



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: January 24, 2022
DEPARTMENT: City Council
PRESENTED BY: Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

Receive Report and Consider Approval of City Council Letter to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Support of Joining a Rural Regional Energy Network (REN)

ISSUE:

Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) has requested a letter of support from the City of Fort Bragg in the creation of a Rural Regional Energy Network (REN) to be sent to the California Public Utilities Commission.

ANALYSIS:

Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith serves on the board of MCOG who is in support of creating a Rural Regional Energy Network that would allow the City to participate in future portfolio of Humboldt and Mendocino County purchase of power solutions and for rural communities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached letter of support and direct staff to send the support letter to the California Public Utilities Commission.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There are no alternative recommendations available today. This action is non-binding until a Rural Regional Energy Network is actually created and approved by all parties concerned. If a Rural Regional Energy Network is successfully created, staff will return to the Council requesting direction or action to join.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts to the budget connected to the letter of support.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT:

The creation of a Rural Regional Energy Network will assist the member public agencies to achieve deep energy savings in our region and accelerate an equitable transition to a green and resilient economy that will result in a reduction of Greenhouse Gas.

CONSISTENCY:

This letter of support is consistent with the needs of the City and its ability to meet future energy independence and rural resiliency.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Dependent upon the creation of a Rural REN.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MCOG Staff Report for 12/6/2021
2. Rural REN Abstract
3. Council Letter

NOTIFICATION:

None.