

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-34

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

WHEREAS, the City of Clearlake ("City") has been actively investigating options to provide electric services to constituents within its service area with the intent of achieving greater local involvement over the provision of electric services and promoting competitive and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2002, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 117 (Stat. 2002, Ch. 838; see California Public Utilities Code section 366.2; hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), which authorizes any California city or county, whose governing body so elects, to combine the electricity load of its residents and businesses in a community-wide electricity aggregation program known as Community Choice Aggregation ("CCA"); and

WHEREAS, the Act expressly authorizes participation in a CCA program through a joint powers agency, and on December 4, 2012, the Sonoma Clean Power Authority ("SCPA") was established as a joint powers authority pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement, as amended from time to time ("SCPA Joint Powers Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2013, the California Public Utilities Commission certified the "Implementation Plan" for SCPA's CCA program, and on February 20, 2015 approved a Second Revised and Updated Implementation Plan, confirming SCPA's compliance with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clearlake is concurrently adopting (1) an ordinance determining that implementation of a CCA program is in the public interest and welfare of its residents, and elected to authorize and implement a CCA program within the City and (2) a resolution establishing membership in the Sonoma-Lake-Mendocino Geothermal Opportunity Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the goals stated in the SCPA Joint Powers Agreement, which are to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, to provide electric power at a competitive cost, to carry out programs to reduce energy use, to provide for long-term electric rate stability and energy security and reliability for residents through local control of electric generation resources, and to stimulate and sustain the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports SCPA's current electricity procurement plan, which increases the amount of renewable energy available to customers and reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, SCPA representatives have stated a willingness to consider including one Lake County representative on the SCPA Board and a second Lake County representative (collectively representing the cities) if all eligible Lake County cities apply and are accepted for participation in the SCPA; and

WHEREAS, SCPA representatives have stated a willingness to consider proportional and equitable use of program funds and mutually beneficial local partnerships; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in SCPA's CCA program, the Act requires the City to individually adopt a resolution requesting that SCPA act as the community choice aggregator on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to make such a request, so that SCPA can provide CCA service to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Clearlake as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. Based upon all of the above, the City Council requests that the Sonoma Clean Power Authority act as Community Choice Aggregator on its behalf within the jurisdiction of the City, and authorizes the Authority to implement and carry out within the City the community choice aggregation program as generally described in the Second Revised and Updated Implementation Plan. The City Council further wishes to become a participant in SCPA's CCA Program.
3. The Clerk of the City Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Sonoma Clean Power Authority.
4. The Mayor is authorized to sign other documents as needed to implement this process.
5. The adoption of this Resolution is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15378 ("State CEQA Guidelines"), therefore, not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060.
6. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Clearlake held on October 2, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Russell Cremer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Swanson, City Clerk