



Contra Costa County

Renewable Resource Potential Study

Stakeholder Meeting

May 24, 2018

651 Pine Street, Room 101, Martinez, CA

Goals:

- Inform stakeholders about Study scope, purpose
- Obtain input on study methodology

Agenda:

Topic	Lead	Time
Introductions	Jody London	1:00 – 1:05
Study Overview, Framing	Jody London/John Kopchik	1:05 – 1:15
Resource Potential Assessment	Chris Howard	1:15 – 1:45
Zoning Considerations	Philip Kreychik	1:45 – 2:15
Discussion, Next Steps	Jody London	2:15 – 2:30

NOTES

This is a summary of the notes that were taken on flip charts at the meeting.

Resource Potential

- Will the study identify biomass opportunities?
Answer: the study will identify biomass feedstock, and potential existing facilities that could take it.
- Will County policy allow for on-site use for Ag/Williamson Act?
Answer: on-site use is allowed currently. The issue being considered is renewable energy that can be sold.
- Integrate renewables in to agricultural operations, as well as other business and industrial operations.
- The Audobon Society supports distributed energy and on-site renewable energy use.

- Do not allow solar in wetlands and other sensitive habitat. Do allow solar on brownfields.
- Start by deploying solar on rooftops, parking lots, etc., then go outside the urban limit line.
- Project scale impacts the feasibility of a project. The study should look at electric distribution lines.
- Focus on specific geographic areas, with an eye to various resource types.
Note: the study methodology is employing Google Sunroof for this purpose.
- List constraints on each map.
- Will the study map waterways with renewable energy potential?

Zoning

- Follow the Alameda County requirements for new parking lots.
- What are the County's goals for wind?
- Will the study lead to the Board setting goals for in-County renewable energy as a percentage of total load in the County? How much electricity will be generated locally? How does the County's goal jive with MCE's vision for renewable energy in Contra Costa County?
- What is the role of distributed energy, flexible land use?
- What is the County's energy consumption from County operations? What are the goals for County consumption? The County should lead by example.
- Glad the study is not pursuing a "go/no-go" approach.
- Like knowing the County's priorities.
- Don't be overly prescriptive (example of Sonoma County being overly prescriptive).
- Consider streamlined permitting, flexible approach. Go case-by-case, allow an open approach.
- What is the acreage of potential sites?
- Will the study look at wave energy?

Will Nelson provided an overview of the update that will begin shortly of the County's General Plan. The General Plan was last thoroughly updated in 1991. Staff will be bringing a contract to the Board for approval in August. The update will include an update to the Climate Action Plan. It will integrate sustainability and health throughout. The project is expected to be completed by 2020.