It's not worth it!

For clarification, Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) is transitioning to a new name, Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE).

ASK:

Alternative to Option 3 - Reject the nuclear CFAs and MAINTAIN MBCP's 100% carbon free commitment for 2020 but reconsider both issues in 2021 when that year's CFA allocation is offered.

Additionally, we request the following:
- Staff conduct further outreach and evaluate the potential brand and reputational impacts of any decision
- Hold a larger community conversation regarding MBCP/CCCE's financial outlook, opportunities for additional financial resources, opportunities to directly address the PCIA, and perspectives regarding nuclear power vs. 100% carbon free vs. other procurement approaches.

This is clearly the most reasonable option in that it:
- Allows time to better understand brand and reputational impacts
- Protects relationships with its strongest advocates
- Has minimal financial impact ($1.5M, 0.6% of 20/21 revenue)
- Allows time for a full community conversation and transparent public process
- Only declines the current 6 month deal (July to Dec 2020) and leaves the door open for a future deal (2021 to 2025)

TALKING POINTS:

MBCP/CCCE has as its central mission **community choice** and **clean energy**. CCCE's newly adopted tagline is "Clean Energy. Local Control." Accepting nuclear into its power mix would breach these core values.

It's not worth sullying MBCP/CCCE's reputation with the stain of nuclear power. Nuclear energy is not clean energy; among many significant issues, it produces a waste product that will need to be isolated from the environment for 250,000 years.

It's not worth damaging MBCP/CCCE's most valuable core assets - support from its community and its ability to claim its energy is clean.

It's not worth betraying the trust of all the people across the Central Coast who actively supported the creation and expansion of MBCP/CCCE as an alternative to PG&E and its dirty power mix.

It's not worth jeopardizing politically sensitive expansion efforts into SLO County by doubling down on this controversial decision. The Board of Supervisors meets on June 16 to consider joining MBCP/CCCE.

It's not worth possible withdrawal from MBCP/CCCE by other localities that joined based on express representations that it didn't take nuclear.

It's not worth significant numbers of customers opting out because they feel betrayed by the inclusion of dirty nuclear and the elimination of community input.

It's not worth MBCP/CCCE being only one of a small minority of CCAs that have not rejected the nuclear.
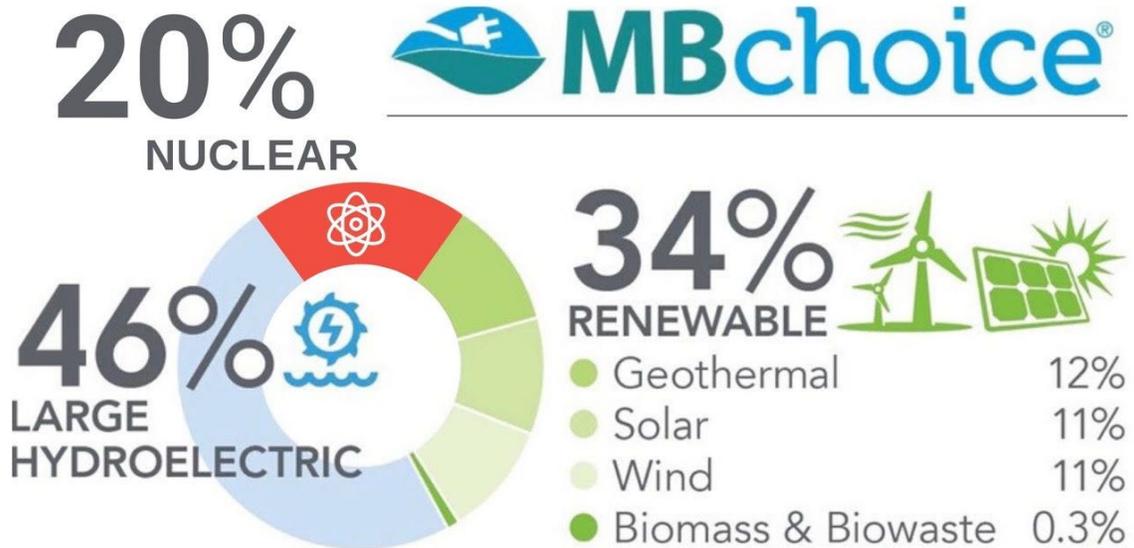
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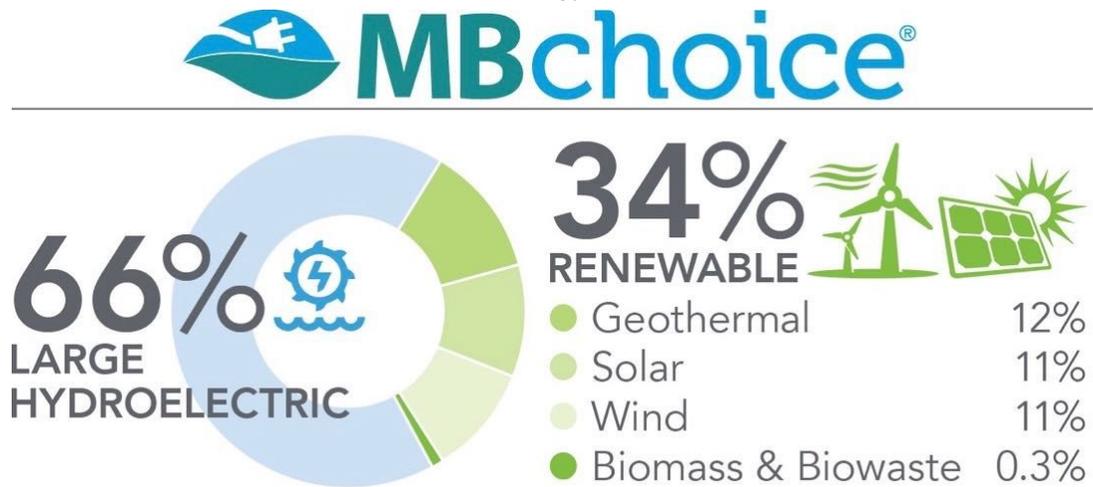| #	Agency	Did the CCA take the Nuclear?
1	CCA - CleanPowerSF	NO
2	CCA - East Bay Community Energy	NO
3	CCA - King City Community Power	Don't know
4	CCA - Marin Clean Energy	NO
5	CCA - Monterey Bay Community Power	Not yet!
6	CCA - Peninsula Clean Energy Authority	NO
7	CCA - Pioneer Community Energy	Yes
8	CCA - Redwood Coast Energy Authority	NO
9	CCA - San José Clean Energy	Yes
10	CCA - Silicon Valley Clean Energy	Yes
11	CCA - Sonoma Clean Power	NO
12	CCA - Valley Clean Energy Alliance	NO

All of this is not worth a potential savings of $.83 per customer per month. (Assumption: $3m per year, 300k customers) MBCP/CCCE staff initially informed the Policy Board that taking nuclear attributes would provide $5.5 - 6 million in savings. Staff now concedes that the true number is lower, estimated at $1.5 million for the rest of 2020 and $3 million in following years. Future savings are uncertain and possibly lower due to market conditions.

Whether MBCP/CCCE is purchasing this power or passively accepting nuclear "attributes", nuclear will show up on its Power Content Label as 20% of the power mix. This information will be distributed to all of its customers.

Dirty Energy - If March Decision Not Revisited

20% NUCLEAR

MBchoice®

46% LARGE HYDROELECTRIC

34% RENEWABLE
- Geothermal 12%
- Solar 11%
- Wind 11%
- Biomass & Biowaste 0.3%

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The prospect of MBCP/CCCE taking dirty nuclear energy has already started getting critical press attention; see for example Russell Hodin's recently published cartoon: