



Agenda Item No: 3.a

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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Subject:

STUDY SESSION: PRESENTATION FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL MEMBERSHIP

Financial Impact:

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the City related to this agenda item.

Summary:

The Community Choice Aggregation (“CCA”) program has been available in California since 2002, following the passage of Assembly Bill 117. This program provides an alternative to the traditional Investor-Owned Utility (“IOU”) model by enabling local governments to manage their energy procurement. Through CCA, participating agencies can purchase electricity, set generation rates, and reinvest revenue locally. There are 25 operational CCAs in California, including the Orange County Power Authority (“OCPA”), collectively serving over 14 million customers across more than 200 cities and counties.

OCPA is a not-for-profit, Joint Powers Authority with the mission to provide renewable energy options at competitive, affordable rates and equitably reinvest to support sustainable communities. Joining OCPA provides cities with a unique opportunity to take control of their energy choices while delivering substantial benefits to the community. OCPA gives customers the flexibility to choose an energy plan based on how much renewable energy they’d like to have sourced for them. It reinvests funds locally to drive economic growth, support initiatives that reduce energy costs, shift consumption patterns, and improve reliability. By becoming a part of OCPA, the City can actively contribute to building a cleaner, more affordable energy future while supporting local control and advocacy at the state level.

Recommendation:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive the presentation from the OCPA; and
2. Ask any questions of staff at the OCPA; and
3. Authorize the City Administrator and/or her designee to take the next step in the process of exploring potential membership in OCPA by requesting that Southern California Edison release the City’s historical electric load data to OCPA for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study; and
4. Authorize the City Administrator and/or her designee to execute all necessary

documents for the City and OCPA to obtain the City's historical electric load data.

Strategic Plan Statement:

There is no specific strategic planning goal or objective associated with this agenda item.

Discussion:

The City has requested learning more about the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and the potential benefits of offering residents and businesses a choice in electric service providers. During this study session, OCPA will provide a comprehensive overview of its mission, goals, and role as a nonprofit agency established by local cities to serve their communities.

As a not-for-profit organization, OCPA is committed to its customers and advocates for the communities it serves. It reinvests revenues locally through customer-focused programs designed to help residents and businesses reduce or shift their electricity use, leading to lower utility bills. In addition, OCPA actively promotes energy affordability across all levels of government, with a focus on reducing electricity delivery charges, which account for approximately two-thirds of the average customer's bill.

OCPA's presentation will highlight its value proposition: providing customers with more energy choices, including higher renewable content, at competitive and affordable rates. The organization also partners with local nonprofits and maintains strong community engagement to ensure its programs reflect local needs and priorities.

Lastly, OCPA will outline the steps the City would take if it chooses to further explore or join the agency. There is no cost to the City for either exploring potential membership or formally joining OCPA.

Fiscal Impact Summary:

There is no fiscal impact to the City related to this agenda item.

Attachments

[OCPA Presentation](#)