Tuesday, February 5, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Council Members: Marc Crawford, Chair, Ted Riche, Vice Chair, Ken Carbone, Sheila Cunha, Chuck Moore, Shannon Killebrew, Dolly Adams

Location: Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94646

Summary Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sheila Cunha and seconded by Ted Riche that the minutes of October 15, 2018, be accepted as submitted.

Motion passed: 5/0
Abstained: Adams
Excused: Killebrew

II. East Bay Community Energy Presentation – East Bay Community Energy

Attachment

Deidre Sanders, Director, Government and Community Affairs at East Bat Community Energy, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding East Bay Community Energy.

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is a new local power supplier committed to providing Alameda County with cleaner, greener, electricity at lower rates. EBCE will reinvest earnings back into the community to create local green energy jobs, local energy programs and clean power projects.

The EBCE was formed as a Joint Powers Agency in 2017 which launched service to commercial customers in June and residential customers in November. The EBCE buys and builds cleaner energy which is delivered and billed by the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) company.

Customers have been automatically enrolled in the program however, to opt out of the program customers can call 1(833) 699-EBCE (3223) in addition to visiting https://ebce.org/. Customers who opt out after 60 days of enrollment can choose to 1) stay with EBCE for 6 months and then move back to PG&E service; 2) Immediately move back to PG&E service at a transitional rate for 6 months. Customers who chose to opt back in will not be able to rejoin for one year.

East Bay Community Energy will continue to hold community meetings about the program in addition to meetings for understanding your Pacific Gas & Electric bill throughout the County.
Questions/Discussion

There were no motions made on this item, however Castro Valley MAC members suggested that East Bay Community Energy develop a webinar and or video to help consumers understand the benefits of the program. The MAC members felt the presentation did not properly convey the benefits of the program, as their own Pacific Gas & Electric bills appeared to be more expensive after opting-in to the program.

This item was informational only and required no Council action.

III. Census 2020: Unincorporated Complete Count Committee

Sandra Rivera, Community Development Agency, presented information regarding Census 2020.

The census happens every ten (10) years and is required by the United States Constitution. The purpose of the census is to gather information on all residents in the United States. The information is used to determine where federal funds are allocated. The census is also used for representation in congressional districts.

Alameda County receives sixty percent of its revenue from Federal and State resources. California receives $76 million in federal funding based on the state’s population. Each person not counted equates to a loss of funding each year.

Unincorporated Area Complete Count Committee has already met once and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019. The Committee will discuss how to count hard-to-count populations. The community is encouraged to attend and participation from community-based organizations, schools, faith-based organizations and government agencies is welcomed.

This item was informational only and required no Council action.

IV. Status of the Old Castro Valley Library – General Services Agency

Willie Hopkins, Jr., Director, General Services Agency, gave a verbal update on the status of the Old Castro Valley Library.

The General Services Agency is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors to present options to develop the Old Castro Valley Library building into a Veteran’s Memorial Building in addition to relocation of the County’s Veteran’s Services Office to the site. This item will be heard at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors retreat on March 19, 2019.

Marc Crawford, Chair, Castro Valley MAC, reported that in recent meetings with the County Administrator’s Office it was suggested to move the Veteran’s Services Office to this site. The Veteran’s Services Office consists of up to six staff members and will be centrally located to provide veterans services. The Old Castro Valley Library will remain a County building.

This item was informational only and required no Council action.

V. Council/Staff Comments

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