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## **NCPA to Support East Bay Community Energy through the Provision of Wholesale Energy Services**

*Hayward, California (December 7, 2017)* – East Bay Community Energy announced today that it has selected the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) to provide wholesale energy services.

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is a joint powers authority whose members include the unincorporated area of Alameda County and 11 of its cities. EBCE was established in 2016 to provide cleaner electricity as a local energy provider. Yesterday, EBCE's governing board authorized its Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a final contract with NCPA to have the agency provide electricity scheduling and portfolio management services, develop portfolio management strategies, and support EBCE's execution of enabling agreements with energy suppliers. This agreement is an important step for EBCE as it prepares to start providing electricity to its ratepayers in early 2018.

"EBCE and NCPA's partnership is an important step forward for EBCE to start serving its customers in 2018 and also helps to cement the strong relationship EBCE is seeking to forge between Community Choice Aggregators and California's strong public power sector. NCPA brings decades-long expertise working with communities to meet their local energy requirements, and EBCE expects to draw heavily from this capacity to deliver on its goals of providing clean, cost effective, and local energy solutions" said EBCE Chief Executive Officer Nick Chaset.

"This relationship is an ideal fit for both organizations," said NCPA General Manager Randy Howard. "NCPA has been providing local communities and agencies with wholesale energy services since 1968. We currently provide similar services to our existing members based in Alameda County—Bay Area Rapid Transit, the Port of Oakland, and the City of Alameda—and two others located in the Bay Area, including the City of Palo Alto and the City of Santa Clara. We look forward to providing the same

expertise and economies of scale to support East Bay Community Energy in its goal to deliver affordable, reliable and clean electricity to its residents and businesses.”

EBCE’s service territory will cover areas currently serviced by investor-owned electric utility PG&E. A state law passed in 2002 authorizes local governments in investor-owned service territories to establish their own programs to purchase electricity on behalf of their communities. This is commonly referred to as community choice energy. Under this framework, the local government makes energy resource decisions, while the investor-owned utility maintains the transmission and distribution system, including responding to outages.

**About East Bay Community Energy:** Based in Alameda County, EBCE is a California joint powers authority formed for the purpose of implementing a Community Choice Energy (CCE) Program for unincorporated Alameda County and 11 of its cities. At full enrollment, EBCE’s CCE Program is projected to serve approximately 575,000 customer accounts.

**About NCPA:** Headquartered in Roseville, California, NCPA is a nonprofit California joint powers agency established in 1968 to construct and operate renewable and low-emitting generating facilities and assist in meeting the wholesale energy needs of its 16 members: the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah, Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and Truckee Donner Public Utility District—collectively serving nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California.

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