



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Pioneer Community Energy and Community Choice Aggregation for Grass Valley

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive a presentation from Pioneer Community Energy on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA); 2) authorize the City Manager to initiate an Implementation Study for the purposes of further evaluation regarding the possibility of the City joining Pioneer Community Energy's JPA, subject to legal review; 3) authorize the City Manager to sign all documents required to complete the study; and 4) approve the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments and transfers to complete these actions.

Prepared by: Timothy M. Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 03/22/2022

Date Prepared: 03/17/2022

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: At the January 25, 2022, City Council meeting, Pioneer Community Energy gave an informational presentation regarding Community Choice Aggregators and the possibility for the City of Grass Valley to join Pioneer's Joint Powers Authority. The Council requested Pioneer return at a later date to further the discussion.

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), authorized by Assembly Bill 117, is a state law that allows cities, counties and other authorized entities to aggregate electricity demand within their jurisdictions in order to purchase and/or generate alternative energy supplies for residents and businesses within their jurisdiction while maintaining the existing electricity provider for transmission and distribution services.

The goal of a CCA is to provide options for electrical service providers (i.e. cheaper rates, renewable energy choices, etc.) than Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). Under Public Utilities Code section 366.2, customers have the right to opt out of a CCA Program and continue to receive service from PG&E.

Pioneer Community Energy will provide a presentation with additional information about Pioneer and the benefits of Grass Valley joining their JPA and potential next steps.

Attached is the PowerPoint presentation for Council's reference.

Council Goals/Objectives: The item executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Community and Sense of Place as well as Economic Development and Vitality.

Fiscal Impact: The initial fiscal impact for the City is \$15,000 to conduct an Implementation Study. There are sufficient funds in the FY 2021/22 Budget Contingency to fund the study.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: Contingency

Reviewed by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Power Point Presentation Slides