



August 10, 2015

Dawn Weisz
Executive Office, Marin Clean Energy
1125 Tamalpais Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901

Re: Potential membership in MCE

Dear Ms. Weisz:

In accordance with City of Walnut Creek Resolution 15-39, I am sending this letter of intent expressing the City's interest in exploring possible membership in MCE. In June, the City Council heard two presentations on Community Choice Energy, including one from an MCE staff member, and is interested in continuing to explore the idea of joining a CCE.

In 2012, the City of Walnut Creek adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) with an overall greenhouse gas reduction goal of 15 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2020. According to the City's 2005 greenhouse gas inventory, residential energy use and commercial energy use make up 36 percent of the community's overall emissions. The CAP calls for an increase in renewable energy to achieve emission reductions.

Potential membership in a CCE program such as MCE could help the City reach these goals, provide our residents with additional energy choice, and reduce energy costs in our community. Walnut Creek's potential participation in MCE may also contribute to MCE's mission of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and could provide opportunities for new renewable energy or energy efficiency projects and programs.

With this letter, the City cordially requests that MCE authorize its staff to conduct exploratory negotiations with the City, at an appropriate time, to determine the feasibility and practicality of Walnut Creek joining MCE. While MCE is not currently open to new members, the City is confirming by this letter its interest in exploring possible membership in MCE in the future.

Please contact Administrative Analyst Cara Bautista-Rao at bautista-rao@walnut-creek.org or (925) 943-5899 x2216 for further discussion. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ken Nordhoff
City Manager, City of Walnut Creek