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**Subject: City/County comments to draft resolution of intent**

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft resolution of intent regarding the proposed Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Staff from the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey have had an opportunity to review and discuss the draft resolution. In addition, the Alternative Energy & Environment Committee of the Board of Supervisors (Chair Jane Parker and Supervisor Simón Salinas) reviewed the draft resolution at their meeting of September 22, 2016. Based on those discussions, we would like to offer the following comments:

**1. Governance:**

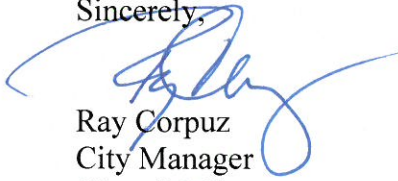
- a. Because financial risk is allocated based on a pro-rata share of an agency's population, we believe that the governance structure should be more reflective of the same pro-rata population distribution.
- b. Sections 4(a) and (b) describe an eleven (11) member board, but section 4(d) allocates ten (10) seats. Please clarify.
- c. More clarity is needed in Section 4(d) regarding the timing and process which seats for smaller jurisdictions are to be filled, particularly to ensure continuity as additional small cities may opt to join the JPA at a later date.

- 2. Public Opinion Survey:** As we have stated previously, the Monterey County area is an extremely diverse community. We are very aware of the outreach efforts being made to inform the public and various user groups about the potential benefits of the MBCP. We continue to be very concerned that there has been no survey by MBCP to gauge resident and business owner opinion in our community regarding the MBCP proposal. The County of Monterey Board of Supervisors has requested that such an opinion survey be performed by MBCP. In the event that MBCP chooses not conduct such a survey, we are exploring the possibility of conducting our own opinion survey within our community.

Although we remain supportive of the concept and intent of MBCP, we feel strongly that community sentiment about the proposal must be clearly known in order for us to make a positive recommendation to the City Council and the Board of Supervisors.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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City of Salinas



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cc: Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
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