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TO:              Energy Council

FROM:            Gary Wolff, Executive Director

SUBJECT:         Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

BACKGROUND

Energy Council officer’s terms are for a fiscal year. Since June concludes our fiscal year, it is time for election of new officers, effective July 1st. Pauline Cutter from San Leandro is the current President, Dan Kalb from Oakland is the First Vice President, and Greg Jones from Hayward is the Second Vice President.

It is customary in the WMA for each officer to ‘advance one level’ each year, and the Energy Council has followed that pattern so far.

WMA policy requires the geographic origin of officers to include one from each of three defined parts of the County (South, North, and East). The Energy Council decided to consider geographic diversity when it first elected officers, because Livermore, Pleasanton, Oro Loma and CVSan do not belong to the Energy Council, which means that only one of the five 'east county' agencies listed in the WMA policy (Dublin) would be eligible if the definitions of north, south, and east county in that policy were used.

In addition, the Energy Council was interested in ensuring that the officers were not all from large, or small, member agencies. But the dividing line between large and small agencies has not been formally defined for the purpose of electing officers. However, the larger agencies might be defined as those with more than one vote on the Energy Council, in recognition that they have larger populations than the other agencies. The agencies with more than one vote are: Oakland (3), the County (2), the City of Fremont (2), and the City of Hayward (2).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Energy Council elect officers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.