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on November 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

E. The Board of Directors seeks to establish the time and meeting location for a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on November 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orange County Power Authority Power as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby amends Resolution No. 2023-08 as follows: The November regular meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for November 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. is canceled and is rescheduled to Monday, November 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at 15310 Barranca Parkway, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92618 in the Board Room; provided that pursuant to the Brown Act or any Executive Orders issued or statutory changes made after the effective date of this Resolution, OCPA’s meetings may be held fully or partially by videoconference or teleconference as authorized by applicable law. Except as otherwise set forth above relating to the November regular meeting, all other provisions of Resolution No. 2023-08 remain unchanged and in full effect.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Power Authority held on September 17, 2024.

Pat Jacquez-Nares
Authority Secretary
Orange County Power Authority

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 9.7

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: 2024 BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REVIEW

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Authority adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX adopting the amended Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 and directing submittal to the Authority’s code-reviewing body for approval.

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Section 87306.5 of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”), the Orange County Board of Supervisors directed the Authority to: (1) conduct a review of the Authority’s Conflict of Interest Code (“Code”) to determine if a change in the Code was necessary and (2) amend the Authority’s Code pursuant to the Act, if necessary.

During the review process, staff found that updates and amendments to the Authority’s Conflict of Interest Code are necessary. A redlined version of the proposed amended Code is attached.

BACKGROUND

The Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the “Act”), requires all public agencies to adopt and maintain a Conflict of Interest Code. The Act further requires that agencies regularly review and update their Codes as necessary when directed by the code-reviewing body or when change is necessitated by changed circumstances (Sections 87306 and 87306.5). The Orange County Board of Supervisors is the Authority’s code-reviewing body and directed that the Code be reviewed as required under the Act. During the review process, staff found that amendments to the Code are necessary to designate new positions, revise disclosure categories, revise titles of existing positions, delete positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions and clarifies real property disclosure.

Attached is a redlined version of the proposed amended Code showing the changes made to the Authority’s Conflict of Interest Code.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2024-XX: Resolution of the Board of Directors of Orange County Power Authority Adopting a Revised Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974
2. Legislative (redlined) version of proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code.
3. Legislative (clean) version of proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY ADOPTING AN
AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT
TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California enacted the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the “Act”), which contains provisions relating to conflicts of interest which potentially affect all officers, employees and consultants of the Orange County Power Authority (the “Authority”), and requires all public agencies to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted a Conflict of Interest Code (the “Code”) on September 5, 2022, in compliance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, subsequent changed circumstances within the Authority have made it advisable and necessary pursuant to Sections 87306 and 87307 of the Act to amend and update the Authority’s Code; and

WHEREAS, the potential penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act are substantial and may include criminal and civil liability, as well as equitable relief which could result in the Authority being restrained or prevented from acting in cases where the provisions of the Act may have been violated; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public meeting, and of consideration by the Board of Directors of the proposed amended Code was provided each affected designated employee and publicly posted for review at the offices of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held upon the proposed amended Code at a regular meeting of the Authority on September 17, 2024, at which all present were given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed amended Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orange County Power Authority that the Board of Directors does hereby adopt the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code, a copy of which is attached hereto and shall be on file with the Board Secretary and available for inspection to the public during regular business hours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said amended Conflict of Interest Code shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange for approval and said Code shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, as submitted.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2024.

Chairman
Orange County Power Authority

ATTEST:

Authority Secretary
Orange County Power Authority

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY

(~~Adopted September 5, 2022~~ Amended September 17, 2024)

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code§ 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. § 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing Section 18730 may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation (attached) and the attached Appendix designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of **Orange County Power Authority (Authority)**.

All officials and designated positions required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the Board Secretary as the Authority's Filing Officer. The Board Secretary shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, and forward the originals of such statements to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange. The Chief Executive Officer shall retain the original statements filed by all other officials and designated positions and will make all retained statements available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours. (Gov. Code§ 81008.)

APPENDIX
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF
ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY

(~~Adopted September 5, 2022~~ Amended September 17, 2024)

PART "A"

OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Officials who manage public investments, as defined by 2 Cal. Code of Regs. §18700.3(b), are NOT subject to the Authority's Code but must file disclosure statements under Government Code Section 87200 et seq. [Regs. § 18730(b)(3)]

It has been determined that the positions listed below are Officials who manage public investments¹. These positions are listed here for informational purposes only.

Board of Directors

Board of Directors, Alternate(s)

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief Operating Officer

Treasurer/Auditor

Investment Consultant

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¹ Individuals holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by § 87200.

DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

<u>DESIGNATED POSITIONS'</u> <u>TITLE OR FUNCTION</u>	<u>DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES</u> <u>ASSIGNED</u>	
~~Analyst (various departments/divisions)~~	4	
~~Chief Operating Officer~~ [Position designated 87200 filer]	~~1,~~	2
Controller	1	2
General Counsel	1	2
<u>All Directors (Various Departments/Divisions)</u>	<u>1,</u>	<u>2</u>
Director of Power, ~~Planning and Procurement~~ <u>Resources</u>	1	2
~~Director of Human Resources~~	4	
Director of Communications ~~& and Outreach~~ <u>External Affairs</u>	~~41,~~	<u>2</u>
Director of ~~Customer Programs~~ <u>Finance & Data Analytics</u>	~~41,~~	<u>2</u>
~~Director of Information Technology~~	4	
~~Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs~~	4	
~~Consultant — Power Procurement, Risk Management~~	~~3,~~	4
~~Consultant — Scheduling~~	~~3,~~	4
~~Consultant — Data Management and Customer Call Center~~	~~3,~~	4
~~Consultant — Customer Outreach and Education~~	~~3,~~	4
Power Resources Director	~~1,~~	2

DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

DESIGNATED POSITIONS' **TITLE OR FUNCTION**

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES **ASSIGNED**

All Managers (Various Departments/Divisions)

<u>Regulatory & Legislative Manager</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>External Affairs Manager</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Community Engagement Manager</u>	<u>5</u>	
<u>Energy Programs Manager</u>	<u>5</u>	
<u>Finance & Risk Manager</u>	<u>5</u>	
<u>Rate and Billings Operations Manager</u>	<u>5</u>	
<u>Data & Systems Manager</u>	<u>5</u>	
<u>Trading Manager</u>	<u>5</u>	
<u>Policy Advisor</u>	<u>5</u>	

All Analysts (Various Departments)

<u>Energy Programs Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Energy Contract & Compliance Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Financial Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Data Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Data Systems Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Management Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Risk Management Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Senior Management Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>

Consultants and New Positions²

² Individuals serving as a consultant as defined in FPPC Reg 18700.3(a) or in a new position created since the code was last approved that makes or participates in the making of decisions must file under the broadest disclosure category set forth in this code subject to the following limitation:

The Chief Executive Officer may determine that, due to the range of duties or contractual obligations, it is more appropriate to assign a limited disclosure requirement. A clear explanation of the duties and a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements must be in a written document (Gov. Code §82019; Regs 18219 and 18734). The general manager's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code (Gov. Code §81008).

PART "B"

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

The disclosure categories listed below identify the types of economic interests that the designated position must disclose for each disclosure category to which ~~he or she~~ the designated is assigned.³ "Investment" means financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) and are reportable if they are either located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or have done business during the previous two years in the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Category 1: All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments.

Category 2: All interests in real property which is located in whole or in part within, or not more than two (2) miles outside, the boundaries of the Authority, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire property.

Category 3: All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are engaged in land development, construction or the acquisition or sale of real property within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

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³ This conflict of interest code does not require the reporting of gifts from outside this agency's jurisdiction if the source does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position. (Reg. 18730.1)

Declaration for Non-County Local Agencies

I have been designated as the appropriate official to submit this agency's proposed conflict of interest code or code amendment.

I certify that this agency's conflict of interest code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions, and that the disclosure categories assigned to those positions accurately require the disclosure of all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources or income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions. I further certify that the code includes all other provisions required by Government Code section 87302,

I certify that the proposed code or code amendment has been reviewed and approved by the agency's governing body and its **highest official (chief executive officer, general manager, superintendent, chair, etc.)**,

I declare that the above is true and correct.

Signature

CEO

Orange County Power Authority
Agency

10/6/2022

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY

(Amended September 17, 2024)

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DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

<u>DESIGNATED POSITIONS'</u> <u>TITLE OR FUNCTION</u>	<u>DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES</u> <u>ASSIGNED</u>
Controller	1, 2
General Counsel	1, 2
All Directors (Various Departments/Divisions)	
Director of Power, Resources	1, 2
Director of Communications & External Affairs	1, 2
Director of Finance & Data Analytics	1, 2
All Managers (Various Departments/Divisions)	
Regulatory & Legislative Manager	3, 4
External Affairs Manager	3, 4
Community Engagement Manager	5
Energy Programs Manager	5
Finance & Risk Manager	5
Rate and Billings Operations Manager	5
Data & Systems Manager	5
Trading Manager	5
Policy Advisor	5

DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

DESIGNATED POSITIONS' **TITLE OR FUNCTION**

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES **ASSIGNED**

All Analysts (Various Departments)

Energy Programs Analyst 5

Energy Contract & Compliance Analyst 5

Financial Analyst 5

Data Analyst 5

Data Systems Analyst 5

Management Analyst 5

Risk Management Analyst 5

Senior Management Analyst 5

Consultants and New Positions²

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Declaration for Non-County Local Agencies

I have been designated as the appropriate official to submit this agency's proposed conflict of interest code or code amendment.

I certify that this agency's conflict of interest code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions, and that the disclosure categories assigned to those positions accurately require the disclosure of all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources or income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions. I further certify that the code includes all other provisions required by Government Code section 87302,

I certify that the proposed code or code amendment has been reviewed and approved by the agency's governing body and its **highest official (chief executive officer, general manager, superintendent, chair, etc.)**,

I declare that the above is true and correct.

Signature

CEO

Orange County Power Authority
Agency

[DATE]_____

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 10.1

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Jacquie Henderson, Director of Communications and External Affairs

Approved by: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: MARKETING AND PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

On Thursday, September 5, 2024, the Marketing and Communications Committee reviewed a comprehensive overview of Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) public outreach efforts over the past fiscal year as well as highlights for the current fiscal year. The organization has been successfully building organizational trust and awareness of community choice through multichannel communications, partnerships, advertising, and marketing. This staff report will provide details on the success of past outreach efforts and key future happenings to continue the upward trajectory.

One metric that is particularly exciting is the year-over-year shift in media sentiment from primarily negative/neutral (75%) to overwhelmingly positive/neutral (96%). OCPA has achieved this by focusing on a fact-based narrative highlighting organizational success and garnering significantly more positive media coverage. Also helping shift the narrative is the paid Google search campaign that places OCPA's website at the top of Google search results when people search for OCPA and related topics. This is a very low-cost tactic - \$2.91 cost-per-click over 1.14k clicks – that nets strong results by pushing down old, negative content in Google searches. This campaign is ongoing.

The results of the annual tracking survey were recently received and show a year-over-year increase in favorability and name recognition within OCPA member cities. These metrics increased countywide as well, while awareness decreased due to the diminished negative news. These metrics are a small snapshot of the full study, which the research company is happy to present at length in a future Board meeting.

When looking at OCPA's most recent campaigns in the marketplace, the results are tremendous. The One Year Anniversary campaign garnered over 13 million impressions, while the Flip the

Switch campaign has delivered over 20 million impressions to date. Both campaigns showcase the positive impact of cleaner energy and speak to the positive impact OCPA has on its communities and customers. Over the course of these two campaigns, the OCPA website has received over 18,200 landing page visits, providing this many more opportunities to educate people about CCAs and the power of community energy.

Looking ahead, OCPA will be hosting an Open House on October 3rd to celebrate its service anniversary and welcome visitors to the new office space. In process is an Economic Development Kit, which will be a series of marketing materials for businesses that explain the value of locating operations in cities that offer community energy; this is being produced in partnership with Cal-CCA and mature California CCAs with similar materials. Another new initiative is a pilot speaker series called Climate Action Conversations. This series will leverage outside experts to inform the Orange County community about the climate crisis and solutions, primarily the importance of reducing dependence on fossil fuels by increasing the availability and use of renewable energy. The first of this series is being planned for February 2025 featuring Leah Thomas, author of *The Intersectional Environmentalist* and graduate of Chapman University. Finally, the 2025 Cal-CCA annual conference is being hosted in Irvine in April. OCPA is exploring opportunities to create video content and gain media coverage throughout the week-long conference to spread positive sentiment and awareness of CCAs and OCPA.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Marketing and Public Outreach Update



FY 23-24 Marketing and Public Outreach Highlights

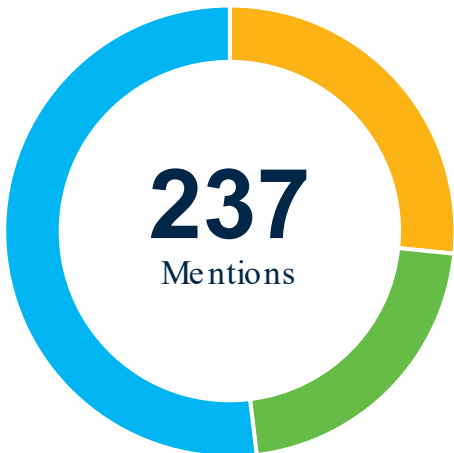
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Media Sentiment

Shifted media sentiment to **96% neutral or positive sentiment** (June 2023 – June 2024) with 128 articles being published, compared to **75% negative or neutral sentiment** (May 2022 – May 2023)

May 2022 – May 2023



June 2023 – May 2024



● Neutral ● Positive ● Negative





Paid Search

Paid Search

Impressions

3,932

Click-through Rate

29%

Most-shown ads

2024 Paid Search - OCPA General Branding

Ad group 1

OCPA | Orange County Power Authority | The Power of Community

Ad www.ocpower.org

Welcome to a new way to power your world. OCPA provides renewable energy at competitive rates.

Neighborhoods: Buena Park, Fullerton, Irvine

Your Options

Understanding Your Bill

Residential

Contact OCPA

Ad	Status	Impressions	Clicks	CTR
Enabled	Eligible	2,389	675	28.25%





Tracking Survey: Member Cities & Customers

	August 2023	August 2024	YOY Change
Member Cities			
Awareness	43%	43%	—
Favorability	23%	27%	+4%
Name ID	66%	68%	+2%
Customers			
Awareness	47%	50%	+3%
Favorability	33%	40%	+7%
Name ID	77%	82%	+5%



Tracking Survey: Countywide

	August 2023	August 2024	YOY Change
Countywide			
Awareness	31%	27%	-4%
Favorability	20%	24%	+4%
Name ID	52%	55%	+3%



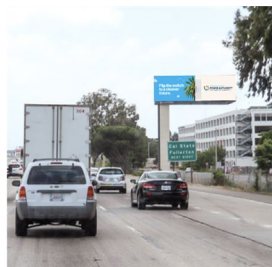
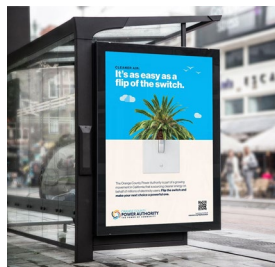
One-Year Anniversary Gratitude Campaign



Campaign	Impressions
Cinema	263,735
Print	850,600
Outdoor	12,451,818
Totals	13,566,153



Flip the Switch Campaign (results to date)

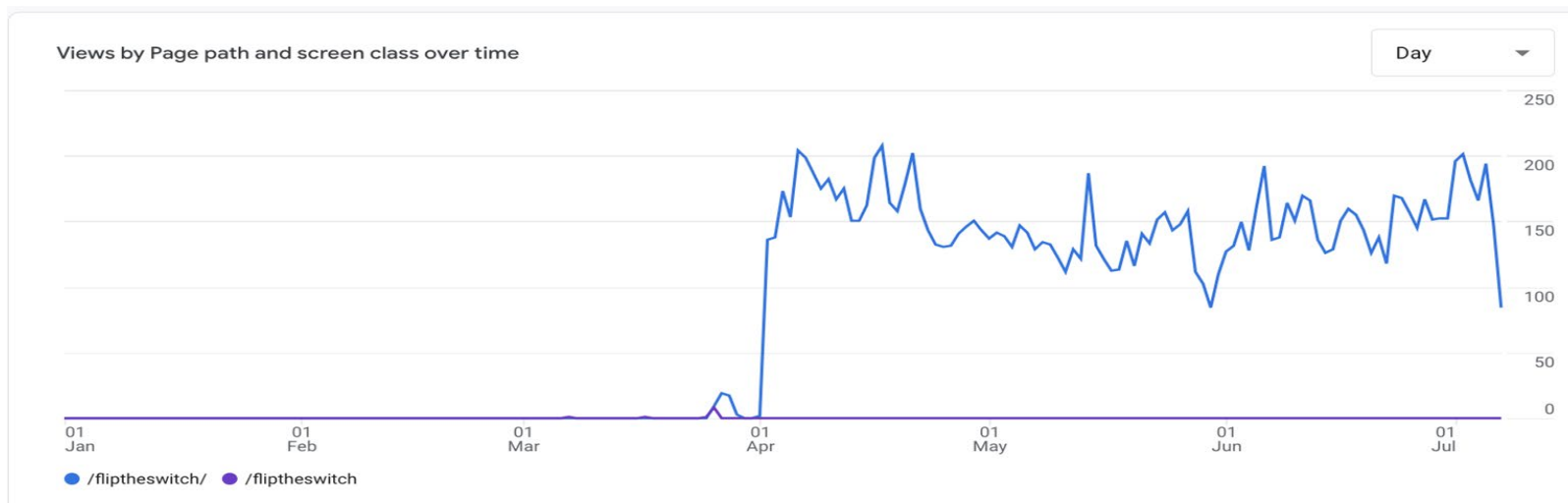


Campaign	Impressions
Gym TV	1,122,668
Connected/Cable TV	852,528
Cinema	235,762
Print	1,080,432
Outdoor	16,944,434
Totals	20,235,824



Ad-Driven Website Traffic

Overall website traffic **+79%** from January-March 2024 (29K) to April-June 2024 (52K), mostly driven by launch of the Flip the Switch ad campaign achieving **18.2K** landing page views across two campaigns





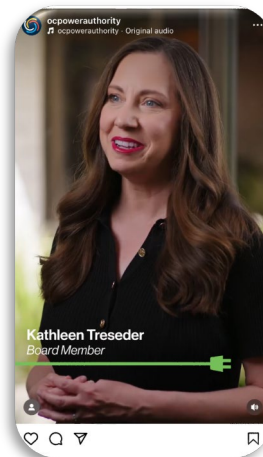
Video Views

Meta + LinkedIn

Views
1,042,068

YouTube

Views	Total Hours Watched
509,600	10,200



OCA Unplugged:
Got solar panels?
Here's how you can
get money back



Picturing a Better Tomorrow



Sustainably Speaking with Joe Mosca



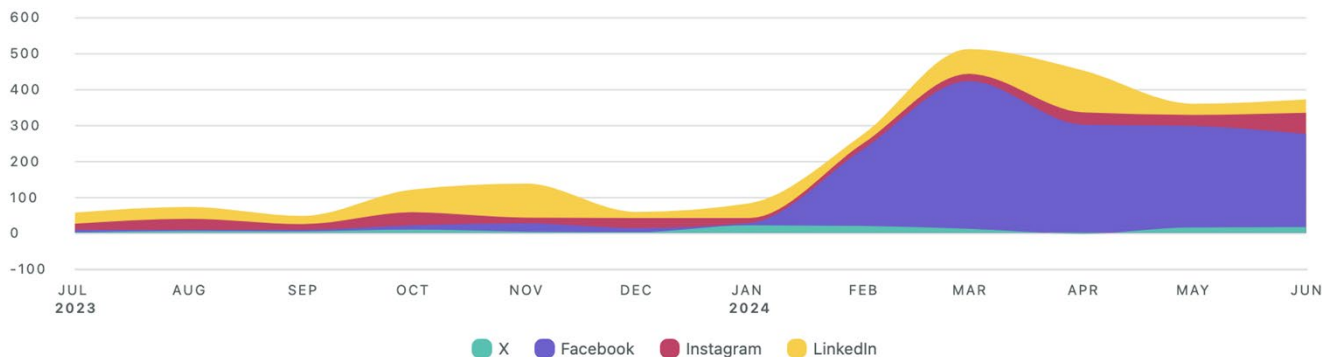
Social Media Audience Growth

Audience Growth

437%

Net Audience Growth:

+2,535

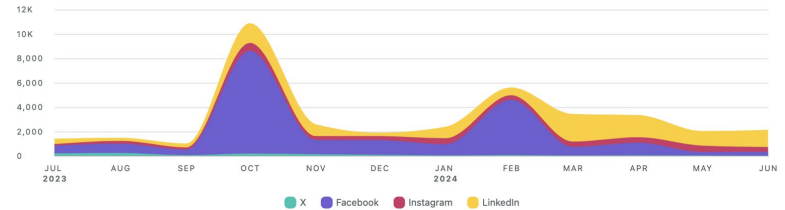
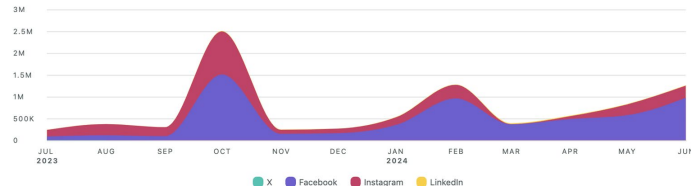




Paid & Organic Social Media

Impressions
8.8M

Engagements
38,195



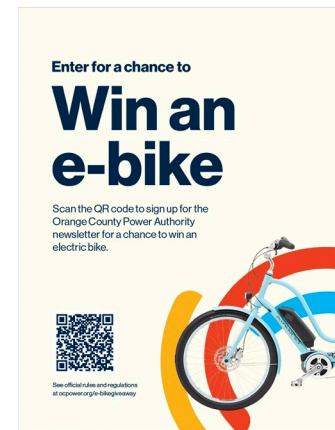
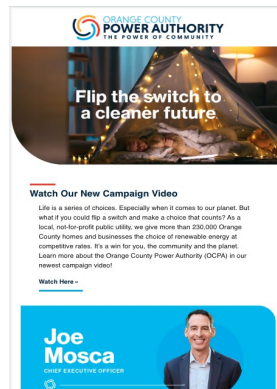
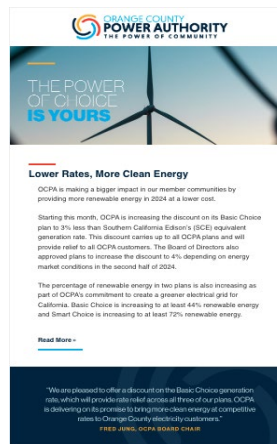


Newsletter Subscribers

Increased to more than **3,900**
newsletter subscribers

Average Open Rate: **54%**

Well above the average open rate
for the government and politics
sector: 30%





Community Events & Presentations

Hosted booths at 40 community events

Gave 22 presentations



FY 24-25

Look Ahead



Open House / Second Anniversary Celebration

October 3, 2024

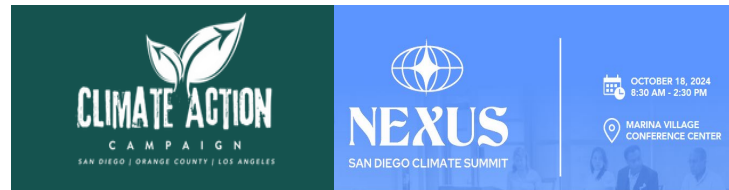




October Conferences and Events



Sustain SoCal partners with governments, agencies, schools, hospitals, and nonprofits and explores real-world solutions to creating a sustainable future.



NEXUS is an annual event for people committed to building a better future rooted in equity and justice, centering the issues that matter most to our communities.





Economic Development Marketing

- Content for economic development efforts by chambers of commerce and city staff
- Economic development trade media relations
- LinkedIn articles





Pilot Speakers Series: Climate Action Conversations

POTENTIAL SPEAKER



Leah Thomas

*Author and nonprofit founder,
The Intersectional Environmentalist
Chapman University graduate*

Potential Marketing Partners

Citizen's Climate Lobby
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
Greater Irvine Business Council
League of California Cities Orange County Division
North Orange County Business Council
OC Climate Coalition
Orange County Business Council
Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Sustain SoCal
The Climate Reality Project
Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce



Cal-CCA Conference: OCPA Content Creation Opportunities

Video Studio

- Interview keynote speakers and community leaders for social media content



News Bureau + Media Panel

- Invite media to attend the conference for coverage
- Host a panel of environmental journalists



ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 10.2

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Nataly Morales Sandoval, Energy Programs Analyst
Jacquie Henderson, Director of Communications & External Affairs

Approved by: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: APPROVE COMMUNITY POWER PLAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ENERGY
COALITION

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the CEO to execute a two-year Agreement with The Energy Coalition for Community Power Plan Technical Assistance and Program Support, effective September 18, 2024, through September 17, 2026, including the option for the CEO to extend the Agreement for three additional one-year terms, subject to satisfactory performance. The not-to-exceed amount for developing the Community Power Plan is \$250,000, plus \$250,000 for as-needed technical assistance, program implementation support, and grant management, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000.

BACKGROUND

Staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Technical Assistance & Program Support on April 15, 2024. This invitation to submit proposals was extensively distributed to 951 potential bidders on BidNet Direct, ensuring broad reach and fairness. The RFP was publicly available on the OCPA website, promoting transparency and equal opportunity for all interested parties. OCPA posted our responses to 72 inquiries from potential vendors, demonstrating our commitment to clear communication. By the RFP's closing date, 90 potential vendors had downloaded the document. By May 25, 2024, OCPA received six (6) proposals in response to the RFP.

The six (6) proposals were submitted to the evaluation panel, which consisted of two (2) internal OCPA staff and one (1) external staff member from another CCA. The panel qualifications were as follows:

- Evaluator 1 – OCPA staff member responsible for energy program implementation
- Evaluator 2 – OCPA staff member with a deep understanding of OCPA communities and of energy programs offered by other CCAs across California
- Evaluator 3 – External CCA staff member serving in a senior customer energy solutions role

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

RFP Process

The RFP Scope of Services included four (4) components:

1. Community Power Plan – Conduct research to develop a comprehensive community investment strategy, informed by a community needs assessment, and outline a series of targeted program offerings.
2. Technical assistance - Enhance OCPA’s regulatory reporting and technical capabilities related to energy programs. Activities may include helping design energy programs that support customer needs and presenting technical findings.
3. Program implementation - Management of new and existing energy programs. Activities may include preparing administrative and operational reports, coordinating engagements with key community stakeholders, and organizing forums to gather input from diverse stakeholders.
4. Grant management – Assistance procuring additional funding for programs. Activities may include monitoring and applying for funding, managing fund administrator relationships, and managing reporting requirements.

Evaluation Criteria

Component 1 – Development of Community Power Plan

Criteria	Weight
Minimum Qualifications	Pass/Fail
Understanding of Scope of Work for Community Power Plan , proposed process, approach, and timeline	50%
Consultant expertise and experience related to component, including specific staff skills, qualifications, experience, and delivering comparable services	25%
Terms and Pricing *to be evaluated using a prescribed table. Respondents will be asked to breakdown costs for admin, overhead, staff, events, surveys, and misc. fill-in options so we can compare like cost	25%
Total	100%

Component 2 – Technical Assistance

Criteria	Weight
Minimum Qualifications	Pass/Fail
Understanding of Scope of Work for Technical Assistance	25%
Consultant expertise and experience related to component, including specific staff skills, qualifications, experience, and delivering comparable services	50%
Terms and Pricing (via a pricing table for hourly rates for proposed staff)	25%

Total	100%
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Component 3 – Program Implementation Support

Criteria	Weight
Minimum Qualifications	Pass/Fail
Understanding of Scope of Work for Program Implementation Support	25%
Consultant expertise and experience related to component, including specific staff skills, qualifications, experience, and delivering comparable services	50%
Terms and Pricing (via a pricing table for hourly rates for proposed staff)	25%
Total	100%

Component 4 – Grant Management

Criteria	Weight
Minimum Qualifications	Pass/Fail
Understanding of Scope of Work for Grant & Management	25%
Consultant expertise and experience related to component, including specific staff skills, qualifications, experience, and delivering comparable services	50%
Terms and Pricing (via a pricing table for hourly rates for proposed staff)	25%
Total	100%

Timeline

The first phase of community needs assessment and cost-benefit analysis will commence following contract execution. The final report and program recommendations are expected to be delivered in mid-2025.

Vendor Selection

After a thorough evaluation, The Energy Coalition (TEC) was selected for Board consideration and further negotiation. This decision is detailed in Attachment B.

TEC demonstrated one of the most comprehensive and robust proposals as evaluated by the panel. Their pricing was also among the most competitive for the full scope of components. The interview process set them apart as they demonstrated close connection, extensive outreach to OCPA's member cities, and thoughtful inclusion of hard-to-reach communities from planning through program implementation. Lastly, they have extensive experience supporting CCAs with program development and implementation and deep connections with OCPA member cities, including as a sub-consultant for the City of Irvine on their Strategic Energy Plan.

The Energy Coalition

TES is a California-based 501(c)3 headquartered in Irvine, CA, whose mission is to empower communities to leap into the future of clean energy. They offer a unique combination of energy industry expertise and program design and implementation experience with a foundation of authentic community engagement. TEC has supported over 300 public agencies and implemented over 500 projects focused on building decarbonization and transportation electrification, with many supporting communities of concern.

Relevant experience includes:

1. City of Irvine: development of Strategic Energy Plan
2. Orange County Power Authority (OCPA): Elect-to-Administer grant application development
3. California Strategic Growth Council (CSGC), Transformative Climate Communities implementation grant
4. San Diego Community Power (SDCP): California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Efficiency Business Plan application that established a Renewable Energy Network (REN) for San Diego County
5. Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN): design and management of multiple public agency programs

FISCAL IMPACT

The not-to-exceed amount for developing the Community Power Plan is \$250,000, plus \$250,000 for components two (2) through four (4): technical assistance, program implementation support, and grant management. This has been included in the FY24/25 budget. The cost of components two (2) through four (4) is directed by and to be approved by OCPA.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Community Power Plan RFP Evaluation Summary

Attachment B – Draft Community Power Plan Contract

Orange County Power Authority

Request for Proposal (RFP) Summary

RFP For: Technical Assistance and Program Support
RFP No: 24-001
Type of Procurement (Informal Bidding or Formal Bidding): Formal Bidding

Event	Date
Release Request for Proposals	Monday, April 15, 2024
Questions Submitted to OCPA	Monday, May 6, 2024
OCPA Posts Response to Questions	Monday, May 13, 2024
Proposal Deadline	Friday, May 24, 2024
Short Listing and Notification for Interviews	Thursday, January 25, 2024
Interviews	Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Contractor Recommendation/Board Approval	Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Final Negotiations/Contract Execution	Friday, March 29, 2024

Evaluation Committee	Name	Title
Evaluator 1	Nataly Morales Sandoval	Energy Programs Analyst
Evaluator 2	Linda Kraemer	Community Engagement Manager
Evaluator 3	Stephen Kullman	Northern CCA Director

Community Power Plan

Proposers	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 1)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 2)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 3)	Technical Evaluation Points (Average)	Cost Evaluation Ranking	Total Points
Vendor 1 - SMUD	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 2 - ThampicoLLC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 3 - TheEnergyCoalition	3.25	3.75	2.25	3.08	1.25	4.33
Vendor 4 - BuroHappoldConsultingEngineersInc	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 5 - CleanPeaksEnergySolutions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 6 - EnergyandEnvironmentalEconomicsIncE3	3.50	3.25	3.35	3.37	0.75	4.12
Vendor 7 - Arup	3.00	3.75	3.60	3.45	1.00	4.45

Selection and Award Section

Awarded Vendor: TheEnergyCoalition
Justifications: TEC demonstrated one of the most comprehensive and robust proposals as evaluated by the panel. They have extensive experience supporting CCAs with program development and implementation, and deep connections with OCPA member cities.

2 - Technical Assistance

Proposers	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 1)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 2)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 3)	Technical Evaluation Points (Average)	Cost Evaluation Ranking	Total Points
Vendor 1 - SMUD	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 2 - ThampicoLLC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 3 - TheEnergyCoalition	3.50	3.50	2.55	3.18	1.00	4.18
Vendor 4 - BuroHappoldConsultingEngineersInc	2.85	2.75	2.45	2.68	1.25	3.93
Vendor 5 - CleanPeaksEnergySolutions	2.95	2.25	2.55	2.58	1.00	3.58
Vendor 6 - EnergyandEnvironmentalEconomicsIncE3	3.35	3.75	3.20	3.43	0.75	4.18
Vendor 7 - Arup	3.60	3.25	3.45	3.43	1.25	4.68

Selection and Award Section

Awarded Vendor: TheEnergyCoalition
Justifications: TEC remains one of the strongest applicants in Technical Assistance, and was ultimately chosen for their high score and ease of utilizing the same contractor for multiple components.

3 - Program Implementation

Proposers	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 1)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 2)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 3)	Technical Evaluation Points (Average)	Cost Evaluation Ranking	Total Points
Vendor 1 - SMUD	3.45	3.75	3.25	3.48	1.25	4.73
Vendor 2 - ThampicoLLC	2.90	1.50	1.95	2.12	0.75	2.87
Vendor 3 - TheEnergyCoalition	3.65	3.75	2.75	3.38	0.75	4.13
Vendor 4 - BuroHappoldConsultingEngineersInc	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 5 - CleanPeaksEnergySolutions	3.35	0.75	1.75	1.95	0.75	2.70
Vendor 6 - EnergyandEnvironmentalEconomicsIncE3	3.55	3.50	3.50	3.52	0.50	4.02
Vendor 7 - Arup	3.65	3.75	3.00	3.47	1.00	4.47

Selection and Award Section

Awarded Vendor: TheEnergyCoalition
Justifications: TEC remains one of the strongest applicants in Program Implimentation, and was ultimately chosen for their high score and ease of utilizing the same contractor for multiple components.

4 - Grants

Proposers	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 1)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 2)	Technical Evaluation Points (Evaluator 3)	Technical Evaluation Points (Average)	Cost Evaluation Ranking	Total Points
Vendor 1 - SMUD	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 2 - ThampicoLLC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 3 - TheEnergyCoalition	3.45	3.75	2.70	3.30	1.00	4.30
Vendor 4 - BuroHappoldConsultingEngineersInc	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 5 - CleanPeaksEnergySolutions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vendor 6 - EnergyandEnvironmentalEconomicsIncE3	3.55	3.25	3.10	3.30	0.75	4.05
Vendor 7 - Arup	3.55	3.75	2.80	3.37	1.25	4.62

Selection and Award Section

Awarded Vendor: TheEnergyCoalition
Justifications: TEC remains one of the strongest applicants in Grant Management, and was ultimately chosen for their high score and ease of utilizing the same contractor for all components.

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into on September 17th, 2024, by and between ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY, a California joint powers authority ("**Authority**") and The Energy Coalition, a California-based nonprofit ("**Consultant**"). Authority and Consultant are sometimes individually referred to as "**Party**" and collectively as "**Parties**."

RECITALS

A. Consultant desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain professional services required by Authority on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Consultant represents that it is experienced in providing support for the Community Power Plan, technical assistance, program implementation, and grant management, is licensed in the State of California, and is familiar with the plans of Authority.

B. Authority desires to engage Consultant to render such professional services for the Community Power Plan, technical assistance, program implementation, and grant management project ("**Project**") as set forth in this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

1. Scope of Services and Term.

1.1 General Scope of Services. Consultant promises and agrees to furnish to Authority all labor and services and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply assist the Authority the implementation services necessary for the Project ("**Services**"). The Services are more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto, and which are stated in the proposal to Authority. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

1.2 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from September 17, 2024 to September 17, 2026 unless earlier terminated as provided herein; provided, however, that Authority and Consultant may agree to extend this Agreement for up to three (3) additional one-year terms. Consultant shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines.

2. Responsibilities of Consultant.

2.1 Control and Payment of Subordinates; Independent Contractor. The Services shall be performed by Consultant or under its supervision. Authority retains Consultant on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee. Consultant retains the right to perform similar or different services for others during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel

performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Consultant shall also not be employees of Authority and shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Consultant shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Consultant shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

2.2 Schedule of Services. Consultant shall perform the Services expeditiously, within the term of this Agreement. Consultant represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services in conformance with such conditions. In order to facilitate Consultant's conformance with the Schedule, Authority shall respond to Consultant's submittals in a timely manner. Upon request of Authority, Consultant shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

2.3 Conformance to Applicable Requirements. All work prepared by Consultant shall be subject to the approval of Authority.

2.4 Substitution of Key Personnel. Consultant has represented to Authority that certain key personnel will perform and coordinate the Services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Consultant may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence upon written approval of Authority. In the event that Authority and Consultant cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, Authority shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause. As discussed below, any personnel who fail or refuse to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to Authority, or who are determined by the Authority to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, or a threat to the safety of persons or property, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant at the request of the Authority. The key personnel for performance of this Agreement are as follows:

Craig Perkins

2.5 Authority's Representative. Authority hereby designates the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("**Authority's Representative**"). Authority's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of Authority for all purposes under this Agreement. Consultant shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than Authority's Representative, or designee.

2.6 Consultant's Representative. Consultant hereby designates **Craig Perkins**, or his or her designee, to act as its Representative for the performance of this Agreement ("**Consultant's Representative**"). Consultant's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of the Consultant for all purposes under this Agreement. The Consultant's Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his or her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

2.7 Coordination of Services. Consultant agrees to work closely with Authority staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to Authority's staff, consultants and other staff at all reasonable times.

2.8 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Consultant shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Consultant represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Consultant warrants that all employees and sub- contractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Consultant represents that it, its employees and subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Consultant shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from Authority, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Consultant's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee of the Consultant or its subcontractors who is determined by Authority to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to Authority, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

2.9 Laws and Regulations. Consultant shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Consultant shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Services. If the Consultant performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to Authority, Consultant shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold Authority, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

2.10 Insurance.

2.10.1 Time for Compliance. Consultant shall not commence the Services under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to Authority that it has secured all insurance required under this section, in a form and with insurance companies acceptable to Authority. In addition, Consultant shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to Authority that the subcontractor has secured all insurance required under this section.

2.10.2 Minimum Requirements. Consultant shall, at its expense, procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Consultant shall also require all of its subcontractors to procure and maintain the same insurance for the duration of the Agreement. Such insurance shall meet at least the following minimum levels of coverage:

(A) Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the latest version of the following: (1) *General Liability*: Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence form CG 0001 or exact equivalent); (2) *Automobile Liability*: Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage (form CA 0001, code 1 (any auto) or

exact equivalent); and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability*: Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

(B) Minimum Limits of Insurance. Consultant shall maintain limits no less than: (1) *General Liability*: \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this Agreement/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit; (2) *Automobile Liability*: \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability*: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of California. Employer's Liability limits of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

2.10.3 Professional Liability. Consultant shall procure and maintain, and require its subcontractors to procure and maintain, for a period of five (5) years following completion of the Services, errors and omissions liability insurance appropriate to their profession. Such insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 per claim. This insurance shall be endorsed to include contractual liability applicable to this Agreement and shall be written on a policy form coverage specifically designed to protect against acts, errors or omissions of the Consultant. "Covered Professional Services" as designated in the policy must specifically include work performed under this Agreement. The policy must "pay on behalf of" the insured and must include a provision establishing the insurer's duty to defend.

2.10.4 Insurance Endorsements. The insurance policies shall contain the following provisions, or Consultant shall provide endorsements on forms supplied or approved by Authority to add the following provisions to the insurance policies:

(A) General Liability.

(i) Commercial General Liability Insurance must include coverage for (1) Bodily Injury and Property Damage; (2) Personal Injury/Advertising Injury; (3) Premises/Operations Liability; (4) Products/Completed Operations Liability; (5) Aggregate Limits that Apply per Project; (6) Explosion, Collapse and Underground (UCX) exclusion deleted; (7) Contractual Liability with respect to this Agreement; (8) Broad Form Property Damage; and (9) Independent Consultants Coverage.

(ii) The policy shall contain no endorsements or provisions limiting coverage for (1) contractual liability; (2) cross liability exclusion for claims or suits by one insured against another; or (3) contain any other exclusion contrary to the Agreement.

(iii) The policy shall give Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, and agents insured status using ISO endorsement forms 20 10 10 01 and 20 37 10 01, or endorsements providing the exact same coverage.

(iv) The additional insured coverage under the policy shall be "primary and non-contributory" and will not seek contribution from Authority's insurance or self-insurance and shall be at least as broad as CG 20 01 04 13, or endorsements providing the exact same coverage.

(B) Automobile Liability. The automobile liability policy shall be endorsed to state that: (1) Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and

volunteers shall be covered as additional insureds with respect to the ownership, operation, maintenance, use, loading or unloading of any auto owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant or for which the Consultant is responsible; and (2) the insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, or if excess, shall stand in an unbroken chain of coverage excess of the Consultant's scheduled underlying coverage. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not be called upon to contribute with it in any way.

(C) Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage.

(i) Consultant certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and Consultant will comply with such provisions before commencing work under this Agreement.

(ii) The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers for losses paid under the terms of the insurance policy which arise from work performed by the Consultant.

(D) All Coverages. Defense costs shall be payable in addition to the limits set forth hereunder. Requirements of specific coverage or limits contained in this section are not intended as a limitation on coverage, limits, or other requirement, or a waiver of any coverage normally provided by any insurance. It shall be a requirement under this Agreement that any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements and/or limits set forth herein shall be available to Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents as additional insureds under said policies. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any Insurance policy or proceeds available to the named insured; whichever is greater.

(i) The limits of insurance required in this Agreement may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess insurance. Any umbrella or excess insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of Authority (if agreed to in a written contract or agreement) before Authority's own insurance or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured. The umbrella/excess policy shall be provided on a "following form" basis with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying policy(ies).

(ii) Consultant shall provide Authority at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation of any policy required by this Agreement, except that the Consultant shall provide at least ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation of any such policy due to non-payment of premium. If any of the required coverage is cancelled or expires during the term of this Agreement, the Consultant shall deliver renewal certificate(s) including the General Liability Additional Insured Endorsement to Authority at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of cancellation or expiration.

(iii) The retroactive date (if any) of each policy is to be no later than the effective date of this Agreement. Consultant shall maintain such coverage continuously for a period of at least three years after the completion of the work under this Agreement.

Consultant shall purchase a one (1) year extended reporting period A) if the retroactive date is advanced past the effective date of this Agreement; B) if the policy is cancelled or not renewed; or C) if the policy is replaced by another claims-made policy with a retroactive date subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement.

(iv) The foregoing requirements as to the types and limits of insurance coverage to be maintained by Consultant, and any approval of said insurance by Authority, is not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations otherwise assumed by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, including but not limited to, the provisions concerning indemnification.

(v) If at any time during the life of the Agreement, any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with these specifications or is canceled and not replaced, Authority has the right but not the duty to obtain the insurance it deems necessary and any premium paid by Authority will be promptly reimbursed by Consultant or Authority will withhold amounts sufficient to pay premium from Consultant payments. In the alternative, Authority may cancel this Agreement. Authority may require the Consultant to provide complete copies of all insurance policies in effect for the duration of the Project.

(vi) Neither Authority nor any of its directors, officials, officers, employees or agents shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under or by virtue of this Agreement.

2.10.5 Separation of Insureds; No Special Limitations. All insurance required by this Section shall contain standard separation of insureds provisions. In addition, such insurance shall not contain any special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers.

2.10.6 Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by Authority. Consultant shall guarantee that, at the option of Authority, either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers; or (2) the Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation costs, claims and administrative and defense expenses.

2.10.7 Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, licensed to do business in California, and satisfactory to Authority.

2.10.8 Verification of Coverage. Consultant shall furnish Authority with original certificates of insurance and endorsements effecting coverage required by this Agreement on forms satisfactory to Authority. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf and shall be on forms provided by Authority if requested. All certificates and endorsements must be received and approved by Authority before work commences. Authority reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

2.10.9 Subcontractor Insurance Requirements. Consultant shall not allow any subcontractors to commence work on any subcontract until they have provided evidence satisfactory to Authority that they have secured all insurance required under this section. Policies of commercial general liability insurance provided by such subcontractors shall be endorsed to

name Authority as an additional insured using ISO form CG 20 38 04 13 or an endorsement providing the exact same coverage. If requested by Consultant, Authority may approve different scopes or minimum limits of insurance for particular subcontractors.

2.10.10 Safety. Consultant shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, the Consultant shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Safety precautions as applicable shall include, but shall not be limited to: (A) adequate life protection and life-saving equipment and procedures; (B) instructions in accident prevention for all employees and subcontractors, such as safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, equipment and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents or injuries; and (C) adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

3. **Fees and Payments.**

3.1 Compensation. Consultant shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto. The total compensation shall not exceed \$500,000 without written approval of Authority's Board of Directors or Chief Executive Officer, as appropriate. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and, if authorized, said Extra Work will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

3.2 Payment of Compensation. Consultant shall submit to Authority a monthly itemized statement which indicates work completed and hours of Services rendered by Consultant. The statement shall describe the amount of Services and supplies provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the statement. Authority shall, within 45 days of receiving such statement, review the statement and pay all approved charges thereon.

3.3 Reimbursement for Expenses. Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by Authority.

3.4 Extra Work. At any time during the term of this Agreement, Authority may request that Consultant perform Extra Work. As used herein, "**Extra Work**" means any work which is determined by Authority to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project, but which the Parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement. Consultant shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from Authority's Representative.

4. **Accounting Records**. Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Consultant shall allow a representative of Authority during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

5. **General Provisions.**

5.1 Termination of Agreement.

5.1.1 Grounds for Termination. Authority may, by written notice to Consultant, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to Consultant of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Consultant shall be compensated only for those services which have been adequately rendered to Authority, and Consultant shall be entitled to no further compensation. Consultant may not terminate this Agreement except for cause.

5.1.2 Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, Authority may require Consultant to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data and other information of any kind prepared by Consultant in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall be required to provide such documents and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.

5.1.3 Additional Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, Authority may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

5.2 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective Parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Consultant: Craig Perkins, President & Executive Director
The Energy Coalition
525 Technology Dr., Ste 350
Irvine, CA 92618

Authority:
Attn: Joseph M. Mosca, CEO
Orange County Power Authority
15642 Sand Canyon Avenue
P.O. Box 54283
Irvine, CA 92619

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the Party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

5.3 Ownership of Materials and Confidentiality.

5.3.1 Documents & Data; Licensing of Intellectual Property. This Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for Authority to copy, use, modify, reuse, or sublicense any and all copyrights, designs, and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, and other documents or works of authorship fixed in

any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer diskettes, which are prepared or caused to be prepared by Consultant under this Agreement ("**Documents & Data**"). Consultant shall require all subcontractors to agree in writing that Authority is granted a non-exclusive and perpetual license for any Documents & Data the subcontractor prepares under this Agreement. Consultant represents and warrants that Consultant has the legal right to license any and all Documents & Data. Consultant makes no such representation and warranty in regard to Documents & Data which were prepared by design professionals other than Consultant or provided to Consultant by Authority. Authority shall not be limited in any way in its use of the Documents & Data at any time, provided that any such use not within the purposes intended by this Agreement shall be at Authority's sole risk.

5.3.2 Intellectual Property. In addition, Authority shall have and retain all right, title and interest (including copyright, patent, trade secret and other proprietary rights) in all plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, materials, data, computer programs or software and source code, enhancements, documents, and any and all works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium or expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or other data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer media ("**Intellectual Property**") prepared or developed by or on behalf of Consultant under this Agreement as well as any other such Intellectual Property prepared or developed by or on behalf of Consultant under this Agreement.

Authority shall have and retain all right, title and interest in Intellectual Property developed or modified under this Agreement whether or not paid for wholly or in part by Authority, whether or not developed in conjunction with Consultant, and whether or not developed by Consultant. Consultant will execute separate written assignments of any and all rights to the above referenced Intellectual Property upon request of Authority.

Consultant shall also be responsible to obtain in writing separate written assignments from any subcontractors or agents of Consultant of any and all right to the above referenced Intellectual Property. Should Consultant, either during or following termination of this Agreement, desire to use any of the above-referenced Intellectual Property, it shall first obtain the written approval of the Authority.

All materials and documents which were developed or prepared by the Consultant for general use prior to the execution of this Agreement and which are not the copyright of any other party or publicly available and any other computer applications, shall continue to be the property of the Consultant. However, unless otherwise identified and stated prior to execution of this Agreement, Consultant represents and warrants that it has the right to grant the exclusive and perpetual license for all such Intellectual Property as provided herein.

Authority further is granted by Consultant a non-exclusive and perpetual license to copy, use, modify or sub-license any and all Intellectual Property otherwise owned by Consultant which is the basis or foundation for any derivative, collective, insurrectional, or supplemental work created under this Agreement.

5.3.3 Confidentiality. All ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, computer program data, input record data, written information, and other Documents and Data either created by or provided to Consultant in connection with the performance of this Agreement shall be held confidential by Consultant. Such materials shall not, without the prior written consent of Authority, be used by Consultant for any purposes other than the performance of the Services. Nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Services or the Project. Nothing furnished to Consultant which is otherwise known to Consultant or is generally known, or has become known, to the

related industry shall be deemed confidential. Consultant shall not use Authority's name or insignia, photographs of the Project, or any publicity pertaining to the Services or the Project in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, television or radio production or other similar medium without the prior written consent of Authority.

5.3.4 Infringement Indemnification. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, for any alleged infringement of any patent, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, or any other proprietary right of any person or entity in consequence of the use on the Project by Authority of the Documents & Data, including any method, process, product, or concept specified or depicted.

5.4 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

5.5 Attorney's Fees. If either Party commences an action against the other Party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and all other costs of such action.

5.6 Indemnification.

5.6.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall defend (with counsel of Authority's choosing), indemnify and hold the Authority, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of, pertaining to, or incident to any acts, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, consultants or agents in connection with the performance of the Consultant's services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all damages, expert witness fees and attorney's fees and other related costs and expenses. Consultant shall defend, at Consultant's own cost, expense and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against Authority, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers. Consultant shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against Authority or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, in any such suit, action or other legal proceeding. Consultant shall reimburse Authority and its directors, officials, officers, consultants, employees, agents and/or volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Consultant's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by Consultant, the Authority, its officials, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers. This section shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

5.7 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

5.8 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Orange County, California.

5.9 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

5.10 Authority's Right to Employ Other Consultants. Authority reserves right to employ other consultants in connection with this Project.

5.11 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the Parties.

5.12 Assignment or Transfer. Consultant shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of Authority. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

5.13 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to Consultant include all personnel, employees, agents, and subcontractors of Consultant, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to Authority include its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

5.14 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

5.15 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

5.16 No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

5.17 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

5.18 Prohibited Interests. Consultant maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Consultant warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, Authority shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of Authority, during the term of his or her service with Authority, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

5.19 Equal Opportunity Employment and Subcontracting. Consultant represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, gender expression, gender identity, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or disability in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of applicants, employees, subcontractors, vendors, or suppliers. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities

related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Further, Consultant shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors to participate in subcontracting opportunities.

5.20 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Consultant certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation, or to undertake self- insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

5.21 Authority to Enter Agreement. Consultant has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

5.22 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

5.23 Subcontracting. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of Authority. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have made and executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY, a
California joint powers authority**

**THE ENERGY COALITION, a California-based
nonprofit**

By : _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

By : _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

Secretary, Authority Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel

EXHIBIT “A”

SCOPE OF SERVICES

This Scope of Services is intended to recruit technical assistance and program support from consultants with the experience required to develop and implement a Community Power Plan (CPP). OCPA seeks to implement energy programs to invest back into OCPA member agencies and enhance environmental performance in the Orange County region. To help develop a comprehensive CPP and transition into program implementation, OCPA is seeking technical assistance and program support which may include, but is not limited to:

DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY POWER PLAN

One of the stated goals within the JPA establishing OCPA was to “provide a range of energy products and program options, available to all Parties and customers, that best serve their needs, their local communities, and support regional sustainability efforts.” As such, one of the primary reasons that member agencies elected to join OCPA was the expectation that the organization would develop and offer innovative programs as a means of both investing back into local communities and enhancing environmental performance in the Orange County region by helping our communities achieve their climate action goals.

The primary goal of the CPP is to take that broad expectation and refine it into both an overall community investment strategy based on a community needs assessment and a series of program offerings. The Community Power Plan will help OCPA:

- Address climate change by reducing energy-related greenhouse gas emissions;
- Conduct a Community Needs Assessment through a wide range of outreach efforts such as multi-lingual surveys, meetings, workshops, etc. by partnering with member agencies, local community-based organizations, and other key stakeholders;
- Utilize industry research to establish the feasibility of various programs, including the level of effort, implementation timeline, and associated expenditures or revenues;
- Collect an understanding of grants and plans that can augment the services of incentives that will benefit the community and businesses in our member cities in areas such as building decarbonization and zero emissions transportation;
- Prioritize the use and development of local, cost-effective renewable and distributed energy resources in ways that encourage and support local power development and storage;
- Produce economic benefits to the region, including local workforce development;
- Support a stable, skilled, and trained workforce; and,
- Pursue purposeful and focused investment in communities of concern and programs centered on economic, environmental, and social equity.

Under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer and in collaboration with OCPA staff and vendors, the selected proposer(s) will utilize the Community Needs Assessment to develop a

multifaceted plan that will pull together all potential programs and investments into a coherent framework that will allow for consistent analysis and calculations of costs, benefits, and measurements of effectiveness.

The selected firm will be expected to develop and provide a cost-benefit analysis that shows the impacts in the following areas:

- Customer savings (via either rate reduction, energy use reduction, or load shaping/shifting);
- Impact metrics for communities of concern;
- Economic impact (reinvestment of labor wages and customer savings back into the local economy);
- OCPA revenue impact (positive or negative);
- Overall investment impact (i.e., to what extent will an OCPA investment catalyze or complement investments to be made by others);
- Air pollutant impact;
- Incremental GHG impact; and
- Other impact metrics that may emerge during the CPP development process.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Technical Assistance component will support collaborative and coordinated efforts with OCPA and its vendors to enhance OCPA's regulatory reporting and technical capabilities. Activities may include:

- Evaluate the energy needs of various OCPA customers or potential customers including cities, businesses, schools, and residents.
- Provide assistance to local organizations and businesses to help them support electrification and carbon-reduction goals.
- Support OCPA in the development of regulatory reporting and voluntary studies, including but not limited to power content label, energy supplier reports, new member agency CPUC implementation plans, emissions reporting, climate risk reporting, greenhouse gas reporting, and similar reports.
- Assist cities in developing climate action plans, energy programs, and grant applications and reports.
- Present technical findings to OCPA Board of Directors, member agencies, and key stakeholders upon request.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

Manage new and existing energy programs to augment OCPA program operations capacity.

Activities may include:

- Provide assistance for the administration of clean energy programs, including but not limited to those identified through the Community Power Plan.
- Manage day-to-day operations of OCPA energy programs when necessary.
- Under the direction of OCPA staff, coordinate engagements with key community stakeholders and organize forums to gather input from diverse stakeholders.
- Prepare administrative and operational reports on program utilization, program recipients, expenditures, emissions reductions, benefits to OCPA member agencies, and similar data points.
- Maintain records of all program information consistent with OCPA's records retention guidelines.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

Increase grant management capacity to provide more funding for CCP and energy programming in OCPA member agencies. Activities may include:

- Monitor and apply for grant funding consistent with OCPA's mission and goals on behalf of OCPA or its member agencies.
- Collaborate with OCPA and member agency staff to develop individual or collaborative grant applications.
- Manage regular contacts with funding administrators and manage reporting requirements, including progress and financial reports.

EXHIBIT “B”

COMPENSATION BILLING RATES

The Consultant will be compensated on a time and materials basis in accordance with the hourly rates set forth below in this Exhibit.

For the development of a Community Power Plan, the estimated cost is approximately \$229,447, and in no event shall exceed \$250,000 during the term of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

For technical assistance, program implementation, and grant support services, costs shall not exceed \$20,000 during any single month, and shall not exceed \$250,000 during the term of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties.

Total compensation under this Agreement shall not exceed \$500,000 as set forth in Section 3.1, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties.

Estimated Budget for Community Power Plan

Development of a Community Power Plan		
Category	Total Estimated Hours	Total Estimated Cost
Staff: Planning	125	\$33,005
Staff: Existing Programs Assessment	112	\$23,020
Staff: Community Needs Assessment	164	\$33,780
Staff: Organizational Needs Assessment	136	\$26,800
Staff: Funding Opportunities Assessment	112	\$23,020
Staff: Cost-Benefit Analysis	142	\$30,040
Staff: Recommendations (Report Development)	125	\$26,425
Staff: Ongoing Coordination	86	\$19,357
Staff: Administrative and Overhead (Invoicing)	24	\$4,500
Materials and Expenses	--	\$6,200
Travel	--	\$3,300
Total		\$229,447

If the Authority requests Extra Work to be performed by the Consultant, compensation for the augmentation of staff will be paid at the rates listed below.

Annual adjustments to these hourly rates will incorporate a 5% increase, effective upon each anniversary of the Agreement effective date.

Breakout of Anticipated Roles by Position	
Position(s)	Anticipated Role
Executive, Vice President	Strategic advisement
Director, Assistant Director	Oversight, client management, regulatory reporting, grant application support
Program Manager	Scope lead, program and grant management, reporting
Program Analyst	Data analysis, Geographic Information System (GIS) support
Project Manager	Research, outreach, OCPA customer engagement and support

Technical Assistance		
Name	Position	Hourly Rate
Craig Perkins	Executive	\$355
Laurel Rothschild	Vice President	\$315
Rebecca Hausheer	Director	\$281
Meaghan Lavery	Director	\$281
Felicia Federico	Director	\$281
Julie Castro	Assistant Director	\$253
Tim Olsen	Assistant Director	\$253
Amy Whitehouse	Program Manager	\$234
Ivana Dorin	Program Manager	\$234
Code Bruder	Program Manager	\$234
Christina Vanciu	Program Analyst	\$181
Alina Bonto	Project Manager	\$181
Nenetzin Rodriguez	Project Manager	\$181
Elaina Lee	Project Manager	\$181
Orson Spence	Project Analyst	\$134
Amanda Butcher	Project Coordinator	\$103
Alex Binzen	Project Coordinator	\$103

Program Implementation Support		
Name	Position	Hourly Rate
Craig Perkins	Executive	\$355
Laurel Rothschild	Vice President	\$315
Rebecca Hausheer	Director	\$281
Meaghan Laverty	Director	\$281
Felicia Federico	Director	\$281
Julie Castro	Assistant Director	\$253
Tim Olsen	Assistant Director	\$253
Amy Whitehouse	Program Manager	\$234
Ivana Dorin	Program Manager	\$234
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Energy Grants Management		
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Craig Perkins	Executive	\$355
Laurel Rothschild	Vice President	\$315
Rebecca Hausheer	Director	\$281
Meaghan Lavery	Director	\$281
Julie Castro	Assistant Director	\$253
Tim Olsen	Assistant Director	\$253
Amy Whitehouse	Program Manager	\$234
Ivana Dorin	Program Manager	\$234
Code Bruder	Program Manager	\$234
Christina Vanciu	Program Analyst	\$181
Tyler Aguirre	Project Manager	\$181
Allison Hang	Project Manager	\$181
Alina Bonto	Project Manager	\$181
Nenetzin Rodriguez	Project Manager	\$181
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ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 10.3

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Saul Viramontes, Management Analyst
Louis Ting, Director of Power Resources

Approved By: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF 2024 JOINT RATE COMPARISON
MAILER

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

What is the Joint Rate Comparison mailer (JRM)?

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires load-serving entities such as Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and Southern California Edison (SCE) to produce and mail a joint rate comparison mailer to help consumers make informed choices about their electric providers. The JRM provides a side-by-side comparison of electric rates from investor-owned utilities (IOUs), like SCE and Community Choice Aggregators (CCA).

The JRM includes information on typical electric rates, average monthly charges, and each provider's generation portfolio contents. This regulatory requirement aims to enhance transparency and allow electric customers to easily compare their options and choose the best rate plan for their needs.

Why do CCAs create and distribute the JRM?

These mailers provide a clear and straightforward comparison of electric rates between CCAs and IOUs. This helps consumers understand their options and make informed decisions about their electricity providers. The CPUC mandates that CCAs and IOUs collaborate to produce these mailers to ensure that all customers receive consistent and accurate information about their electricity rates.

By including details about typical electric rates, average monthly charges, and electricity sources, these mailers educate consumers about the benefits and costs associated with different providers. Lastly, these comparisons encourage healthy competition between CCAs and IOUs, potentially leading to better consumer rates and services.

What is the timeline for the distribution of the JRM?

The JRM is sent once a year to all customers of both CCAs and IOUs, including residential, residential CARE, and commercial customers. The mailer provides a comparison of electric rates, average monthly charges, and each provider's generation portfolio contents.

The exact timing can vary, but typically, the CPUC requires these mailers to be distributed by the Summer of each year. This year, all load-serving entities were granted extensions due to the Renewable Energy Certificate validation process delay with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS).

Key Sections of the Mailer

- Generation Rate: The cost of generating or purchasing electricity to power your home or business varies depending on your energy provider and the resources included in their generation power source.
- Delivery Rate: This is the charge for delivering electricity to your home or business. This is usually consistent as it addresses the Transmission and Delivery rate, which applies to all customers.
- Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA): This charge ensures that both IOU and CCA customers pay for the electric generation resources procured on their behalf.
- Franchise Fees: These are surcharges applied to electricity transported over utility systems constructed in public streets and highways. The utility collects these fees and remits them to the appropriate municipality.
- Total Electricity Cost: This is the sum of the generation rate, delivery rate, PCIA, and franchise fees. It represents the total cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity.
- Average Monthly Bill: This section estimates the average monthly bill for a typical customer based on their average monthly usage.
- Electric Generation Power Mix: This shows the percentage of electricity generated from different sources (e.g., renewable sources like solar and wind, and non-renewable sources like natural gas).

Tips for Reading the JRM

1. Compare Rate: Look at the generation rate, delivery rate, and total electricity cost for each provider. This will help customers understand which provider offers the most cost-effective option.
2. Understand Charges: Pay attention to the PCIA and franchise fees, as these can significantly impact the total electricity cost.
3. Evaluate the Power Mix: Consider the generation power mix. Some providers may offer higher percentages of renewable energy.
4. Check the Average Monthly Bill: This provides a practical idea of what to expect to pay each month based on typical usage.

ANALYSIS

Since beginning service in 2022, OCPA has saved Basic Choice customers over \$2.5 million. In total, we've saved all our customers - Basic Choice, Smart Choice, and 100% Renewable Energy - \$14.59 million. The table below shows typical electric rates for an OCPA customer in a residential rate plan along with the average monthly bill for a customer in this rate plan.

Domestic	SCE	OCPA Basic Choice (44% Renewable)	OCPA Smart Choice (72% Renewable)	OCPA 100% Renewable Choice (100% Renewable)
Generation Rate	\$0.13919	\$0.13340	\$0.14340	\$0.14840
SCE Delivery Rate	\$0.23196	\$0.22447	\$0.22447	\$0.22447
Surcharges	\$0.00000	\$0.00916	\$0.00916	\$0.00916
Total Costs	\$0.37115	\$0.36703	\$0.37703	\$0.38203
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$193.00	\$190.86	\$196.06	\$198.66

Monthly Usage: 520 kWh

OCPA's Basic Choice plan costs 3% less than SCE's equivalent generation rate, offering customers an affordable way to make a difference and embrace a cleaner energy future. OCPA is committed to ensuring its Basic Choice plan continues to cost less than SCE's equivalent generation rate. In fact, OCPA's discount increased in 2024 from 2% to 3%. For customers who can do a bit more, OCPA offers the Smart Choice plan, which is 72% renewable energy, and the 100% Renewable Choice plan.

While increasing access to renewable energy is one of OCPA's top priorities, a balance between energy affordability and our renewable energy goals is considered to help ensure price stability for our customers. Despite higher-than-expected energy prices, OCPA's power portfolio mix maintained remarkable achievements. The following table demonstrates the total renewable energy content by load-serving entity type.

Total Renewable Energy Procured in 2023	California Electric Load Serving Entities
86%	Orange County Power Authority
55%	Community Choice Aggregation Agencies
52%	Three Largest Investor-Owned Utilities (SCE, PG&E, SDG&E)
47%	Electric Service Providers
39%	Small & Jurisdictional Utilities

OCPA's renewable energy purchases totaled 86% for 2023, helping maintain our status as one of the greenest and cleanest CCAs in California. OCPA exceeded voluntary and mandatory state requirements for the purchase of renewable energy, as did the state's three (3) largest investor-owned utilities (IOUs), which collectively served 52% renewable power according to their most recent data.

Since beginning service, OCPA has reduced over 2 billion lbs. of CO2 emissions through renewable energy procurement, which is like removing over 221,000 gas-powered vehicles from the road.

The JRM also serves as a preview for the Power Content Label (PCL), which is part of the Power Source Disclosure Program. The program requires retail electricity suppliers to disclose this information to their customers annually. Staff will prepare a follow-up item for the Board of Directors for the October regular meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – OCPA 2024 Joint Rate Comparison Mailer – Residential

Attachment B – OCPA 2024 Joint Rate Comparison Mailer – Residential CARE

Attachment C – OCPA 2024 Joint Rate Comparison Mailer – Commercial



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Electric Power Generation Mix*	SCE Power Mix	OCPA Basic Choice	OCPA Smart Choice	OCPA 100% Renewable Choice
Renewable Procurements	37.6%	10.1%**	58.0%**	100.0%
Biomass & Biowaste	0.1%	0.0%	17.4%	8.8%
Geothermal	5.2%	0.0%	9.2%	17.1%
Eligible Hydroelectric	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%
Solar	19.8%	0.6%	4.3%	43.9%
Wind	11.7%	9.5%	27.1%	26.2%
Coal	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Large Hydroelectric	4.5%	0.0%	24.0%	0.0%
Natural gas	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Nuclear	9.1%	27.5%	18.0%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unspecified Power	28.8%	62.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

* Based on Year Ending December 31, 2023 Data

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Domestic - CARE	SCE	OCPA Basic Choice (44% Renewable)	OCPA Smart Choice (72% Renewable)	OCPA 100% Renewable Choice (100% Renewable)
Generation Rate	\$0.13919	\$0.13340	\$0.14340	\$0.14840
SCE Delivery Rate	\$0.11198	\$0.11198	\$0.11198	\$0.11198
Surcharges	\$0.00000	\$0.00167	\$0.00167	\$0.00167
Total Costs	\$0.25117	\$0.24705	\$0.25705	\$0.26205
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$130.61	\$128.47	\$133.67	\$136.27

Monthly Usage: 520 kWh

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TOU-GS-1-E	SCE	OCPA Basic Choice (44% Renewable)	OCPA Smart Choice (72% Renewable)	OCPA 100% Renewable Choice (100% Renewable)
Generation Rate	\$0.12946	\$0.14013	\$0.15013	\$0.15513
SCE Delivery Rate	\$0.16466	\$0.15757	\$0.15757	\$0.15757
Surcharges	\$0.00000	-\$0.00791	-\$0.00791	-\$0.00791
Total Costs	\$0.29412	\$0.28979	\$0.29979	\$0.30479
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$271.77	\$267.77	\$277.01	\$281.63

Monthly Usage: 924 kWh | Monthly Demand: 2kW

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ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 10.4

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Saul Viramontes, Management Analyst

Approved By: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: OCPA 2024 Strategic Plan Progress Update

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Consistent with Orange County Power Authority's (OCPA) strategic planning process, which began earlier this year and was presented to the Board of Director's (Board) via Workshop on May 21, 2024, staff are presenting a brief update on the progress of the goals and objectives set for FY2024-25.

Attached is a Strategic Plan Progress Tracker, which provides details on the status of each objective and available updates as of September 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – OCPA 2024 Strategic Plan Progress Tracker

Focus Area:	Enrich and Grow the OCPA Community	Expected Completion Date	Assigned To	Status	Update/Comments
Objective 1	Conduct an annual survey of prospective member agencies' interests and needs.	Q1 2025	Communications & External Affairs	Complete	The annual survey was conducted in August 2024 and results will be processed during September 2024.
Objective 2	Conduct quarterly meetings with policy staff from potential member agencies to discuss strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote electrification, and identify funding sources.	Quarterly	Communications & External Affairs	Ongoing+	Regular check-ins with member agency staff and other key stakeholders in policy, electric, or environmental industries.
Objective 3	Host Quarterly Business Roundtables at OCPA to gather insights on programs and offerings that incentivize businesses to endorse the agency.	Quarterly	Communications & External Affairs	In Progress	
Objective 4	Host four community town halls to introduce programs and agency updates.	Quarterly	Communications & External Affairs	In Progress	
Objective 5	Produce webinars on billing, programs, and OCPA general information.	Quarterly	Communications & External Affairs	In Progress	
Objective 6	Engage key stakeholders in prospective member agencies to promote OCPA's mission and benefits to member agencies and customers.	Monthly	Communications & External Affairs		
Objective 7	Develop and implement a strategy for identifying, educating, and enrolling new member agencies.	Q3 2024	Communications & External Affairs	Ongoing+	A Prospective Member City Communications and Public Outreach plan has been developed and is being implemented with Fountain Valley.
Focus Area:	Prioritize Fiscal Sustainability & Affordability	Expected Completion Date	Assigned To	Status	Update/Comments
Objective 1	Maintain strong and stable financial growth by ensuring that OCPA rates are sufficient to generate returns and meet expenses.	Jan-25	Finance & Data Analytics	Ongoing+	Since April 2024, staff has collaborated with our energy counterparties and US Bank to transition the entire \$14.7 million collateral posting requirement from letters of credit to cash posting, reducing financing costs and financial obligations. Additionally, staff has been evaluating potential measures, including deferring revenue from FY2023/24 to FY2024/25 and adjusting OCPA's product offerings, to mitigate customer rate shock due to the projected SCE rate reduction and PCIA increases in January 2025.
Objective 2	Build the Rate Stabilization Reserves Fund to be in the range of 30-50% of total operating expenses starting FY2024/25.	Jun-24	Finance & Data Analytics	Complete	In June 2024, the Board approved the FY2024/25 OCPA Operating Budget, projecting the Rate Stabilization Reserves Fund (RSF) at 41% of total operating expenses for FY2024/25. For planning purposes, the RSF is projected to range between 37% and 57% of total operating expenses from FY2025/26 through FY2029/30.
Objective 3	Partner with a professional load forecasting consultant to develop and maintain 5-year long-term load forecasting and 15-day short-term load forecast, aiming to improve accuracy and mitigate financial risks.	Q4 2024	Finance & Data Analytics	Complete	In May 2024, OCPA partnered with Amperon, a specialist in risk mitigation through advanced demand forecasting, to develop a 5-year long-term load forecast for FY2024/25 through FY2029/30. This partnership also focuses on creating a short-term load forecast to mitigate financial risks in the day-ahead CAISO market.
Objective 4	Engage with a professional credit rating consultant to develop a planning roadmap aimed at obtaining a credit rating in 2027.	Q1 2025	Finance & Data Analytics	Complete	In August 2024, staff identified PFM Financial Advisory, a proven and experienced municipal financial advisor, to assist OCPA in developing a roadmap to achieve a credit rating by 2027. Securing an investment-grade credit rating will increase competition among energy procurement counterparties, potentially lowering energy costs. It will also eliminate the \$14.7 million collateral posting requirement, reduce transaction costs, and unlock innovative financing options for future growth and investments.
Objective 5	Create a comprehensive walkthrough of the OCPA Rate Design, aligning it with the projected 12-month revenue requirement for CY2025.	Jan-25	Finance & Data Analytics		

Objective 6	Reassess OCPA's Product Offerings, ensuring the integration of the most cost-effective and appropriate renewable resources.	Q4 2024	Finance & Data Analytics	In Progress	Since July 2024, staff has been evaluating potential changes to OCPA's product offerings to mitigate energy costs due to the sudden increase in renewable energy prices (PCC1). Several scenarios will be presented to the ad-hoc committee for consideration in Q4 2024.
Objective 7	Develop relationships with financial institutions capable of offering prepay structured financing services on Power Purchase Agreements with power suppliers.	Jun-25	Finance & Data Analytics	In Progress	Staff plans to introduce the prepay transaction initiative to the board in October 2024.
Objective 8	Establish a new office location to optimize costs, accommodate the requirements of a public agency, and boost organizational efficiency by maintaining our own secure environment.	Sep-24	Administration	Complete	OCPA has officially moved into new office space at 15310 Barranca Parkway which provides the organization with a new Boardroom, private conference room/meeting space, and more space for the growing team while reducing operational costs.
Objective 9	Partner with cybersecurity professionals leveraging both current and new resources to examine and fortify our technology infrastructure, ensuring protection against evolving threats.	Q2 2025	Administration	In Progress	At our new office space, OCPA has its own network and firewall, reducing the potential for cyber threats. Additionally, staff are meeting with cyber professionals to support the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) audit requirements which will include penn testing and a review of OCPA's data standards and IT policies.

Focus Area:	Move Toward a More Sustainable Electric Grid	Expected Completion Date	Assigned To	Status	Update/Comments
Objective 1	Implement the first OCPA local generation programs, establishing contracts for developing small-scale distributed storage facilities with a 1-5 megawatt capacity each.	Q1 2025	Power Resources	In Progress	The pilot Feed-in-Tariff program is planned to be deployed in the first quarter of 2025 instead of Q4 of 2024 to ensure alignment with customers’ feedback and assessments.
Objective 2	Establish precise metrics and effective tools to proficiently identify, avoid, and mitigate market and credit risks for OCPA.	Q1 2025	Power Resources	In Progress	The precise metrics will be developed by Q1 of 2025, including surveying industry best practices, baselines, and overall OCPA’s growth objectives.
Objective 3	Create local partnerships with clean technology companies to advance emerging long-term energy storage and technologies.	Q2 2025	Power Resources	In Progress	Ongoing progress on surveying technology companies with a local presence with sustainability and low or potential to lower the overall carbon footprint. Staff will attend RE+ 2024 to further the effort.
Objective 4	Forge partnerships with other CCAs to acquire shared resources, mitigate development risks, and capitalize on economies of scale.	Q4 2024	Power Resources	In Progress	Continued participation with CalCCA’s committees and discussion groups – resource procurement, risk management, compliance, and modeling. In addition, outreach to other CCAs have provided actionable insights; and this will be a continued effort to build relationships and forge partnership in power procurement. Lastly, taking next steps in joining CA Community Power (CCPower) to leverage a larger pool of buying power.
Objective 5	Create a more sustainable electric grid with measurable milestones above California’s renewable energy goals.	Q1 2025	Power Resources	In Progress	Successfully awarded a significant portion of CA RPS-eligible Power Content Category 1 (PCC1) Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) in August 2024 for the calendar year 2025 that provides more certainty for OCPA’s customer 100% product choice while continuing to exceed CA RPS requirements. With the recent softening of market prices along with the development of the Implementation Plan for Fountain Valley, adjusting the expected completion to Q1 of 2025 will better align with the schedule.
Objective 6	Create partnerships with member agencies to identify local development opportunities.	Q1 2025	Power Resources	In Progress	Dovetailing Objective No. 1 to implement a local generation program, OCPA staff is continuing to work on feasibilities and identifying opportunities with member agencies, including locations with high potential. The expected completion date for this Objective is adjusted to Q2 of 2025 to align with the completion of Objective No. 1.
Objective 7	Release at least two (2) long-term solicitations for renewable energy resources.	Q2 2025	Power Resources		With the solicitation RFP issued in March of 2024 for long-term renewable energy and incremental capacity supply, negotiations with the short-listed proposers are ongoing and will evaluate and determine whether one or two additional long-term solicitations should be released by Q2 of 2025 in the subsequent update.

Focus Area:	Raising Awareness of OCPA & Informing People on the Advantages of Clean Energy	Expected Completion Date	Assigned To	Status	Update/Comments
Objective 1	Launch the Community Power Plan (CPP) emphasizing diverse customer engagement, which will support the creation of customer programs in the upcoming years.	Jan-25	Customer Programs	In Progress	The CPP contractor recommendation is going before the Board of Directors on September 17th, 2024. We will kick-off the program in Q4 2024.
Objective 2	Communicate in culturally relevant ways by providing easily accessible information in multiple languages to reach diverse communities.	Monthly	Customer Programs	Ongoing+	Numerous documents and videos have been translated into multiple languages including the latest postcard. OCPA has a relationship with a responsive translation service to support in expanding language access for all relevant materials.
Objective 3	Establish grant opportunities for member agencies and customers to support electrification and energy efficiency.	Jun-25	Customer Programs	Ongoing+	OCPA has been selected to as a sub-grantee for the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install (EBD DI) Program through the California Energy Commission. As a partner on this program, OCPA will promote among under-resourced and low-income communities in member cities the opportunity for residential customers to electrify their homes at no cost.
Objective 4	Continue building positive relationships with multicultural, business, trade, environmental, non-governmental, and community-based organizations.	Monthly	Communications & External Affairs	Ongoing+	Moreover, electrification and energy efficiency programs will be researched as part of the Community Power Plan.
Objective 5	Continue building relationships with media outlets, creating a steady drumbeat of news around milestones, and sustaining balanced and positive stories.	Monthly	Communications & External Affairs	Ongoing+	OCPA is a member of many chambers including most multicultural and municipal chambers that overlap our customers. Meetings with multicultural organizations happen monthly, most recently with the South Coast Chinese Cultural Association and the Vietnamese Chamber of Fountain Valley.
Objective 6	Conduct tracking surveys annually in July 2024, 2025, and 2026, to measure awareness and perceptions.	Q3 2024	Communications & External Affairs	Complete	A list of media contacts has been developed and is continuously evolving. We continue outreach to local media outlets to provide deskside updates on OCPA.
Objective 7	Develop a sustained outreach program for elected officials and their staff.	Q1 2025	Communications & External Affairs	In Progress	The annual survey was conducted in August 2024 and results will be processed during September 2024.
Objective 8	Develop and implement a Supplier Diversity Plan that encourages doing business with OCPA and promotes diversity and inclusion for all OCPA communities.	Q1 2025	Communications & External Affairs	In Progress	OCPA is represented at many local small business and supplier diversity forums to broaden reach and provide information on ways to work with us. Activities include tabling at regional procurement days, attending conferences, and meeting with small business owners to explore services and partnerships.
Objective 9	Create and implement an outreach plan re-engaging customers who previously opted out to encourage re-enrollment of at least 2% of non-OCPA customers.	Q1 2025	Communications & External Affairs	In Progress	
Focus Area:	Strengthen Advocacy Efforts to Bolster Community Power & Amplify OCPA's Voice	Expected Completion Date	Assigned To	Status	Update/Comments
Objective 1	Ensure OCPA's policy platform aligns with organizational objectives and strategic priorities.	Jan-25	Regulatory, Legislative, & Policy		
Objective 2	Engage a wide range of stakeholders in developing and updating the OCPA Policy Platform.	Jan-25	Regulatory, Legislative, & Policy		
Objective 3	Enhance OCPA's legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts by developing an advocacy roadmap to engage with key stakeholders and legislators to ensure outcomes that are consistent with OCPA's strategic goals.	Jun-25	Regulatory, Legislative, & Policy	In Progress	
Objective 4	Conduct at least six high-impact advocacy meetings with key legislators and stakeholders.	Annually	Regulatory, Legislative, & Policy	Scheduled	February - Sacramento March - Washington D.C. June - Assembly member Cottie Petrie-Norris October, Washington D.C.
Objective 5	Develop and implement a regulatory monitoring framework to ensure all departments are consistently informed about regulatory changes and their implications.	Jun-25	Regulatory, Legislative, & Policy	In Progress	

Focus Area:	Build an Exceptional Team	Expected Completion Date	Assigned To	Status	Update/Comments
Objective 1	Recruit Chief Operations Officer and all open positions in the 2024/2025 FY approved staffing plan.	Jun-25	Administration /Human Resources	In Progress	Four (4) recruitments are in progress with most of them reviewing final candidates. COO recruitment is the only approved position outstanding.
Objective 2	Expand employee professional development to include briefings with all OCPA teams for new staff and make learning sessions available to other team members to encourage continued collaboration.	Quarterly	Administration /Human Resources	Ongoing+	In June 2024, staff received two comprehensive foundational trainings related to the western energy grid, energy portfolio considerations, state Renewable Portfolio Standards program, and the day ahead and real-time markets.
Objective 3	Foster high employee engagement by establishing quarterly team-building opportunities for the OCPA team.	Quarterly	Administration /Human Resources	Ongoing+	Staff and Board members came together for a Welcome BBQ on the first day at our new office to celebrate the large milestone and reflect on the impact we have made as an organization.
Objective 4	Hold an annual OCPA team offsite meeting to encourage continued planning, collaboration, and learning.	Q3 2024	Administration /Human Resources	In Progress	In development, targetting November 2024.
Objective 5	Develop a recognition and awards platform for identifying individuals and organizations making significant contributions to sustainability efforts in the community, allowing OCPA to recognize and celebrate local accomplishments.	Q4 2024	Administration	In Progress	Staff are developing criteria and reviewing submissions for OCPA's first community impact awards.

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 10.5

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Linda Kraemer, Community Engagement Manager
Jacquie Henderson, Director of Communications & External Affairs

Approved by: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and consider the recommendations on appointing two at-large members to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors (Board) created the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and developed the Community Advisory Committee Scope and Purpose (Scope and Purpose) to guide its functioning. The Scope and Purpose begins with a statement of the purpose of the CAC, which is “to advise the Authority Board of Directors on the operation of its Community Choice Energy program.”

The Community Advisory Committee Membership Criteria (Membership Criteria) addresses the composition of the CAC. In accordance with the Membership Criteria, the CAC is made up of 8 members. Each member agency appoints two members to the CAC for their respective member agency. Two members of the CAC serve as at-large members approved by the Board.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

There are 8 member positions of the CAC. Two members are appointed by the Board as at-large members, and 6 members are appointed by member agencies (two members per agency). Below are the appointments received by the representative for each member agency and at-large.

City of Buena Park

1. Nayeli Figueroa
2. Shanin Ziemer

City of Fullerton

1. Ralph Futch
2. Deepak Nanda

City of Irvine

1. Melisa Masri
2. Doug Elliott

At-Large

1. Senait Forthal (Expired Term)

The term of office for an at-large member is one year, and a member can serve up to two terms.

On March 11, 2024, at-large Committee Member Oscar Valadez submitted his resignation to take a post on the City of Fullerton's Park and Recreation Committee. OCPA posted the notice of vacancy for both at-large positions due to Committee Member Forthal's position reaching term expiration. The notice was posted along with the scope and purpose and an application for those interested in serving on the CAC. We posted it on our OCPA website, including it in our newsletters, and on our social media platforms. We received several applicants, but they did not live or work in our member cities. The deadline was extended and shared in May 2024 and shared again in June 2024. We received applications from two qualified individuals within our member cities.

Applicants for At-Large CAC Members

1. Faisal Qazi, DO
2. Dominic Bendinelli

Staff recommends the appointment of Faisal Qazi and Dominic Bendinelli, given their demonstrated history of engagement and service in the communities of Buena Park, Fullerton, and the Orange County area.

Dr. Qazi owns a neurology practice in Fullerton. He currently serves as a commissioner on the CA Commission on Aging, a Gubernatorial Appointment (Governor Gavin Newsom), and is a past member of the Community Development Commission for the City of Fullerton. He's an Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology at the University of Riverside and is concerned about the impact of air quality on our health and nervous system.

Dominic Bendinelli is a resident of Buena Park and an employee at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He is passionate about clean air and has advocated for energy permitting reform and federal emissions data as a volunteer with the Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL). He is a CCL Electrification Action Team member, advocating for electrifying buildings, transportation, and more.

Both individuals have shown strong support for OCPA in their communities and have attended OCPA sponsored community events.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: Applications for At-Large CAC Members

2024 Application for Orange County Power Authority

Community Advisory Committee

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), the Community Choice Energy program made up of the communities of Buena Park, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Irvine and the County of Orange, is now seeking applications for membership in its Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Complete applications along with a resume are to be sent via email to clerk@ocpower.org. Applications can also be mailed to the following address:

**Orange County Power Authority
P.O. Box 54283, Irvine, CA 92619-4283
Attention: Linda Kraemer**

Each Board Member may appoint two members to the CAC, but no member agency can appoint more than two members. In addition to direct appointments, the Board shall appoint two at-large members via an application process.

The role of the CAC members includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Elect officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) and define priorities and duties to ensure the Committee can operate independently and collaboratively, with limited support from Authority staff, but in keeping with the priorities of the Board.
2. From time to time the Board may ask the CAC to work on defined objectives and produce materials or advice that will assist the Board in decision-making.
3. Help the Board to identify issues of concern and opportunities to educate community members about the Authority.
4. Draft reports to the Board with findings and recommendations as may be needed.
5. Represent the views of the Committee constituencies in comments and recommendations.
6. Plan for and engage in community events and special projects, as appropriate.
7. Serve as an information-channel back to their colleagues and communities.
8. Other duties or tasks, as deemed appropriate by the CAC and Board, that meet the purpose of providing a venue for ongoing citizen support and engagement in the strategic direction, goals, and programs of the Authority.

2024 Application for Orange County Power

Authority Community Advisory Committee

Applicant Criteria

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Applicants must be committed to serving on the CAC and regularly attending CAC meetings and occasional OCPA Board meetings. CAC meetings, times, and location will be determined once the members are approved by the OCPA Board of Directors. Members will initially serve a one-year term and there is a limit of two terms.

Name: Faisal Qazi

Address:

Phone & Email 9

Member City: Fullerton

Are you a business owner in one of the four member cities? If so which one?

Yes, Fullerton.

Are you an employee of a community-based organization or non-profit in one of the four member cities? If so which one?

No

Please use a separate sheet of paper to explain why you wish to be appointed to the Orange County Power Authority Community Advisory Committee and briefly describe your qualifications including any applicable experience. Please indicate if you are a representative of an organization with expertise in energy issues generally and/or Community Choice Energy specifically. Please attach a resume.

2024 Application for Orange County Power Authority

Community Advisory Committee

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I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend scheduled meetings if appointed. I am also aware that this application is a public document.

Signature

5/20/2024

Date

Faisal Qazi, DO

Professional and Academic Experience

<i>2021 – present</i>	<i>Designated Institutional Officer (DIO) and co-founder The Neurology Group Residency (Training) Program</i>
<i>2018 – present</i>	<i>Assistant Clinical Professor, Neurology University of CA, Riverside</i>
<i>2014 – present</i>	<i>Co-Founder - past President The Neurology Group (large medical practice group) East LA Co, Inland Empire and North OC (southern CA)</i>
<i>2007 – present</i>	<i>Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology (prev. Adjunct) Western University of Health Sciences Lecturer at College of Osteopathic Medicine</i>
<i>2006 - present</i>	<i>Founder/President - Inland Neurological Consultants Inc. Solo Private Practice-Affiliate of The Neurology Group</i>
<i>2006 – present</i>	<i>Hospital Affiliations: St. Jude Providence Medical Center, Fullerton (2013–present) Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, Pomona (2009–present) Casa Colina Regional Rehab Hospital, Pomona (2007-present) San Antonio Regional Hospital, Upland (2006 – present)</i>

Honors and Awards

<i>2022</i>	<i>A.B. Baker Teacher Recognition Award American Academy of Neurology</i>
<i>2016</i>	<i>National Values in Action: Justice Award St. Jude Hospital – Providence Health Systems</i>
<i>2016</i>	<i>Physician of the Year Award San Antonio Community Hospital</i>
<i>2014</i>	<i>Recognition of Service The Epilepsy Center</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>Community Hero Award San Antonio Community Hospital Medical Staff</i>

2013	<i>Professor of the Year Award</i> Claremont School of Theology-CA
2013	<i>Visionary Leadership Award from</i> CA Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva Awarded at ACCESS-CA Gala
2013	<i>40 under 40 Leadership Award</i> New Leader's Council
2011	<i>Certificate of Recognition</i> Kids Come First (Free Clinic - Ontario, CA)
2010-2011	<i>Recognition of Service</i> The Epilepsy Center
2010	<i>Best Doctors of Inland Empire</i> Upland, CA

Organizations and Committees

2020 – present	<i>Commissioner, CA Commission on Aging</i> Gubernatorial Appointment (Governor Gavin Newsom)
2020	<i>Candidate, Fullerton City Council</i>
2014 - 2017	<i>Member, Community Development Commission</i> City of Fullerton, CA
2011 - present	<i>President/Co-founder/Treasurer/Board Member</i> Medical Network Devoted to Service (MiNDS)
2012 - 2013	<i>Treasurer, CA Neurological Society</i>
2011- 2012	<i>Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee</i> California Neurological Society
2011	<i>Delegate, CA Medical Association</i>
2010	<i>Chair, Local Action Network – Orange County CA</i> National Physicians Alliance
2009-2010	<i>President</i> American Muslim Health Professionals
2009-2011	<i>Member, Inland Empire Regional Task Force</i> CA Senate Autism Advisory Committee – <i>Senator Dutton</i>

<i>2008-2010</i>	<i>Member, Board of Directors</i> Open Doors, Autism Support and Advocacy Group Rancho Cucamonga, California
<i>2008-2010</i>	<i>Member, Board of Directors</i> Epilepsy Center – Patient Advocacy and support Foundation Riverside, California
<i>2003-2005</i>	<i>Founder and Medical Director</i> Health Unit on Davison Avenue (HUDA Clinic) Charitable Free Clinic, Detroit, MI

Education

<i>1997 - 2001</i>	<i>Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine</i> <i>Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine</i>
<i>1994 - 1996</i>	<i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> <i>B.S., Neuroscience</i>
<i>1992 - 1994</i>	<i>El Camino College, Torrance, CA</i> <i>Honor Transfer Program</i>

Training Experience

<i>2005 -2006</i>	<i>Fellow, Clinical Neurophysiology</i> University of California, San Diego
<i>2002 - 2005</i>	<i>Resident, Neurology</i> Henry Ford Hospital
<i>2001 - 2002</i>	<i>Transitional Intern, ACGME and AOA Accreditation</i> Riverside Osteopathic Hospital/ Henry Ford Hospital

Professional Societies/Licensure

<i>2014-present</i>	<i>Advisor, Initiative on Islam and Medicine</i> University of Chicago, IL
<i>2008-present</i>	Board Certification in Neurology, ABPN
<i>2005-present</i>	Licensed by Osteopathic Medical Board State of California
<i>2003 -present</i>	Member, American Academy of Neurology

2011-2012	Member, American Academy of Sleep Medicine
2007 - 2010	Member, Neuroethics Society
2006-2011	Member, American Epilepsy Society
2005-2009	Member, Ethics Subsection American Academy of Neurology
2004-2005	Interim Chief Resident Department of Neurology Henry Ford Hospital

Research/Presentations

2019-2023	<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Multicenter, non-comparative extension to study AC-058b301, to investigate the safety and long-term tolerability, and control of disease Ponesimod 20 mg in subjects with relapsing multiple sclerosis.
2016-2019	<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, active-controlled, superiority study to compare the efficacy and safety of Ponesimod to Teriflunomide in subjects with relapsing multiple sclerosis.
2015	<i>Sub-Investigator:</i> Study of Montelukast on Gastrointestinal Tolerability in Patients with Relapsing Forms of Multiple Sclerosis Receiving Tecfidera
2015	<i>Sub-Investigator:</i> Pediatric study on patients with upper and lower limb spasticity with Botox
2014	<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Long term, prospective, multinational, parallel-cohort study monitoring safety in patients with MS newly started on Fingolimod once daily or treated with another approved disease-modifying therapy.
2014-2017	<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Observational study to evaluate the safety profile of Fingolimod in patients with Multiple Sclerosis who switch from Natalizumab to Fingolimod.
2013-2015	<i>Study:</i> Interface between Science and Religion (Islam) Member, Templeton Working Group, Univ. of Chicago, IL
2013	<i>Publication:</i> The Degree of Certainty in Brain Death: The Divide between Clinical and Islamic Legal Discourse Journal of Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics

2012	<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Efficacy of Acupuncture for prophylaxis Migraine: a multicenter randomized controlled clinical trial
2012	<i>Presentation:</i> Certainty in Brain Death Jain Interfaith Bioethics Conference, Claremont, CA
2012	<i>Publication:</i> Insomnia-Assessment and Treatment Review Journal of Osteopathic Family Physician
2012	<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Placebo-controlled clinical trial with Ergotamine in acute treatment of Migraine
2011	<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Mitoxantrone in progressive Multiple Sclerosis: a placebo-controlled, double-blind, randomized, multicenter trial
2011 - 2013	<i>Principle Investigator:</i> PRISM Trial
2010-2013	<i>Research Trial:</i> POINT Principle Investigator – Effect of Plavix loading in acute stroke Pomona Valley Medical Center San Antonio Community Hospital
2010-2011	<i>Research Trial:</i> CMTT Principle Investigator – Effect of topiramate and propranolol vs topiramate and placebo in migraine patients after 6 months of treatment.
2004-2005	Disorders of Consciousness in Medical, Legal and Religious Discourse Neurosciences Grand Rounds Presentation Henry Ford Hospital
2003	Analysis of Outcomes of Current Stroke Therapy Multivariate Regression Analysis, HFH Stroke Registry

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Name:

Dominic Bendinelli

Address:

Phone & Email:

Member City:

Buena Park

Are you a business owner in one of the four member cities? If so which one?

☐ No

Are you an employee of a community-based organization or non-profit in one of the four member cities? If so which one?

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08/01/2024

Signature

Date

Dear Orange County Power Authority Board,

As a local resident, proud OCPA customer, and an environmental advocate I would like to join the community advocacy committee to support OCPA as it prepares to expand further across Orange County. I am a volunteer with the Citizen Climate Lobby where I have spoken to various Congressional Offices on issues like energy permitting reform and federal emissions data. Within CCL I'm a member of our Electrification Action Team, advocating for electrifying buildings, transportation and more. Over the course of the summer in my spare time I attended multiple community public comment events to shape the OC CAP, volunteered with Climate Reality Project and have been working to get strong indirect source rules established at SCAQMD. I am passionate about cleaning up our environment and CCAs are a top way to get it done! I would like to help in any way that I can to expand OCPA to all of Orange County and give all our residents the choice of cleaner sources of electricity and of competitive electricity rates. We are a large, diverse county and if selected I would strive to serve the needs of all our residents. I appreciate your consideration of my application to the Community Advisory Committee.

Thank you,

Dominic Bendinelli

Dominic Bendinelli

EXPERIENCE

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Feb 2022 – Present

Pricing Analyst

Pasadena, CA

- Responsible for lab-wide support for generating cost/price detail including proposals, task plans, ROMs, etc.
- Trained the pricing team on underutilized capabilities of ProPricer
- Generate Non-Disclosure Agreements for all non-contractual collaboration
- Lead a cohort project to develop NDA training for technical managers

General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.

Nov 2019 – Feb 2022

Pricing Analyst

Remote

- Proposed/Negotiated/Settled over \$1B in FAR15 compliant proposals in 2021
- Initiated multiple special projects to advance department goals and training development
- Engaged in proposal audits (DMCA+DCAA) and negotiations with multiple DOD customers
- Created live cost models using ProPricer and Excel
- Developed various types of proposals (FFP, CPFF, T&M) for government customers

General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.

Aug 2018 – Nov 2019

Project Control Analyst

Poway, CA

- Developed and maintained Integrated Master Schedules and Milestone Charts for complex UAV programs
- Analyzed finance and schedule data using EVM techniques to report on overall program health

Accion San Diego

Oct 2017 – Aug 2018

Loan Support Specialist

San Diego, CA

- Investigated personal/business finances to reveal business risks and opportunities for growth
- Underwrote small business loans for new business owners
- Enforced proper policy, procedures, and methods through the closing of loan files

In N Out Burger

Apr 2013 - Nov 2017

Level 4 Store Associate

San Diego, CA

- Contributed as a team member to maximize efficiency in stressful situations and a fast-paced work environment

EDUCATION

Point Loma Nazarene University

Aug 2013 - May 2017

Bachelor of Arts, International Studies

San Diego, CA

- Graduated Cum Laude (3.4 GPA)
- Coursework: World Regional Geography, Introduction to International Relations, Global Governance, Issues in Public Policy, War and Peace Studies, 20th Century Russia, Modern Korea/Japan and Islam in Politics

Intuit

Summer 2021

Professional Certificate, Intuit Bookkeeping Specialization

- A dive into the foundations of accounting through hands-on activities to be eligible for bookkeeping role

SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

- Volunteer Leader (2013-2020) at The Church at Rancho Bernardo
- Designated pricing trainer of new hire/Intern at General Atomics (2020)
- Involved in various technology initiatives at JPL
- Trained in Lean Six Sigma (LSS), certification expected by Sept. 2024

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 11

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Date: September 17, 2024

CPUC Approves SCE October Rate Change

On August 1, the CPUC approved SCE's ERRA Trigger to reduce their bundled generation rates by \$742 million, effective October 1. The preliminary average rate reduction is about 1.39 cents/kWh, or 4.9%. This October rate change is projected to reduce OCPA revenue by approximately \$6-\$7 million from October through December 2024. The final SCE rate change information will be released on September 20. The updated OCPA rates will likely take effect on November 1. Staff will provide the updated OCPA rate schedules to the board for ratification at its November meeting.

California Community Power (CC Power) Membership Update

To advance OCPA's strategic goal of partnering with other CCAs to share resources and leverage economies of scale, OCPA expressed interest in joining CC Power on August 5, 2024. CC Power is a Joint Powers Agency of 9 CCAs, serving over 2.7 million customers across 112 municipalities, focused on cost-effective clean energy procurement.

Membership in CC Power would strengthen OCPA's energy procurement, support sustainability goals, and provide access to shared services and expertise. While there are associated costs, the potential for cost savings, operational efficiencies, and progress toward emission reduction targets offers significant value. Collaboration with other CCAs also enhances opportunities for innovation and growth.

The CC Power Board will assess OCPA’s clean energy goals and financial stability. If approved, staff will present the membership request to the OCPA Board for approval in Q4 2024.

California State Auditor Audit Update

The California State Auditor informed us last week that they have completed our audit and considered all recommendations within their audit to have been fully implemented by OCPA. They have updated their website to reflect that OCPA has met all the State Auditor’s Office recommendations.

Financial Audit for FY2023/24

OCA's external auditor, Pimenti & Brinker (P&B), has begun their financial audit fieldwork for the fiscal year 2023/24. The estimated timeline for P&B to complete the audit work is mid-November, with the proposed timeline to present the audit results to the board on November 25, 2024.

OCA Credit Rating Update

OCA staff will work with PFM Financial Advisors as the credit rating consultant to develop a roadmap for OCA to obtain a credit rating by 2027. The roadmap will consist of three phases:

- Planning (2024-25), where PFM will outline credit guidelines and assist in developing a rating procurement strategy;
- Preparation (2026), which involves monitoring financial metrics, initiating rating agency outreach, and preparing credit presentation materials; and
- Target (2027), focused on managing the entire credit rating process, coordinating with the rating agency, and handling data requests to achieve an investment-grade credit rating.

Power Procurement Savings via Prepayment Transactions

Staff are in the final stages of evaluating a potential prepay bond transaction for 2025. A prepayment is a long-term financial transaction available to municipal utilities and tax-exempt entities like OCA, offering significant power procurement cost savings. In the past three years, 11 Prepay transactions involving 6 different CCAs have raised over \$10 billion in bond proceeds, resulting in approximately \$60 million in annual energy procurement cost savings. Staff will present our evaluation and recommendation to the board in Q4 2024 for consideration.

Joint Rate Comparison Mailer

The Joint Rate Comparison mailer (JRM) is publicly available. Early recipients received a copy as early as August 30, 2024. Most OCA customers received copies in the mail the first week of September 2024.

The JRM contains rate comparisons and details on the estimated portfolio power mix. The mailer itself is CPUC-regulated and does not allow for much customization. The Power Disclosure Reports and the draft Power Content Label will be on the October meeting agenda if the California Energy Commission releases the Power Content Label template on time.

The final copies (residential, CARE, and commercial) are now posted on our website under Key Documents.

Fountain Valley City Council - Feasibility Study

On Tuesday, September 3, 2024, the Fountain Valley City Council received the feasibility study results, presentation, and information on our plans to communicate with key stakeholders and the

public. Ultimately, the City Council voted 4-1 to proceed with the first reading of the Ordinance and Resolution to join OCPA and provided staff direction on the next steps.

OCA's New Headquarters – 15310 Barranca Parkway, Suite 250, Irvine

OCA's new headquarters are officially open to staff and the public. While a few improvements remain, including installing the Board Room AV system and some additional furniture, staff are settling in well and are excited to welcome our community.

Our staff is in the process of organizing an Open House & Annual Celebration on Thursday, October 3.

2025 CalCCA Annual Conference Confirmed to be Hosted at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine

CalCCA has officially announced that it signed a deal with Hyatt Regency in Irvine to host the next CalCCA Conference. Hyatt Regency Irvine is a 100% Renewable Choice customer, which presents an excellent opportunity to support our key customers and serves as an example of CCAs working with local businesses to stimulate growth and jobs. This conference would not be happening next year in Orange County without the commitment and enthusiasm of the OCA team. The OCA team is excited to be the host CCA and be involved in planning the conference to ensure it is the best and most successful one to date.

Communications & External Affairs Updates

Communications

- Steven Halligan has been honored by the [Greater Irvine Chamber](#) as a 40 Under 40 Award honoree! The award recognizes next-generation business and community leaders making strides in their industries and the Orange County community.
- In late August, I was featured on the [OC Talk Radio show Impact OC](#), where I had an opportunity to speak in-depth about OCA and the benefits of community choice energy. This was a fantastic interview, and we had the gift of time to discuss the specifics of what OCA offers to member cities and our positive effect on the climate.
- Louis Ting's new hire announcement was featured in the [OC Register's Status Update](#)
- OCA's social media results from July 2024 are marked by successful campaigns and active community engagement in organic and paid content.
 - The Omnipresent Campaign concluded on July 1 to allow for a creative refresh, with plans to resume in September.
 - The E-Bike Customer Drawing campaign that concluded on July 31 was highly successful, resulting in 1,186 new email subscribers(!) and bringing over 6,000 visitors to the blog post in July alone, totaling 14,600 visits during the campaign. Paid advertising efforts drove this success, generating 23,328 link clicks, 1.7 million impressions, and reaching 372,325 people.
 - Throughout July, OCA actively engaged with the community by highlighting various events, including a June event recap video, announcing the addition of Jacquie Henderson to OCA's team, Buena Park's Concert in the Park, We're Hiring posts, Pretend City's Summer Soiree, and the IgniteHER Summit.

- Overall, our social media efforts in July resulted in 937,650 impressions, 2,198 engagements, and net audience growth of +158!
- Multicultural meetings were held over the last few weeks to provide an update on OCPA.
- OCPA now has a page on its website for the [Green P100NEER](#) program, and we are working to schedule our next Green P100NEER content captured with Super 73.

Customer Programs Updates

- We are preparing to launch the Calpine Foundation Grant, providing approximately \$125,000 to 501(c)3 organizations in our member agencies or who are in the region and are making a positive difference in our member agencies. The program will launch on October 14, and we look forward to sharing the application with the Board of Directors as soon as it is finalized.
- Several years ago, OCPA applied for energy efficiency program funding through the California Public Utilities Commission. It was determined that funding was unavailable then, but changes at the CPUC recently made it available to OCPA. The programs must meet a strict Total Resource Cost calculation that we are currently determining, which will likely come in around \$1 million per year for the 3-year program.
- OCPA will receive funds through the Equitable Building Decarbonization Grant to promote the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install (EBD DI) Program in our member cities. This program will accelerate large-scale residential building decarbonization efforts in Southern California and will be led by LA County. Final budget negotiations and CEC approval are being processed.
- Our Bright Futures Grant winners have received their grant agreements and will attend the September Board meeting, where details on each project will be shared. \$80,000 was awarded to six organizations across our member cities.
- Our E-bike Safety and Incentive Pilot Program has gained momentum, with 47/100 vouchers claimed and 11 redeemed. We will extend the program through the end of September and promote the extension with promotional signs at each bike shop and social media posts. We also host an e-bike introduction and safety event at our Buena Park partner bike shop on September 5.
- Our Incentive Finder project is close to starting. The contract has been sent to our vendor for review, and the launch is on track for early 2025.

External Affairs Updates

- The External Affairs team participated in two multicultural events: a Vietnamese Chamber meeting and the Vietnamese Chamber's event on AI for small businesses.
- We also connected with The Irvine Company (TIC) in our monthly scheduled meeting to discuss various updates, including their hiring of a new Sustainability Director. OCPA has been invited to participate in an Energy Symposium hosted by TIC, and we will be working to secure details on this potential partnership.
- Andrew was featured on the Mayor of Fountain Valley's podcast for a brief interview that will be published shortly. This was perfect timing for the City Council meeting on September 3 to review the feasibility study.
- OCPA attended the League of Cities OC Division monthly meeting where the Board of Directors was elected. Engaged with stakeholders and city council members from across Orange County.

- OCPA attended a Fountain Valley mixer with the mayor and numerous stakeholders, strengthening relationships and discussing community issues.
- In collaboration with Supervisor Sarmiento, OCPA has initiated outreach efforts in Santa Ana focusing on two key groups: Los Amigos, a prominent activist organization, and the Floral Park Community Association, representing some of the city's more prominent stakeholders.
- OCPA attended a Building Industry Association social event in San Juan Capistrano, networking with industry professionals and discussing OCPA's relevance to the building sector.
- OCPA attended the OC Public Affairs Association annual staffer luncheon, where OCPA engaged with key representatives, including Cesar Rangel, Director of Public Works for the City of Stanton. We are increasing our presence in this community as we await the load data from SCE to conduct our feasibility study, including participation in the Mid-Autumn Festival hosted by Councilmember Van and Senator Newman.
- The Los Olivos HOA in Buena Park and five state and national Sierra Clubs were among the audiences presented to in August via the Sierra Club Zero Waste online webinar.

Community Engagement Updates

- We are planning for quite a few events and sponsorships in October, including Irvine's Global Village Festival, sponsorship of an OC Soccer game in October where we will highlight the Green P100NEERS program, the annual Nexus Conference hosted by Climate Action Campaign, the Association of Women in Water, Energy, and Environment (AWWEE) conference, and Sustain SoCal's 15th Annual Energy Conference where we are proposing a CCA panel featuring OCPA leadership.
- We attended Fullerton Collaborative with 65 representatives from local non-profits, government, and CBOs. We spoke and shared information on OCPA's e-bike program, our CARE/FERA flyer, and energy savings tips.
- We visited the Fullerton College Construction Management program and met with Jonathan Keller and the Dean of Technology. OCPA was given a tour of the cleantech building and received updates on the college's plan to launch building automation, a microgrid, and multiple electric vehicle charging stations. We will be keeping in touch to share future grant and partnership opportunities.
- Jacquie and Louis met with President Zhihai Li of the Chinese American Mutual Association to build OCPA's relationship and provide an update on the organization. They are co-sponsoring Global Village, so we'll connect at the event to continue building a strong relationship.
- OCPA connected with President Yulan Chung of the South Coast Chinese Cultural Association to become a trusted partner for the organization. They support clean energy and are mission-aligned with OCPA, so this is a great opportunity to connect with an active and receptive community.
- OCPA attended a Vietnamese Chamber meeting and presented an update on OCPA initiatives to foster ongoing collaboration with local business leaders.
- OCPA attended and tabled at the Downtown Fullerton Marketplace alongside CAC commissioners Nanda, Futch, and Qazi.
- Sponsored Kiwanis Club of Fountain Valley's Pins for Kids event, which many key city stakeholders attended.

- Working with other CCAs to develop a session for the upcoming Sustain SoCal 15th Annual Energy Conference. This is a great opportunity to provide learning on CCAs to top industry and business leaders across SoCal and to highlight OCPA as a thought leader in the space of renewable energy

Human Resources Recruitment Update

- Finance and Risk Manager: Panel interviews were held on 9/4 and 9/5, and successful candidates were then invited to an in-person interview to be arranged.
- Procurement and Administrative Analyst: Panel interviews were held on 8/27, followed by in-person interviews. A candidate has been selected for hire.
- Policy Advisor: Panel interviews have been scheduled for 9/25 and 9/26.
- Energy Programs Manager: Applications are still being received and reviewed. Several applicants have had initial telephone interviews, many of which will proceed to the panel interview, which is to be arranged.

Events & Stakeholder Outreach

The OCPA team attended the following events and community meetings since our last Board meeting:

City	Event & Meetings	Date	Time
Costa Mesa	IgniteHER Summit Girls Inc	Friday, July 26th	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Irvine	Irvine Summer Concert	Saturday, July 27	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Buena Park	Buena Park National Night Out & Concert In the Park	Wednesday, August 7th	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Fullerton	Downtown Fullerton Marketplace	Thursday, August 22nd	4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Buena Park	Buena Park Bicycles Event	Thursday, September 5th	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Anaheim	RE+ Conference	Monday, September 9th - Thursday, September 12th	All day
Stanton	Mid-Autumn Festival 2024	Sunday, September 15th	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We are looking forward to many opportunities to engage with the community and key stakeholders, including:

City	Event & Meetings	Date	Time
Buena Park	Buena Park Culture Fest	Saturday, September 21st	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Irvine	OCPA Open House	Thursday, October 3rd	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Irvine	Irvine Global Village Festival	Saturday, October 5th	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Attachments:

- A) Non-Power Supply Contracts In Excess of \$50,000 to Under \$100,000
- B) OCPA Contract Tracker as of June 30, 2024

Orange County Power Authority
Non Power Supply Contracts In Excess of \$50,000 to Under \$100,000

Item No	Vendor	Term	Contract Amount	Brief Service Description	Remark
1	R. R. Donneyley & Sons Company DBA OC Printing	07/01/2024-12/31/2025	\$ 85,970.00	OCPA printer vendor for informational and regulatory notices	
2	Western A/V	08/21/2024-12/31/2024	\$ 97,252.55	Board Room System equipment and installation	

Orange County Power Authority Contracts
As of June 30, 2024

No.	Vendor	Start Date	End Date	NTE Amount	Expenses recorded against contract	Remaining NTE Amount	Notes	Contract Approved by the Board?	Contract Reported to the Board?	RFP to be Issued?
1	Baker Tilly (Management Partners, Inc.)	7/1/2023	6/30/2024	75,000.00	31,612.50	43,387.50	HR Consulting Support		Yes	
2	Best Best & Krieger	12/16/2020	See Notes	See Notes	2,206,335.90	See Notes	General Counsel, Financial & Power Procurement, Regulatory, Labor Related, and Special Legal Services. No NTE amount and contract end date. Costs are variable (time and materials).	Yes		RFP was issued on 2/24/2023 with one proposal rec'd on 3/17/2023. Pending for Board direction.
3	Calpine Energy Solutions	9/14/2021	9/13/2026	See Notes	3,946,275.44	See Notes	Data Management & Call Center Services. NTE and Amount Paid depend on the number of active accounts during the month.	Yes		
4	Golden Communications	3/1/2022	2/28/2026	179,776.00	129,795.00	49,981.00	Digital Services - Strategic Marketing, Branding, Communications, and Public Education and Outreach Campaign/Program, Website Development Svc.	Yes		
5	Hana Park Place/LBA IV-PPI, LLC	2/9/2021	8/31/2024	See Notes	519,706.57	See Notes	Office lease. Contract expires 8/31/2024.	Yes	Yes	
6	Lakeview Business Center LLC (The Irvine Company)	2/19/2024	See Notes	See Notes	39,020.11	See Notes	New office lease 15310 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92618. The agreement was signed February 19, 2024 but the commencement date is approximately 22 weeks from that date. It is for 84 months (to end at the end of the month). The lease agreement does not have an NTE. The first 5 months are abated. Security deposit, 1st month rent and operating expense was paid in Apr -24.	Yes		
7	Littler Mendelson P.C.	2/22/2024	12/31/2025	94,900.00	-	94,900.00	Labor and Employment Legal Services		Yes	
8	Maher Accountancy	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	268,000.00	126,935.12	141,064.88	Accounting Service and Annual Financial Audit Support	Yes		
9	Method Technologies	2/1/2023	8/31/2024	See Notes	57,986.37	See Notes	IT Support - The Initial term is 1 year with an option for a 1-year renewal. The vendor has agreed to a month-to-month extension after 1/31/2024. No NTE as costs include monthly fees that will vary month to month as services and subscriptions will be added/removed due to the change of active users and hourly service rates that will be billed by time and materials. Contract expires on 8/31/2024.		Yes	
10	Newgen Strategies & Solutions	7/19/2023	6/30/2025	495,750.00	111,957.50	383,792.50	Rates Strategies, Budget and Projection Modeling, and FP&A Services.	Yes		
11	Orange County Printing Company/ R.R. Donneyley	7/1/2022	12/31/2025	808,171.60	706,814.64	101,356.96	Print House Services	Yes		
12	Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc.	6/9/2021	12/31/2024	1,847,230.00	1,550,087.21	297,142.79	Portfolio Management Services; amended with 10% increased NTE for additional back-office support and feasibility study for potential new members.	Yes	Yes	
13	Pisenti & Brinker	See Notes	See Notes	84,044.00	54,644.00	29,400.00	External Financial Audit Services. Amendment to extend the terms through the issuance of the final audit report for FY23/24 and increase the contract amount to \$79,400 (FY21/22 \$21k. FY22/23 \$29k. FY23/24 \$29.4k). Further amendment to increase the contract amount by \$4,644 for the FY21/22 audit services due to unexpected out-of-scope work in connection to the member agency and state audits. The total NTE has been adjusted from \$79,400 to \$84,044.		Yes	
14	Reveille, Inc.	7/1/2023	6/30/2025	2,999,686.00	1,257,328.93	1,742,357.07	Strategic Marketing and Branding Material, PR and Social Media Support	Yes		
15	SDI Presence LLC	4/1/2024	3/31/2026	387,636.00	19,836.00	367,800.00	Managed IT Support	Yes		
16	Southern California Edison	3/28/2021	See Notes	See Notes	836,587.32	See Notes	CCA Service Agreement. Contract term from 3/28/2021 to CCA termination date. Billing provided by SCE is set forth in SCE's community choice aggregation tariff, as stated in SCE's Electric Rule 23 and SCE's rate schedules.		Yes	
17	The Energy Authority	4/1/2022	9/3/2026	770,960.00	434,195.10	336,764.90	Scheduling Coordinator, Day Ahead Load Forecasting, and CRR Management Services. Full Service from Commencement Date to 9/3/2026. Amendment to add the load forecast service for \$12,160.	Yes	Yes	
18	CPS HR Consulting	6/26/2023	6/30/2024	54,000.00	18,000.00	36,000.00	Professional services for the executive recruitment for the Chief Operating Officer position and the Power Resources Director position		Yes	
19	CPS HR Consulting	8/1/2023	7/31/2024	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	Professional services for the executive recruitment for the Chief Executive Officer position	Yes		
20	The Energy Federation	7/1/2023	6/30/2025	400,000.00	131,300.45	268,699.55	Online marketplace to sell devices	Yes		
21	Clean Peaks Energy Services	8/14/2023	12/31/2024	187,500.00	161,487.50	26,012.50	Provide project management services related to OCPA's return of customers receiving retail electricity service within the City of Huntington Beach to SCE	Yes		
22	Amperon	5/1/2024	4/30/2025	60,000.00	52,500.00	7,500.00	Long-term and short-term load forecast service for risk management		Yes	
23	Gofarth & Marti, DBA GM Business interiors	5/1/2024	4/30/2026	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	Furniture for OCPA's new office. The Board approved the contract on 04/30/2024. Amendment to add \$25K in Aug 2024.	Yes		
24	WeKconnect	5/21/2024	12/31/2024	65,152.29	23,829.63	41,322.66	Cabling access control for OCPA's new office		Yes	