

Association of Bay Area Governments Publicly Owned Energy Resources

ABAG POWER

Executive Committee

April 18, 2024

Agenda Item 5.a.

Overview of AB 1999, Electricity Fixed Charges, and AB 205, Energy

Subject:

Overview of AB 1999, Electricity Fixed Charges, and AB 205, Energy, and ABAG/MTC's Legislative Platform

Background:

On February 15, 2024, the ABAG POWER Executive Committee received public comment from four individuals requesting the Committee consider agendizing a presentation to provide information regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 1999, Electricity Fixed Charges, and AB 205, Energy. Specifically, the request sought the ABAG POWER Executive Committee to:

- Take a "support" position on AB 1999.
- Submit a letter opposing the proposed fixed charge currently being considered by the California Public Utilities Commission as a result of the passage of AB 205

In response to the request, the Committee directed staff to agendize the presentation. This subject matter is not within any current ABAG POWER program. Former Executive Committee Member Chris Schroeder and Dave Rosenfeld, from Solar Rights Alliance, will present. The attachments have been submitted by the presenters.

This matter has been brought forward as an informational item. Although the ABAG POWER Committee has previously taken positions on legislative bills, since the consolidation with MTC staff, there is an effort to consolidate and streamline functions and to ensure consistency across programs. Accordingly, a joint advocacy program between ABAG and MTC was established and is updated annually or as needed by the Legislation and Public Affairs section in coordination with the joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee. Staff recommends that the Committee receive the presentation and direct any requests for positional support or opposition to the MTC ABAG Legislation Committee to determine whether the request aligns with the joint advocacy program and how resources (i.e. staff analysis, presence in Sacramento, coordinated communications, etc.) can be allocated to support the position.

Issues:

None.

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Recommended Action:

None.

Attachments:

- Utility Tax Fixed Charge Presentation
- Local Elected Officials Letter to Repeal the Utility Tax
- Draft Letter Expressing Concern regarding AB 205 Fixed Charges and Support for AB 1999
- Approved 2024 Advocacy Program

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