Alameda County residents and businesses will soon have a new—greener—choice for the electricity provider that powers our homes and businesses.

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) will be a community-controlled power supplier, committed to providing electricity generated from renewable sources such as solar, wind and geothermal.

Alameda County and 11 of its cities* have formed the East Bay Community Energy Authority and are working with the community to launch EBCE. Our communities would benefit from:

- More renewable energy sources
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Competitive rates
- Innovative services
- Local control
- Local projects/jobs and economic benefits

The time is right for a new option.

* Newark and Pleasanton are not members at this time (April 2017). The City of Alameda is served by its own utility.
EBCE will buy electricity on your behalf, with more renewable power than PG&E provides. PG&E will continue to deliver the electricity to homes and businesses over its existing power poles and lines, just as it always has. PG&E crews in their distinctive blue trucks will still maintain the lines and repair them as needed. PG&E will also send bills and provide customer service.

Since EBCE is a not-for-profit agency, net revenue can be reinvested in programs that keep rates competitive, develop more local renewable energy, provide for energy efficiency improvements and create incentives for local solar generation.

Alameda County and 11 of its cities have formed EBCE. Once power is ready to be delivered, the transition will be seamless; you’ll receive the same electric service and reliability as before, without interruption. And you’ll have a choice: those who prefer to remain with PG&E can choose that option.

Similar programs in the Bay Area now provide greener electricity than PG&E, which offers about 30% renewably sourced electricity. Our recently completed technical feasibility study shows that we can do the same here, and 16 other California counties plus the City of San José are exploring starting their own programs.