

RESOLUTION NO. 2999-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR REQUESTING THAT THE SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY ACT AS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATOR ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN AND IMPLEMENT THE SONOMA CLEAN POWER COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE TOWN

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor has investigated options to provide electric services to customers within the Town, with the intent of achieving greater local control and involvement over the provision of electric services, competitive electric rates, the development of clean, local renewable energy projects, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and the wider implementation of energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Water Agency prepared a Feasibility Study and a draft Implementation Plan for a community choice aggregation (“CCA”) program in Sonoma County under the provisions of Public Utilities Code §366.2; and

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study and draft Implementation Plan show that implementing a community choice aggregation program would provide multiple benefits, including:

- Providing customers a choice of power providers;
- Increasing local control and involvement in and collaboration on energy rates and other energy-related matters;
- Providing more stable long-term electric rates that are competitive with those provided by the incumbent utility;
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions arising from electricity use within Sonoma County;
- Increasing local renewable generation capacity;
- Increasing energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs;
- Increasing regional energy self-sufficiency; and
- Improving the local economy resulting from the implementation of local renewable energy and energy conservation and efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2012, the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency approved a Joint Powers Agreement creating the Sonoma Clean Power Authority (“the Authority”), and under the Joint Powers Agreement, cities and towns within Sonoma County may participate in the Sonoma Clean Power CCA program by adopting the resolution and ordinance required by Public Utilities Code §366.2; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns choosing to participate in the CCA program will have membership on the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority as provided in the joint powers agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Authority solicited bids from electric power suppliers and other service providers, in order to determine whether implementation of a CCA program in Sonoma County is financially viable, and has determined that a CCA program in Sonoma County could provide power to residents and businesses at rates that are competitive with those of the incumbent utility (PG&E); and

WHEREAS, under Public Utilities Code §366.2, customers have the right to opt-out of a CCA program and continue to receive service from the incumbent utility, so that Town residents and businesses who wish to continue to receive service from the incumbent utility will be able to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR FINDS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Town of Windsor hereby requests that the Sonoma Clean Power Authority act as Community Choice Aggregator on its behalf within the jurisdiction of the Town, and authorizes the Authority to implement and carry out within the Town the community choice aggregation program as generally described in the draft Implementation Plan, subject to the Authority's right to forego the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation program in the event that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority determines not to finalize and approve an Implementation Plan for submission to the California Public Utilities Commission.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of May 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, OKREPKIE AND SALMON

NOES: COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN AND MAYOR GOBLE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



ROBIN GOBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK