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December 11, 2012

East Bay Municipal Utility District
Attn: Board of Directors
375 11th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear EBMUD Directors:

I write in support of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) continuing to explore the possibilities for an East Bay Community Choice Energy (CCE) program, an issue that will be discussed at your December 11, 2012, board meeting.

As you know jurisdictions and regional entities throughout the state have either already established or are exploring initiating Community Choice Energy programs, as authorized via AB 2 (2002) subsequently refined by SB 790 (2011) to allow an existing public utility like the East Bay Municipal Utility District to serve as the public authority to establish and administer a Community Choice program.

I encourage EBMUD's continued exploration as I believe the experience from CCE programs such as the one currently being implemented in Marin and those under consideration in San Francisco and elsewhere will be valuable assets in assisting EBMUD, and the jurisdictions in EBMUD's service territory, in determining ultimately whether to move forward.

I value the interest the Board has expressed to date in exploring ways to meet and surpass goals regarding the provision and generation of renewable energy and the achieving of energy cost savings for East Bay consumers.

As a public utility with existing technical expertise in energy projects, a respected track record of service delivery in conservation and environmental programs as well as existing legal authority, I think EBMUD is the appropriate East Bay entity to be examining possibilities for and feasibility of an East Bay Community Choice Energy program. I encourage the Board to continue staff work in this exploratory process.

Thank you for your continued leadership and demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship and customer service. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I may be of assistance on this or other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Skinner".

Nancy Skinner
Assemblymember, 15th District

