

APPROVED FEBRUARY 11, 2016

MBCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 14, 2016

5:00 – 7:00 PM, Yucca Valley Community Center

Regular Meeting Call to Order: 5:05 pm

☒ Steve Bardwell

☐ Meg Foley (w/notice)

☐ Claudia Sall (w/notice)

☒ David Fick

☒ Sarah Kennington

☒ Laraine Turk

☒ Pat Flanagan

☒ Ruth Rieman

☒ Marina West

Introduction of Guests, Board Directors, and Advisory Members

There were no guests in attendance.

Agenda Input and Approval

MW: JT Solar Farm Initial Study, Logistics for 1/23 CCA Symposium

LT: web-report under outreach /comm.

SK: remove Proposed survey for members/supporters – defer item

Add Community reports, UC Riverside Solar symposium

Approval of Minutes from Dec. 10, 2015

MSC: SK/SB unanimous

Special Visitor's Report – Seth Shteir, NPCA: Haze Ruling by EPA

Item deferred to future agenda.

Treasurer's Report – Steve

SB gave the Treasurer's Report: \$23,577.32 (checking), \$21,286.11 (CD). He also provided an update on expenditures, membership dues and other donations.

He further reported that the Finance Policies and General Policies created by the Committee will be distributed for review by the BOD and that we are still awaiting additional quotes for Directors and Officers Insurance (D&O).

Treasurer's report unanimously accepted.

NEW Business/Issues/Possible Action

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Capacity Building & Organizational Issues

1) Nomination Committee report – SK

SK briefed the Board that Seth Shteir had agreed to be on the Board of Directors.

MSC: RR/LT – Unanimous to appoint Seth Shteir to the MBCA Board of Directors.

2) Finance Committee report: policy – SB

Covered under another item.

3) Officer tasks for Jan/Feb - SK

Remaining tasks are further work on Board of Advisors and Finance Committee outstanding items and drafting of the 2016 Annual Budget.

Outreach / Communication

1) Annual Meeting & Program Committee report:

a. Emeritus Director Awards – *DJ Maskers, Ester Herbert will be noted but not invited, we will follow up later with a more personal visit of congratulations.*

b. budget update: *RR made the request for an additional \$250 for a total budget of \$1,000 with another \$1,000 coming from CA Desert Coalition and \$250 from Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency to support the cost of the event.*

MW and RR gave an update on the RSVP's for the early-bird event. The discussion continued to logistics for the day.

2) Lauren Ell invite: Environmental Peace Symposium, Feb. 28, 2016

SK gave the report that MBCA has been invited to be a speaker at the event. All agreed.

3) Mil-tree: Plant to Paper Project which involves the Military, Feb.- May 2016

SK gave the report on this project which includes an invasive removal, paper-making and art. The event is open to the public and will be held at Mojave Desert Land Trust properties.

OLD Business/Issues/Possible Action

Conservation Issues & Updates

1. SPARC 2 – CS, MW

MW gave a brief update on the background. RR said that CS had an interview with the consultant already. LT reported on what Chuck Bell told the consultant which included getting their boots on the ground in our communities.

2. Comment letters

a. DRECP – ADP: BLM re. LUPA & FEIS, 12/11/2015.

Letters were approved by e-vote.

b. Eagle Crest Pumped Storage– NPCA: BLM re. urging EIS, 12/15/15

Letter was approved by e-vote.

c. WEMO - will MBCA send comments?

PF indicated that a “sign-on” letter, one page, could be prepared and made available at the Annual Meeting for further outreach prior to the comment deadline of Monday, January 25, 2016.

LT reported that several comment letters were received at the MBCA PO Box recently but she couldn't determine if they were to be submitted. All agreed they should be forwarded to the BLM. LT relinquished the letters to SK.

PF committed to writing a comment letter on behalf of the Board. All concurred in allowing PF to draft and submit the letter.

MSC: MW/LT to write and submit a letter regarding the WEMO Draft Federal EIS

3) Invasives: MBCA MOU w/Mojave Weed Management Area

SK reported that Deb Bollinger contacted her regarding the existing MOU. At this time Mr. John Stevens is the lead volunteer for invasives at the MDLT. All agreed to let MDLT take the lead on the MOU.

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4) JT Solar Farm:

MW reported the IS has been released with a comment period ending 2/10/2016. However they will consider comments for the record until the Planning Commission hears the issue. DF reported that the Power Purchase Agreement that is "connecting" the plant to So. Cal Edison is more than 5 years old. MW reported on actions by Joshua Basin Water District on water availability. PF reported that Mark Lundquist is working to get access for the public to individual Planning Commission members. DF noted that there are folks in JT that are aware of the release of the Initial Study and are putting forth efforts on the Initial Study and comment letters.

Outreach / Communication

1) MBCA memberships: Basin Chambers & YMIA

All in agreement to join YMIA now. Chambers and other community association memberships will be incorporated into the budget which will then reveal if MBCA has the financial capacity to join and maintain said memberships.

Capacity Building & Organizational Issues

1. Website mbconservation.org updates: Directors' bios, etc. - LT

LT provided a draft of each director's biography, the website status, and other web communications and website maintenance. She further noted that NationBuilder informed us that their product is being upgraded and this may lead to additional costs but more benefits too. More information will be presented as this unfolds.

2. Revision to MBCA Mission + "essential questions" – LT & SK

This topic was tabled to another meeting date.

OTHER

LT reported on a seminar, Resource Network Meeting – High Desert, to be held February 4, 2016 in Apple Valley. The event is hosted by AcademyGO.com.

SB reported on an event to be held on 2/25/2016 at UC Riverside entitled "2016 Solar Conference". There was a strong interest in sending Directors to the event.

MSC: RR/LT to budget up to \$200 for attendance at the event.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 5:00 PM / YV Community Center



P.O. Box 24, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

December 16, 2015

The Honorable President Michael Picker
The Honorable Commissioner Mike Florio
The Honorable Commissioner Catherine Sandoval
The Honorable Commissioner Carla Peterman
The Honorable Commissioner Liane Randolph
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: The Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Proposed Increase and Proposed Decision in A.15-06-001,
PG&E's 2016 ERRR Proceeding

Dear President Picker and Commissioners,

The Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA), Joshua Tree, CA, a 501C3 non-profit organization has been engaged in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) as well as the San Bernardino County Partnership for Renewable Energy and Conservation (SPARC) which is funded by a CEC grant. We are now in the midst of planning a community outreach event to educate our region on the concept of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

To that end, MBCA has decided to formally oppose PG&E's proposed 95% increase of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) charged to Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers in Application 15-06-001. MBCA is an organization that is very interested in the development of CCA programs in local communities, we believe the proposed PCIA increase will profoundly affect the viability of a CCA program, which would offer energy customers competitive choice and opportunities for additional services, as well as support for the local economy. Operating CCAs and their customers have led the state in achieving Governor Brown's ambitious renewable energy goals. Our community should have similar opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support local energy resource projects.

We have discovered that in the past two years, the PCIA has already made a huge impact on the viability of CCAs in California. Marin Clean Energy (MCE) customers alone have collectively paid more than \$32 million in PCIA fees to PG&E, an amount MCE expects will double in 2016 if the proposed decision is adopted. PG&E is the only utility in the state to levy PCIA fees on low income CARE customers who in MCE's territory alone may pay more than \$2 million in 2016 with the proposed 95% increase to the PCIA.

The PCIA increase proposed by PG&E, which the proposed decision would approve, will drastically affect the viability of a CCA program in California. We therefore respectfully urge the California Public Utilities

Commission reject PG&E's proposed increase to the PCIA and consider alternatives that will mitigate the impacts of proposed rate increases on CCA customers and prospective CCA customers. We also support the CPUC's re-examination of how the PCIA is calculated and applied to CCA customers.

Sincerely,

Marina D. West, PG
Secretary, Morongo Basin Conservation Association

November 20, 2015

The Honorable President Michael Picker
The Honorable Commissioner Mike Florio
The Honorable Commissioner Catherine Sandoval
The Honorable Commissioner Carla Peterman
The Honorable Commissioner Liane Randolph

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: The Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Proposed Increase and Proposed Decision in A.15-06-001, PG&E's 2016 ERRR Proceeding

Dear President Picker and Commissioners,

I oppose PG&E's proposed 95% increase of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) charged to Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers in Application 15-06-001. As an organization that supports the development of CCA programs in local communities, we believe the proposed PCIA increase will profoundly affect the viability of a CCA program, which would offer energy customers competitive choice and opportunities for additional services, as well as support for the local economy. Operating CCAs and their customers have led the state in achieving Governor Brown's ambitious renewable energy goals. Other communities should have similar opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support local energy resource projects.

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Sincerely,

Marina D. West

Marina D. West, PG
Landers, CA

MBCA's 47th Annual Meeting *plus* Local Energy Symposium

Saturday, Jan. 23, 12:00-3:30 pm

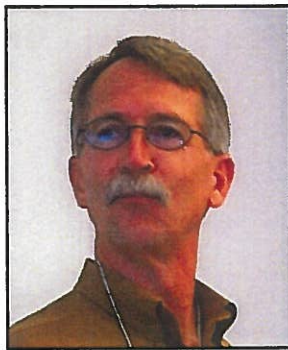
Location:

Yucca Valley Community Center, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway.

In conjunction with the **California Desert Coalition (CDC)**, **MBCA** will present a **Local Energy Symposium** following the Annual Meeting

Presenters will share how other California communities are using the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) structure authorized under California's Assembly Bill 117 to buy green / renewable energy for their own citizens.

~ Presenters ~



Engineer Bill Powers is the founder of the **San Diego Energy District Foundation**, and is one of the country's most respected engineers in utility and energy resource management, shaping strategy to achieve renewable energy objectives for the country's leading public and investor-owned utilities. He will present the report created for the CDC that outlines the resources and opportunities within the Morongo Basin to locally generate rooftop solar.



Barbara Boswell, Director of both Choice Energy and Finance Departments for the City of Lancaster, will detail Lancaster's successful CCA program including ratepayer cost savings. Boswell recently noted, "We've only been a full-fledged electricity provider for a couple of months and we've already saved Lancaster residents and business owners thousands of dollars on their energy bills."



Woody Hastings, the Renewable Energy Implementation Manager for the Center for Climate Protection in Santa Rosa, will discuss Sonoma County's successes with one of the first CCAs in California, Sonoma Clean Power. He is an energy and environmental policy analyst, strategic planner, and community organizer with over 28 years of experience in the non-profit, governmental, and private sectors.

Would you like to learn more before attending? Visit:
http://www.mbconservation.org/annual_meeting_2016
Or just Google "mbconservation annual meeting 2016"

BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY
RENEWABLE ENERGY AD HOC COMMITTEE &
General Manager Marina West encourage your
attendance to an early-bird Civic Leaders
Symposium on Community Choice Aggregation



Hear from industry experts how other California communities are using the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) structure authorized under California's Assembly Bill 117 to buy green/renewable energy for their own citizens.

Engineer Bill Powers, San Diego Energy Foundation, will present the report created for the CA Desert Coalition that outlines the resources and opportunities within the

Morongo Basin to locally generate rooftop solar.

Barbara Boswell, Director of both Choice Energy and Finance Departments for the City of Lancaster, will detail Lancaster's successful CCA program including ratepayer cost savings.

Woody Hastings, the Renewable Energy Implementation Manager for the Center for Climate Protection in Santa Rosa, will discuss Sonoma County's successes with the one of the very first CCAs in California, Sonoma Clean Power.

Is Community Choice Aggregation the Smart Renewable Energy Option for the Morongo Basin?

Morongo Basin Conservation Association and California Desert Coalition are hosting this special event for civic leaders beginning at

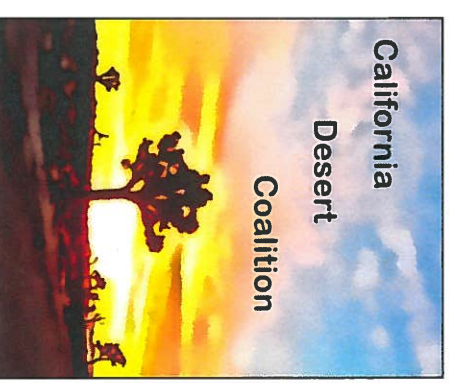
11 a.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016

at the Yucca Valley Community Center

Location: Yucca Valley Community Center,
57090 Twentynine Palms Highway

MBCA

morongo basin conservation association





Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
622 S. Jemez Trail
Yucca Valley CA 92284
www.bdvwa.org

Preliminary 2016 Annual Meeting and Energy Symposium Attendees
January 23, 2016, Yucca Valley Community Center

- 8 Volunteers (3 are also Advisors)
 - 14 Advisors
 - 10 Directors
 - 17 Guests at Pre-Meeting ??
 - 55 general attendees, most on our email list
- Names in blue are not yet in the Nationbuilder system but they gave us email addresses

Volunteers and Advisors

1.	Murdy, Ann	Advisor, Volunteer
2.	Rieman, Steve	Advisor, Volunteer
3.	Zarakov, Cathy	Advisor, Volunteer
4.	Freter, Pat	Volunteer
5.	Fleck, Almut	Advisor
6.	Weigel, Stephanie	Advisor
7.	Wheeler, Mark	Advisor
8.	Carraher, Chris	Advisor
9.	Shaw, Esther	Advisor
10.	Sall, April	Advisor, Director-CDC
11.	Lipsitz, Mike	Advisor, press
12.	Murdy, Ann	Advisor, Volunteer
13.	Rieman, Steve	Advisor, Volunteer
14.	Sloan, Hilary	Volunteer, press
15.	Zarakov, Cathy	Advisor, Volunteer
16.	Fuller, Victoria	Pre-meeting, Advisor

Directors of MBCA and/or CDC

17.	Sall, April	Advisor, Pre-Meeting, CDC Director
18.	Bardwell, Steve	MBCA Director
19.	Fick, David	MBCA Director
20.	Flanagan, Pat	MBCA Director
21.	Foley, Meg	MBCA & CDC Director
22.	Kennington, Sarah	MBCA Director
23.	Sall, Claudia	MBCA & CDC Director
24.	Shteir, Seth	MBCA Director
25.	Turk, Laraine	MBCA & CDC Director
26.	West, Marina	MBCA & CDC Director, Pre-Meeting
27.	Rieman, Ruth	MBCA & CDC Director
28.	Bell, Chuck	CDC Director

Pre-Meeting Participants/Guests

29.	Baker, Duane	SANBAG	Pre-Meeting
30.	Boswell, Barbara		Pre-Meeting, Speaker
31.	Corl-Lorono, Judy		Pre-Meeting
32.	Hastings, Woody		Pre-Meeting, Speaker
33.	Hudson, Tom		Pre-Meeting ✓
34.	Luckino, Frank		Pre-Meeting
35.	Lundquist, Mark?		Pre-Meeting

Bell, Chuck
Stealey, Lennie

36.	Pauley, Phil	Pre-Meeting
37.	Powers, Bill	Pre-Meeting, Speaker
38.	Sahibi, Ali ✓	Pre-Meeting
39.	Smith, Paul	Pre-Meeting
40.	Stadum, Bob	Pre-Meeting
41.	Stadum, Wanda	Pre-Meeting
42.	Ventura, Jim	Pre-meeting
43.	Yakimow, Curtis	Pre-Meeting
44.	Frame, Ron	Pre-Meeting
45.	Ramos, James	Pre-Meeting

Mark Lundquist
 — YV energy gal

Mayer
 Scholes
 Coulombe

General Attendees

46.	Adam, Margaret	Attendee
47.	Biggs, Gary	Attendee
48.	Brady, Bonnie	Attendee
49.	Brashares, June	Attendee
50.	Brooks, Peter	Attendee
51.	Buckley, Buck	Attendee
52.	Burkhart, John	Attendee
53.	Burkhart, Terry	Attendee
54.	Coulombe, J. Larry	Attendee
55.	Coulombe, Mary	Attendee
56.	Dallas, Gail	Attendee
57.	Dixon, Sean	Attendee
58.	Dollard, Bernadette	Attendee
59.	Ell, Lauren	Attendee
60.	Emerick, Bob	Attendee
61.	Emerick, Carol	Attendee
62.	Fairbanks, Joseph	Attendee
63.	Freter, John	Attendee
64.	Garcia, Aceillo (?) Ray	Attendee
65.	Goza, Betsy	Attendee
66.	Guevara, Tristan	Attendee
67.	Jacobs, Carly	Attendee
68.	Johnson, Lois Salzmman	Attendee
69.	Kannenberg, Louis	Attendee
70.	Lahti, Kathy	Attendee
71.	Long, Shari	Attendee
72.	Marquez, Al	Attendee
73.	Martinez, Julia	Attendee
74.	Mary Catherine	Attendee
75.	Masterson, John	Attendee
76.	McHenry, Charles	Attendee
77.	Mencarelli, Patricia	Attendee
78.	Milici, Tony	Attendee
79.	Mootz, Jane	Attendee
80.	O'Key, Tom	Attendee
81.	Segura, Danielle	Attendee
82.	Sheffield, Beth	Attendee
83.	Smith, Jane	Attendee

McBride
 Carl-Larano
 Sall, Cleudia
 + April

84.	Smith, Jerry	Attendee
85.	Steely, Dean	Attendee
86.	Steely, Lorrie	Attendee
87.	Stevens, John	Attendee
88.	Stork, Dan	Attendee
89.	Swarat, Bill	Attendee
90.	Swarat, Gayl	Attendee
91.	Taboada, Tobi	Attendee
92.	Taylor, Joan	Attendee
93.	Thomas, Donna	Attendee
94.	Truesdell, Bill	Attendee
95.	Truesdell, Kathy	Attendee
96.	Unger, Rebecca	Attendee
97.	Unreadable	Attendee
98.	Weiner, Terry	Attendee
99.	Woodard, Valeree	Attendee
100.	Zarakov, Stan	Attendee

MBCA 47th Annual Meeting sign-in list

How'd you Hear???? (Check all that apply)

Your Name	Your Email	Email from MBCA	Radio	Friend	News paper	Other
Victoria Fuller	Victoria Fuller					
Tom Hanson	tom.hanson@lus.sbcounty.ca					
Michelle Nguyen	pincoettonwman@gmail.com					
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Chuck Bell	chuckb@sisp.net	—		✓		
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Pat Flanagan		✓				HAC
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DIANE BAKER	DBAKER@SASBAG.CA.GOV					
Wanda Stalman	YVCOE					✓
George HAWKINGTON	† OF Y.V	✓				
Ken Frame Rm Frame	ron.frame@pos.sbcounty.ca	✓				
James Foster	—					
Curtis Yakiwaw	TOXV					
Jim Lentura						NWA

How'd you Hear???

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○ Superintendent Tom Baumgarten
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✓

○ Lorrie Steeler
✓

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Tessica Rice Town VV

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MBCA



morongo basin conservation association

January 14, 2016

Assets –	Checking	\$23,577.32
	CD	<u>\$21,286.11</u>
Total		\$44,863.43
Deposits:	memberships	\$210.00
	donations (Exceed memberships!	<u>\$240.00</u>
	Sheila Bowers, Carl Schoeneman)	
Total		\$450.00
Expenditures	Town of Yucca Valley (room rentals 2016)	\$166.88
	Pay Pal fees	\$16.07
	Quickbooks	\$12.95
	Nationbuilder	\$49.00
	Google	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total		\$249.90

POST OFFICE BOX 24, JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA 92252 email:

INFO@MBCONSERVATION.ORG

WWW.MBCONSERVATION.ORG

MBCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit, community based, all volunteer organization



ANBCA

Calendar for year 2016 (United States)

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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 15 Presidents' Day
Mar 27 Easter Sunday
Apr 13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
May 8 Mother's Day

May 30 Memorial Day
Jun 19 Father's Day
Jul 4 Independence Day
Sep 5 Labor Day
Oct 10 Columbus Day (Most regions)
Oct 31 Halloween
Nov 8 Election Day

Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26 'Christmas Day' observed
Dec 31 New Year's Eve



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A new electricity choice?

■ Group says community-wide energy plan could work for Basin

By Hilary Sloane
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YUCCA VALLEY — Government leaders and conservationists explored a possible way to provide renewable energy to the Morongo Basin Saturday in the community center.

The occasion was the Morongo Basin Conservation Association's 47th annual meeting. In partnership with the California Desert Coalition, the conservation association followed its meeting with a workshop addressing the prospect of establishing a community choice aggregation model in the Morongo Basin.

Community choice aggregation is a relatively new model that allows local governments to pool electricity demand in their jurisdictions to secure alternative energy contracts.

It allows a city or a county to choose what type of power its citizens get and from where. Private utility companies continue to have domain over the power lines and bill customers, so their profit potential is preserved — but the control over power choices shifts to the CCA entity.

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community choice in California. Boswell, director of Choice Energy for the city of Lancaster, has been in city government for 25 years and has experienced several economic downturns. Now, she said, Lancaster is experiencing a resurgence, and community choice aggregation is a substantial part of that change.

Hastings, Powers and Boswell presented a comprehensive picture of their three California CCAs, all emphasizing the idea that community choice is about local empowerment and more ambitious renewable energy goals. They say community choice allows governments to meet energy objectives while also offering competitive rates and potential savings.

San Diego Energy District was launched to combat high rates and gain opportunities to self-generate energy, add storage and develop more reliable grids while also realizing a return on invested capital. Sonoma Clean Power was introduced in 2008 as a way for Sonoma County to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and give residents other options for renewable energy. Choice Energy in Lancaster was launched in 2015. It was established because the mayor, Rick Gray, set a lofty goal to be the first net-zero city and "to produce or procure more renewable energy than used."

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Bill Powers talks to April Sall, left, and Ruth Rieman, center, at Saturday's symposium. Powers was invited to speak about a community energy program.



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Three speakers, Bill Powers, Woody Hastings and Barbara Boswell, provided information about community choice aggregation.

Powers was hired to conduct an independent study on community choice aggregation for the Morongo Basin. Powers is a founder of the San Diego Energy District Foundation and one of the country's foremost engineers in utility and energy resource management. His findings and an in-depth discussion of community-run utility companies were presented at the meeting.

Hastings, renewable energy implementation manager for the Center for Climate Protection in Santa Rosa, discussed Sonoma County's community choice aggregation and his experience of

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Lancaster was looking to support local solar development, establish rooftop solar systems on new constructions and work with school districts to put solar on parking structures.

"The tool to get to net-zero is community-based aggregation," said Boswell.

An additional benefit is the possibility for research and development. Larger utilities have many restrictions that locally controlled agency do not have, the speakers said.

Twenty-nine Palms City Manager Frank Luckino joined the speakers as part of a panel for the last hour of the meeting.

The final question presented to the group was, "Is community choice aggregation a feasible option for the Morongo Basin?" Luckino answered by saying, "We



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newable energy, local jobs, lower rates and grid stability.

MBCAC board member April Sall was pleased by the attendance and the response to the symposium.

"This is a conversation we have been trying to have for a couple of years now," she said after the meeting. "This is a community that has been very experienced with the utility-scale model, with the pros and cons of that, the impacts on our community — air quality, viewshed, impacts to wildlife quarters and the impacts to the California Desert. It's not about replacing any one way of generating energy, but it's another tool in the toolbox and a way of becoming energy independent."

should make use of the sunshine we have, and we should be more independent from Southern California Edison."

More than 90 people attended the meeting. Marina West, a member of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association, said she was impressed by the turnout and community interest in re-

started out in individual conversations. What we are doing today is the first step, educating."

Community choice already has fans in the Hi-Desert. "This is an idea whose time has come," Rebecca Unger, director of the Joshua Basin Water District and president of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, said. "We