# COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY (CCE) FACT SHEET



## **Contra Costa County Climate Leaders**

A project of Generation Green - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

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### WHAT?

Community Choice Energy (CCE), also referred to as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), is the choice by a county or collection of cities to form a not-for-profit agency to procure electrical energy and sell it to customers at a rate competitive with the existing energy utility (PG&E). PG&E remains responsible for transmission, distribution, maintenance and billing. CCE programs mirror those of for-profit utilities including energy efficiency programs, time-of-use billing, CARE discounts, and payments to solar customers who put their excess energy on the grid. The most common reason for jurisdictions to pursue CCA is to promote electricity generation from renewable energy sources (which reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions), to offer consumers a choice in purchasing electricity, and potential opportunities for cost savings.

#### WHY?

This is one of the most important things we can do to keep fossil fuels in the ground. Most cities in CCC have taken advantage of this opportunity to reduce their Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) and help meet State mandated goals. If your city is listed below as not having taken action yet, please encourage your city council members to provide you with an energy choice. Residents in cities who have opted in with MCE are still allowed to opt-out and choose PG&E.

#### WHO?

Marin Clean Energy (MCE) is currently the only CCE provider for Contra Costa County residents. To learn more about MCE, please visit www.MCEcleanenergy.org.

#### WHERE & WHEN?

Currently 13 of 19 Cities in Contra Costa and Contra Costa County (representing unincorporated areas) have joined MCE, giving their residents a choice for more renewable energy at competitive rates. Please see the list below to find out if your city has committed to this clean energy choice. If your city joined in 2017, you can expect mailings, meetings, and other outreach early in 2018.

Cities That Opted in	Cities That Opted in During	Cities Who Have Not
Prior to 2017	2017 (program roll-out in 2018)	Yet Taken Action
El Cerrito	Concord	Antioch
Lafayette	Danville	Brentwood
Richmond	Martinez	Clayton
San Pablo	Moraga	Hercules
Walnut Creek	Oakley	Orinda
	Pinole	Pleasant Hill
	Pittsburg	
	San Ramon	
	Unincorporated CCC	



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