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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: October 15, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 8C

Council Action Date: October 15, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Don Penman, Interim City Manager
Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director

Subject: Additional Community Development Resources for the Thomas Fire Recovery Plan – ERRATA MEMO

RECOMMENDATIONS CHANGE

It is recommended that the City Council:

- a. Authorize the ~~City Manager~~ Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$272,045 for a term of 14 months to December 31, 2019 for Professional Services related to Thomas Fire residential rebuilds.
- b. Authorize the ~~City Manager~~ Mayor to execute the 9th amendment to Rincon Consultants, Inc. Professional Services Agreement No. 100002835 dated January 31, 2014, excluding Thomas Fire related work from Exhibit A "Scope of Services".

CITY OF VENTURA
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: October 11, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 8E

Council Action Date: October 15, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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**From: Don Penman, Interim City Manager
Mary Joyce Ivers, Interim Public Works Director**

**Subject: Lease Renewal Agreement - City of Ventura and Beach House
Fish and Beach House Tacos (Eric Wachter) for the City-owned
restaurant and enclosed outdoor seating area located at 668
Harbor Blvd. (Ventura Pier) – ERRATA MEMO**

RECOMMENDATION CHANGE

It is recommended that City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a Lease Renewal Agreement between Eric Wachter and the City of Ventura for ten years from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2028, for City-owned property commonly known as Beach House Fish and Beach House Tacos with enclosed outdoor patio seating located on the Pier; monthly rent \$20,837.50.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: October 15, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 12A

Council Action Date: October 15, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Antoinette M. Mann, City Clerk

**Subject: Public Correspondence Received – October 15, 2018 City Council
Agenda Item No. 12A**

Attached is public correspondence submitted to City Council received by 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2018, related to October 15, 2018 Agenda Item No. 12A.

Mann, Antoinette

From: Michelle Leahy <michelleleahy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Weir, Christy; cheitman@ci.ventura.ca.us; Nasarenko, Erik; Tracy, Mike; Monahan, Jim; Andrews, Neal; LaVere, Matt; City Manager Internet Email; City Clerk Internet Email
Subject: 100% renewable!

Greetings Mayor, Council Members and City Staff:

I understand you will soon be making a selection for Ventura's renewable energy default with Clean Power Alliance (CPA). I urge you to demonstrate leadership and set it at **100%**. While the 50% option is certainly better than 36%, 50% is still only halfway to 100%. Please do not overlook the importance of this opportunity.

Setting the default at 100% renewable is one of the most immediate, tangible, and significant ways to **drastically cut polluting emissions**. It will take Ventura much more time, effort and expense to achieve this kind of progress otherwise.

Defaults have immense power to affect social outcomes. Research shows that the choice of a default suggestion may turn out to be the most important decision a private or public institution makes. By setting the default at 100% renewable, you will get much more participation at that level than if you set it at a lower tier. Likely only a small percentage of customers will opt down, most will remain at 100%. Likewise, if you set the default at a lower tier like 36% or 50%, that's mostly what you'll get. Despite our best intentions, few of us would opt up, not because we don't want to, often just because of inertia or the busyness of life.

Industry studies reveal there is **overwhelming public support** for renewable energy, and people are willing to pay more for it. I've heard from a number of council members in CPA cities, that with elections coming up, supporting clean energy is **politically popular**. Customers **want cleaner energy and they want it now**.

California recently passed legislation which targets 100% clean energy by 2045. Now, consider this...the 100% default gives cities an opportunity to **achieve that goal 25 years ahead of schedule!** Simply by setting the default at 100%, as early as the middle of next year when service begins, communities will be powered by close to 100% renewable, a huge improvement from the roughly 30% renewable mix that is standard today.

The projected cost difference for the 100% option is 7-9% more than Edison's base rate, but the renewable content is 66% more. That's a very **compelling return**. And it's a small price to pay for the **long-term benefits**. While there's a slight rate savings of 0-1% in the 50% tier and 1-2% in the 36% tier, there's far less renewable in those, so we must consider the costs of associated externalities like more polluting emissions. **Emissions are costly to our society** and need to be factored into our decision-making. The perception of saving a buck or two in the short term is a dangerous illusion.

And what's noteworthy is that there's a provision allowing **low-income customers to participate in the 100% plan at no additional cost** in those jurisdictions with a 100% default.

The default isn't a rate hike, it isn't a mandate, it's not forcing anything on anyone, it's simply making a suggestion. **Customers have the freedom and ability to choose another plan** according to their own

preferences and priorities. With the default, you are either suggesting 36% or 50% or 100%. **Why wouldn't you want to suggest 100% renewable energy for Ventura?**

In closing, the default plan you select today will impact the amount of renewable energy powering us into the future. This is likely one of the **biggest impact decisions** you will make for your community. Renewable energy is now readily available and affordable, we just need to **start choosing it**.

It would be fantastic to have the City of Ventura join other member agencies stepping up and doing 100% (which currently includes Ventura County, Ojai, Santa Monica, Culver City, West Hollywood, and likely others), and help **lead the way to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable tomorrow**.

Thank you.

Michelle Ellison
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Oehler, Tracy

From: Dan Palay <djp@calemploymentcounsel.com>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 10:17 AM
To: Weir, Christy; Heitmann, Cheryl; Nasarenko, Erik; Tracy, Mike; Monahan, Jim; Andrews, Neal; LaVere, Matt; City Clerk Internet Email
Subject: 100% Renewable Default

Dear Council Members:

I just wanted all of you to know that I fully support making renewable energy the default choice for Venturans. If we are going to help make this planet a better place, this is a great place to start. Please support this initiative at the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Dan Palay

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Oehler, Tracy

From: Katie Davis <kdavis2468@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk Internet Email; Andrews, Neal; LaVere, Matt; Heitmann, Cheryl;
jmonahan@cityventura.ca.gov; Nasarenko, Erik; Tracy, Mike; Weir, Christy
Cc: James Hines
Subject: Comment from Sierra Club on Agenda Item 12 - Clean Power Alliance Rates
Attachments: Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter on Ventura Renewables.pdf

Please refer to the attached letter from the Sierra Club, Los Padres Chapter, regarding today's city council meeting.

Thanks!



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October 15, 2018

Ventura City Council
501 Poli Street, Room 204
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Via email: cityclerk@cityofventura.net

Re: October 15 Agenda Item 12 - Clean Power Alliance Rate Options

Dear Ventura City Council Members,

Less than a year ago, the Thomas fire raged through Ventura in December introducing the prospect of a year-long fire season. California's firefighting costs have tripled in 5 years to \$773 million in the fiscal year that ended June 3.ⁱ We can expect more of this, more extreme weather events, droughts and fires due to an unnaturally rapid rate of global warming. This month the United Nations IPCC released a shocking report that says we need to transition off of fossil fuels as soon as possible or face a global and catastrophic climate crisis by 2040.ⁱⁱ

At a time when the world needs leadership, you are in a unique position to send a message of hope and commitment by setting a 100% renewable energy default for the city. This is what the majority of your constituents want. The Public Policy Institute of California recently surveyed Californians and reported, "Majorities support action on climate change **even if it brings increased costs.**"ⁱⁱⁱ

People are willing to pay more to avert a climate crisis. The good news is that in this case those costs are minimal, just 7-9% for the 100% rate tier (and a cost savings of at least 5% relative to SCE's comparable 100% renewable plan). Plus, those rates can be lowered for consumers with energy efficiency incentives.

You can take the step of setting a 100% tier default **without foisting higher costs on anyone who doesn't want that tier or can't afford it.** Everyone will be offered multiple opportunities to choose a 50% or 36% renewable energy plan at the outset and can opt down any time. You can do extensive education about this option to make sure everyone is informed.

What's more, for those communities with a 100% default, CARE and other low-income customers will have the plan benefit at no additional cost. From a social and environmental justice perspective, this is ideal. The most financially vulnerable customers will be protected but still enjoy the benefits of using clean, renewable energy. And those communities most afflicted by pollution associated with fossil fuel power production will breathe easier because of the choice you made to direct more investment in renewable energy instead. It will also be a driver of jobs. Renewable energy is creating jobs 12 times faster than the rest of the economy^{iv} and employs more people in the U.S. than fossil fuels.^v

A 100% default would be good for Ventura's image and for your tourism industry. It would inspire other cities. Already 86 cities across the country have joined Sierra Club's "Ready for 100" campaign by committing to 100% renewable energy. Within the Clean Power Alliance, Ojai, Culver City, Santa Monica and West Hollywood have all decided to go with 100% renewable energy defaults.

California currently targets 100% clean energy by 2045. The 100% default gives us an opportunity to achieve that goal 25 years ahead of schedule. Simply by setting the default at 100%, as early as the middle of next year 2019 when service begins, our communities will be powered by close to 100% renewable, a huge improvement from the roughly 30% renewable mix that is standard today. At the City Council level, you may never get another chance to make such a substantial leap forward in such a tangible, immediate, or easy way.

As Debra Roberts, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II says about their report that was written and edited by 91 scientists from 40 countries who analyzed more than 6,000 scientific studies, "The decisions we make today are critical in ensuring a safe and sustainable world for everyone, both now and in the future. This report gives policymakers and practitioners the information they need to make decisions that tackle climate change while considering local context and people's needs. **The next few years are probably the most important in our history.**" We urge Ventura to consider the local context, the decision you are privileged to make, and choose to be on the right side of history with a 100% renewable energy default.

Regards,

Jim Hines
Chair, Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club

ⁱ "Burning money: The facts on California's soaring cost to fight wildfires," PolitiFact, August 2018 (<https://www.politifact.com/california/article/2018/aug/03/burning-money-facts-californias-soaring-cost-fight/>)

ⁱⁱ "Global Warming of 1.5 °C," Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, October 2018 (<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>)

ⁱⁱⁱ Californians' Views on Climate Change, Public Policy Institute of California, September 2018 (<http://www.ppic.org/publication/californians-views-on-climate-change/>)

^{iv} "Renewable Energy Is Creating Jobs 12 Times Faster Than the Rest of the Economy," Fortune, 2017 (<http://fortune.com/2017/01/27/solar-wind-renewable-jobs/>)

^v "U.S. Clean Energy Jobs Surpass Fossil Fuel Employment," NRDC summary of a Department of Energy Report, February 2017 (<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/lara-ettenson/us-clean-energy-jobs-surpass-fossil-fuel-employment>)

Oehler, Tracy

From: Michael Strauss <mike@strausslawyers.com>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Weir, Christy; Heitmann, Cheryl; Nasarenko, Erik; Tracy, Mike; Monahan, Jim; Andrews, Neal; LaVere, Matt; City Manager Internet Email; City Clerk Internet Email
Subject: Clean Power Alliance Rate Options - Item 12a on Tonight's Meeting Agenda

Council Members and Staff:

I have lived in Ventura for most of my life, and now own and operate a business here.

I support setting the CPA default at 100% renewable. The climate crisis requires bold leadership, and a default of 50% is too little, too late. Suggesting increasing renewable content by a mere 15% over the status quo of 35% indicates an acknowledgement of the problem, but not the will to take decisive action toward resolving it. The cost premium associated with a 100% renewable default is a small price to pay for beginning to take meaningful action to combat the cause of climate change.

Moreover, to address the concern that setting the default rate at 100% renewable would be an unpopular rate hike, if any individual or business wants to set their rate at less than 100%, they can still do so. To my understanding, they can even get a rate *decrease* by setting their rate at 36% renewable. So, to say setting the default at 100% renewable is a rate hike is clearly wrong.

Forward-looking companies like Google, Ikea, Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, Coca-Cola, Nike, GM, and even Lego have committed to 100% renewables. Our local communities of Ojai, Santa Monica, Culver City, and West Hollywood have set their CPA default at 100% renewable. Even Ventura County set its default rate to 100%. If these corporations and fellow local municipalities are committed to using 100% renewable energy, why can't we do the same? We do NOT want to be behind the vanguard on this; the stakes are simply too high.

Please consider my request of setting the CPA default at 100% renewable.

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