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**MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES 12 BID SUBMISSIONS
FROM ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDERS**

TOM CROMWELL
City of Belvedere

LEW TREMAINE
Town of Fairfax

CHARLES MCGLASHAN
County of Marin

SHAWN MARSHALL
City of Mill Valley

CHRISTOPHER MARTIN
Town of Ross

BARBARA THORNTON
Town of San Anselmo

DAMON CONNOLLY
City of San Rafael

JONATHAN LEONE
City of Sausalito

RICHARD COLLINS
Town of Tiburon

SAN RAFAEL, CA - The Marin Energy Authority (MEA) is pleased to announce that twelve bids were submitted by the deadline of July 20th in response to its Request For Proposals released in May. The proposals were solicited for electric power supply providers to serve Marin's retail customers that participate in MEA's Clean Energy (MCE) program.

The MEA program proposes to double the use of renewable energy in Marin County at or below the cost charged ratepayers by the current utility, PG&E. MEA staff and technical consultants will review and analyze these proposals and make recommendations to the MEA Board of Directors at their August meeting. A draft contract will be negotiated with the selected energy providers between August and November. The councils of the nine member jurisdictions will then have 90 days to review the contract before it is submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission for approval in March of 2010.

Formed in December 2008, MEA is a Joint Powers Authority, the members of which are located within the geographic boundaries of Marin County, California. The purpose of MEA is to address climate change by reducing energy-related greenhouse gas emissions and securing renewable energy sources, price stability, energy efficiencies and local economic and workforce benefits. To further these objectives, MEA intends to implement Marin Clean Energy, as well as develop a local infrastructure of renewable energy sources, which will create local jobs.

In addition to the bid solicitation and analysis process, MEA is considering local energy efficiency and local renewable programs, including the creation of an AB811 program. AB811 authorizes residential and commercial property owners to finance the installation of energy efficiency and/or solar improvements through property tax bills, much like local bonds and assessments. If MEA launches an AB811 program, all Marin cities and towns, and their residents and businesses, would have access to the program.

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