Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, February 2, 2018
12:00 P.M.

One Concord Center
2300 Clayton Road, Suite 650
Concord, CA 94520

Remote location:
MCE, Barbara George Room, 1125 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

1. Board Announcements (Discussion)
2. Public Open Time (Discussion)
3. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)
4. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)
   C.1 Approval of 12.1.17 Meeting Minutes
   C.2 Monthly Budget Update
   C.3 Third Amendment to the Second Agreement with Malen Concepts
   C.4 Second Amendment to the Fifth Agreement with the Association for Energy Affordability
   C.5 Second Amendment to the First Agreement with Keyes & Fox, LLP
   C.6 First Amendment to the Fifth Agreement with Troutman Sanders, LLP
   C.7 First Agreement with DNV GL
5. Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2018/19 (Discussion/Action)
6. Procurement Manual and Contracting Processes (Discussion/Action)
7. New Community Enrollment Communications Update (Discussion)
8. MCE Investment Update (Discussion)

9. MCE Joint Powers Agreement and Local Planning Obligations (Discussion)

10. Review Draft 2.15.18 Board Agenda (Discussion)

11. Board Member & Staff Matters (Discussion)

12. Adjourn
Dave:

I have another concern that I’m hoping you can help me with: As you know, I am deeply concerned that the terms of the Marin Clean Energy Authority Joint Powers Agreement gives MCE the “all powers common to the Parties and such additional powers accorded to it by law,” and authorizes MCE to “exercise all powers and do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of [the JPA Agreement] and fulfill [MCE’s] purposes.” This grant of powers is deeply concerning to the extent that it includes the authority and power of MCE to exercise in its own name the Town of Moraga’s power to acquire real property in Town by eminent domain.

The JPA Agreement gives this power and authority to MCE in section 2.5.4. This is problematic because: (i) I do not think it served the best interests of the Town or the residents to give another outside agency any decision making power (or influence) on the question of what should or can be built in Moraga, and (ii) as currently drafted, the JPA Agreement doesn’t even give the Moraga Town Council the right to veto any such exercise of the power of eminent domain against its citizens.

During our deliberations earlier this year as we tried to determine whether Moraga should join MCE, MCE strongly stated that it had no intent of exercising the power of eminent domain anywhere – much less in our town. That statement was not very reassuring to me, as organizations, policies, and plans all change over time. I want to make sure we provide adequate protections to our residents on this issue for now, and for the future, and when I expressed my concerns in this regard, the MCE representative stated that MCE would be willing to consider amending the JPA Agreement to remove this power from its arsenal, because that kind of tactic was not part of its business plan.

Would you be willing to follow up on this and see if you could get the JPA Agreement amended so MCE no longer has the ability to exercise the power of eminent domain to take property from our residents and put it to use in generating renewable energy?

I would really appreciate any headway you can make into this issue.

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