



AGENCY:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	September 26, 2016
DEPARTMENT:	Administration
PRESENTED BY:	L. Ruffing

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT

### **TITLE:**

**RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY ACT AS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG AND IMPLEMENT THE SONOMA CLEAN POWER COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG**

### **ISSUE:**

At the September 12, 2016 Fort Bragg City Council meeting, the Council received a presentation from representatives of Sonoma Clean Power and directed staff to prepare the necessary resolution and ordinance for Fort Bragg to participate in the Sonoma Clean Power Authority's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. The attached resolution requests that the Sonoma Clean Power Authority implement its CCA program within the City of Fort Bragg. A separate agenda item includes an ordinance that will also need to be introduced and adopted in order for Fort Bragg to participate in the Sonoma Clean Power Authority's CCA program.

Once Sonoma Clean Power is fully authorized to provide service in Fort Bragg, it will perform outreach and notification of utility customers. Customers who do not wish to receive power that has been purchased or generated by Sonoma Clean Power may "opt out" and continue to receive power purchased by PG&E. Either way, electricity distribution, customer service, and billing will continue to be handled by PG&E.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt City Council Resolution Requesting that the Sonoma Clean Power Authority act as Community Choice Aggregator on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg and implement the Sonoma Clean Power Community Choice Aggregation program within the City of Fort Bragg.

### **ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):**

1. No Action. Under this alternative, the City Council would decline to participate in the Sonoma Clean Power Community Choice Aggregation Program.
2. Continue action on the matter and direct staff to provide additional information or analysis. Under this alternative, the City would not be able to meet the established deadline for June 2017 service.

### **ANALYSIS:**

In 2002, legislation was passed in California to allow local agencies to purchase or develop electricity that would be delivered to utility customers within their jurisdictions by the region's existing utility (in our case, PG&E). This service is known as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). The intention behind CCA is to increase the amount of renewable energy available to customers thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, CCA provides opportunities for local control of rates and revenues. In Sonoma County, the Sonoma Clean Power Authority was formed in 2012 and its CCA program serves all utility customers in the County except for within the City of Healdsburg (which has its own electric utility). Sonoma Clean Power offers two levels of service to its customers- CleanStart, which is the default service, has 36% renewable power in its

portfolio and offers rates which are slightly lower than PG&E's. EverGreen is an optional service that has 100% renewable power and has a current pricing that is .025/kWh higher than the CleanStart rate. By comparison, PG&E's portfolio currently includes 27% renewable power.

Earlier this summer, Sonoma Clean Power voted to offer Mendocino County and its incorporated cities (except for Ukiah which has its own electric utility) participation in its CCA program. On September 12, the Council received a presentation from representatives of Sonoma Clean Power and directed staff to prepare the necessary resolution and ordinance for Fort Bragg to participate in Sonoma Clean Power's CCA program.

The SCPA Board will need to take the following actions before a final decision is reached: (1) update the Joint Power Agreement to offer one seat on the Board to represent Mendocino County and one seat to collectively represent Fort Bragg, Willits and Point Arena, assuming that all three cities vote to participate; and (b) a vote to accept Mendocino County and any incorporated cities once those jurisdictions have passed ordinances.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action will not have a fiscal impact on the City or its residents other than potential savings on utility bills.

**IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:**

If the City Council adopts a resolution requesting that SCPA extend their CCA program to utility customers in the City of Fort Bragg and adopts an ordinance authorizing implementation of SCPA's CCA program and the SCPA approves the request, service to Fort Bragg customers could begin in June 2017.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution

**NOTIFICATION:**

1. None

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