



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

**PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

**FROM:** Trish Rhay, Assistant Director of Public Works Services  
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**DATE:** May 12, 2016

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs allow local governments and special districts to pool their electricity needs and purchase and/or develop environmentally sustainable energy on behalf of residents, businesses, and municipal agencies. The existing investor-owned utility continues to maintain the power grid, deliver electricity and provide customer service and billing, while the CCA purchases wholesale electric power and designs electricity rates for end-use customers.

At its April 21, 2015, meeting, the City Council adopted 15-R-13035, authorizing the City to participate in a feasibility study related to Community Choice Aggregation. In September 2015, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors voted to authorize funding to complete this feasibility study. The study is currently underway and, when completed, will provide a technical analysis of the feasibility of establishing a CCA, including an assessment of the energy supplies required for all customer classes and the availability of sufficient green energy supplies and a preliminary analysis that compares end-user monthly rates across rate classes and for different levels of green energy. At this time, it is anticipated that the feasibility study will be complete in mid-May 2016. Staff will provide the feasibility study to the Public Works Commission after it has been released.

The County of Los Angeles is simultaneously considering an administrative structure for the CCA. Existing regional CCAs (Sonoma Clean Power and Marin Clean Energy, which are located in northern California) operate as joint powers authorities (JPA). A JPA is an entity made up of two or more public agencies that is formed to exercise the powers necessary to accomplish specific common goals. A JPA is governed by a joint powers agreement that establishes the purpose, authority, membership, composition of the Authority's governing board, among other items. The agreement must be adopted by all member agencies.

The County of Los Angeles is proposing that a JPA be formed to create a Los Angeles County CCA as well. A draft JPA document has been developed and is currently being reviewed by the City's legal counsel. An update on the development of the JPA will be provided at an upcoming Public Works Commission meeting.

Staff will be available to answer questions at May 12, 2016, Public Works Commission meeting.