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**MCE ANNOUNCES GOAL TO REACH
80% RENEWABLE, 95% CARBON-FREE ENERGY SUPPLY BY 2025
*10 Year Plan to Guide Energy Procurement Approved***

San Rafael, CA – Last week the Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Board of Directors approved the 2015 Integrated Resource Plan, outlining energy procurement goals and strategies through 2024 to achieve its mission of reducing energy-related greenhouse gas emissions through increased renewables and reduced reliance on fossil-fuels, all while maintaining cost competitive rates.

MCE plans to increase its Light Green energy service (currently 50% renewable and 60% carbon-free) to 80% renewable and 95% carbon-free by 2025 for Marin County, Napa County, Benicia, El Cerrito, San Pablo and Richmond customers.

In addition to the ambitious renewable and carbon-free goals, the plan also reflects projected increases of new, in-state generation as part of a transition away from unbundled renewable energy certificates (RECs). MCE reduced its unbundled REC purchases from 30% of its energy supply in 2014 to 15% in 2015 and plans to limit unbundled RECs to 3% of its energy supply for 2016 through 2024.

MCE has also set a goal to reduce annual energy and capacity requirements by 2% through energy efficiency and an additional 5% through demand response programs.

“This plan reflects an extensive, collaborative planning process between our Board of Directors and members of our community,” said Dawn Weisz, CEO of Marin Clean Energy. “We’re pleased to be raising the bar for renewable and low-greenhouse gas energy supply for our customers. We are also excited about increasing our energy efficiency programs to provide homes and businesses with the choice to use energy smarter, lower electric bills and foster local economic opportunities.”

MCE currently has twenty active energy contracts with twelve different energy suppliers. MCE’s projected 2015 total energy requirements are 1773 GWh (gigawatt-hours) and projected 2015 peak demand is 329 MW (megawatts).

MCE is also planning for more local renewable build-out. Construction is scheduled to start this year on what will become the Bay Area’s second largest solar project, MCE’s 10.5 MW Solar One Richmond project. 6.7 MW of new renewables through MCE’s Feed-In Tariff program are expected to begin delivering power within the next 24 months. This is in addition to the 1 MW San Rafael Airport solar Feed-In Tariff project that came online in 2012. Combined, these local projects would power 5,600 homes.

About MCE: MCE is a not-for-profit, community-based electricity provider that gives customers the choice of having 50% to 100% of their electricity supplied from clean, renewable sources such as solar, wind, bioenergy, geothermal and hydroelectric at competitive rates. By choosing MCE, customers help support new in-state and local renewable energy generation. For more information about MCE, visit www.mceCleanEnergy.org or call 1 (888) 632-3674.