

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 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. The Feasibility Study and draft Implementation Plan state 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 stable long-term electric rates;
- 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;
- Improving the local economy resulting from the implementation of local renewable energy and energy conservation and efficiency projects; and

Section 2. 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”). 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. 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.

Section 3. The Authority has 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. From those bids, the Authority 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).

Section 4. 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. Customers who wish to continue to receive service from the incumbent utility will be able to do so.

Section 5. Based upon the forgoing, and in order to provide business and residents within the City of Santa Rosa with a choice of power providers and with the benefits described above,

the Council hereby affirmatively elects to implement a community choice aggregation program within the jurisdiction of the City of Santa Rosa by participating as a group with the County of Sonoma, the Sonoma County Water Agency, and other cities in Sonoma County in the Community Choice Aggregation program of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority, 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.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7. Environmental Determination The City finds that the action approving Sonoma Power is within the scope of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report of the Santa Rosa Climate Action Plan adopted on June 5, 2012, and further that any future projects in connection with Sonoma Clean Power will be subject to future environmental review consistent with the requirements of CEQA

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following its adoption.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney