

CITY OF ST. HELENA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP IN MARIN CLEAN ENERGY (MCE)

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helena 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.

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”).

WHEREAS, the Act expressly authorizes participation in a CCA program through a joint powers agency, and on December 19, 2008, Marin Clean Energy (MCE) was established as a joint power authority pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement, as amended from time to time.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission certified the “Implementation Plan” of MCE, confirming MCE’s compliance with the requirements of the Act.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helena fully supports the mission of MCE, which states that the purpose of MCE is to address climate change by reducing energy related greenhouse gas emissions and securing energy supply, price stability, energy efficiencies and local economic and workforce benefits. It is the intent of MCE to promote the development and use of a wide range of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs, including but not limited to solar and wind energy production at competitive rates for customers.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helena fully supports MCE’s current electricity procurement plan, which targets for more than 50% renewable energy content.

WHEREAS, in order to become a member of MCE, the MCE Joint Powers Agreement requires the City of St. Helena to individually adopt a resolution requesting membership in MCE and an ordinance electing to implement a Community Choice Aggregation program within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the City of St. Helena as follows:

1. Based upon all of the above, the Council requests that the Board of Directors of Marin Clean Energy approve the City of St. Helena as a member of the MCE.
2. The City of St. Helena Manager is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to MCE.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City of St. Helena Council on the 24th day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

Mayor Galbraith: _____
Vice Mayor White: _____
Councilmember Crull: _____
Councilmember Dohring: _____
Councilmember Pitts: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Alan Galbraith, Mayor

Cindy Black, City Clerk