CITY OF FORT BRAGG Lindy Peters Mayor CITY OF POINT ARENA Scott Ignacio Mayor CITY OF WILLITS Gerardo Gonzalez Mayor CITY OF UKIAH Jim Brown Mayor

#### MARCH 22, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO ADMINISTRATION CENTER
501 LOW GAP ROAD, ROOM 1010, CONFERENCE ROOM A
UKIAH. CALIFORNIA 95482

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE PARTICIPATING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE FROM THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS (Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953):

Mayor Lindy Peters Fort Bragg City Hall - Downstairs Conference Room 416 North Franklin Street Fort Bragg, CA 95437

> Mayor Scott Ignacio Point Arena City Hall 451 School Street Point Arena, CA 95468

#### **ORDER OF AGENDA**

- 1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:
  - Alternate City Representative to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)
  - Alternate Fort Bragg, Willits, Point Arena Representative to Sonoma Clean Power (SCP)
- 2. OTHER BUSINESS:
  - a. Public Expression
  - b. Approval of January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes
  - c. Announcements/Other Business
  - d. Adjournment

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## ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED PARTIES PUBLIC EXPRESSION: (PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

- Members of the public are welcome to address the City Selection Committee on items not listed on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may ask questions to clarify the speaker's comment and/or briefly answer questions. The Committee limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to 3 minutes per person and not more than 10 minutes for a particular subject.
- Individuals wishing to address the Committee under Public Expression are welcome to do so. If you wish to submit written comments, please provide information to the Clerk of the Board staff, located in the Administration Center, Room 1010.

## MENDOCINO COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

The City Selection Committee convened on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 9:10 a.m., at 501 Low Gap Road, Conference Room A, with the following members present: Fort Bragg Mayor Lindy Peters (via conference call), Point Arena Mayor Scott Ignacio; Willits Mayor Gerardo Gonzalez, and Ukiah Mayor Jim Brown.

Also present: Ms. Janelle Rau, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel; and Ms. Nicole French, Deputy Clerk of the Board II/City Selection Committee Secretary.

Roll Call was conducted, reflecting participation by the Mayors of the Cities of Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Willits and Ukiah.

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

#### CITIES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY (NCRA)

THE DEPUTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY

#### CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

Presenter/s: Ms. Nicole French, Deputy Clerk of the Board II/City Selection Committee Secretary.

**Committee Action**: Upon motion by Mayor Brown, seconded by Mayor Ignacio, and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the City Selection Committee hereby appoints Kevin Doble and Gerardo Gonzalez as City Representatives to the Local Agency Formation Commission.

#### FORT BRAGG, WILLITS, POINT ARENA REPRESENTATIVE TO SONOMA CLEAN POWER (SCP)

Presenter/s: Ms. Nicole French, Deputy Clerk of the Board II/City Selection Committee Secretary.

**Committee Action**: Upon motion by Mayor Ignacio, seconded by Mayor Gonzalez, and carried 3/0/1 (Mayor Brown abstaining); IT IS ORDERED that the City Selection Committee hereby appoints Lindy Peters as Fort Bragg, Willits, and Point Arena Representative to Sonoma Clean Power.

#### CITY REPRESENTATIVE (AVIATION EXPERTISE) TO THE AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION (ALUC)

Presenter/s: Ms. Nicole French, Deputy Clerk of the Board II/City Selection Committee Secretary.

**Committee Action**: Upon motion by Mayor Gonzalez, seconded by Mayor Ignacio, and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the City Selection Committee hereby appoints Don Albright as City Representative to the Airport Land Use Commission.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION:

#### NORTH COAST REGION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

Presenter/s: Ms. Nicole French, Deputy Clerk of the Board II/City Selection Committee Secretary.

**Committee Action**: Upon motion by Mayor Brown, seconded by Mayor Gonzalez, and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the City Selection Committee hereby nominates Lindy Peters as North Coast Region Representative to the California Coastal Commission and authorizes the City Selection Committee Secretary to transmit a letter to the Office of the Governor in support of the nomination.

**Committee Directive**: The committee hereby directs staff to include support of Ryan Sundberg's appointment to the California Coastal Commission in the letter to the Office of the Governor.

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:43 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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NICOLE FRENCH

Deputy Clerk of the Board II/City Selection Committee Secretary

CALIFORNIA CODES
GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 56325-56337



56325. There is hereby continued in existence in each county a local agency formation commission. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commission shall consist of members selected as follows:

(a) Two appointed by the board of supervisors from their own membership. The board of supervisors shall appoint a third supervisor who shall be an alternate member of the commission. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of any supervisor on the commission who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.

If the office of a regular county member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular county member until the appointment and qualification of a regular county member to fill the vacancy.

- (b) Two selected by the cities in the county, each of whom shall be a mayor or council member, appointed by the city selection, committee. The city selection committee shall also designate one alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56335. The alternate shall also be a mayor or council member. The city selection committee is encouraged to select members to fairly represent the diversity of the cities in the county, with respect to population and geography.
- (c) Two presiding officers or members of legislative bodies of independent special districts selected by the independent special district selection committee pursuant to Section 56332. The independent special district selection committee shall also designate a presiding officer or member of the legislative body of an independent special district as an alternative member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56332. The independent special district selection committee is encouraged to make selections that fairly represent the diversity of the independent special districts in the county, with respect to population and geography.
- (d) One representing the general public appointed by the other members of the commission. The other members of the commission may also designate one alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56331. Selection of the public member and alternate public member shall be subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of the members selected by each of the other appointing authorities. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the public member or alternate public member position, the commission shall cause a notice of vacancy to be posted as provided in Section 56158. A copy of this notice shall be sent to the clerk or secretary of the legislative body of each local agency within the county. Final appointment to fill the vacancy may not be made for at least 21 days after the posting of the notice.
- 56325.1. While serving on the commission, all commission members shall exercise their independent judgment on behalf of the interests of residents, property owners, and the public as a whole in furthering the purposes of this division. Any member appointed on behalf of local governments shall represent the interests of the public as a whole and not solely the interests of the appointing authority. This section does not require the abstention of any member on any matter, nor does it create a right of action in any person.

- 56326. In Los Angeles County, the commission shall consist of nine members, selected as follows:
- (a) Two appointed by the board of supervisors from its own membership. The board of supervisors shall also appoint a third supervisor who shall be an alternate member of the commission. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of any supervisor on the commission who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.

If the office of the regular county member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular county member until the appointment and qualification of a regular county member to fill the vacancy.

(b) One appointed by the board of supervisors, who shall not be a member of the board of supervisors but who shall be a resident of the San Fernando Valley Statistical Area, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 11093. The board of supervisors shall also appoint an alternate member who shall not be a member of the board of supervisors but who is a resident of the San Fernando Valley Statistical Area. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of the member appointed pursuant to this subdivision if that member is absent or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.

If the office of the regular member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular member until the appointment and qualification of a regular member to fill the vacancy.

- (c) Two selected by the cities in the county, each of whom shall be a mayor or council member, appointed by the city selection committee. The city selection committee shall also designate one alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56335. The alternate shall also be a mayor or council member. The city selection committee is encouraged to select members to fairly represent the diversity of the cities in the county, with respect to population and geography.
- (d) One selected by a city in the county having a population in excess of 30 percent of the total population of the county who is a member of the legislative body of the city, appointed by the presiding officer of the legislative body. The presiding officer of the legislative body shall also designate an alternate member who is a member of the legislative body. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of the member appointed pursuant to this subdivision if the member is absent or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.
- If the office of the regular member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular member until the appointment and qualification of a regular member to fill the vacancy.
- (e) Two presiding officers or members of legislative bodies of independent special districts selected by an independent special district selection committee pursuant to Section 56332. The independent special district selection committee shall also designate one alternate member who shall be a presiding officer or member of the legislative body of an independent special district and shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56332. The independent special district selection committee is encouraged to select members to fairly represent the diversity of the independent special districts in the county, with respect to population and geography.
- (f) One representing the general public appointed by the other members of the commission.

- 56326.5. In Sacramento County, the commission shall consist of seven members, selected as follows:
- (a) Two appointed by the board of supervisors from their own membership. The board of supervisors shall appoint a third supervisor who shall serve as an alternate member of the commission. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of any supervisor on the commission who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission. If the office of the regular county member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular county member until the appointment and qualification of a regular county member to fill the vacancy.
- (b) One selected by the City of Sacramento who is a member of the city council, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The mayor shall also appoint, subject to confirmation by the council, an alternate member who is a member of the city council. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of the regular city member if the city member is absent or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission. If the office of the regular city member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular city member until the appointment and qualification of a regular city member to fill the vacancy.
- (c) One selected by the cities in the county, who is a mayor or council member appointed by the city selection committee. The city selection committee shall also designate one alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56335. The alternate shall also be a mayor or council member. The city selection committee is encouraged to select members to fairly represent the diversity of the cities in the county, with respect to population and geography.
- (d) Two presiding officers or members of legislative bodies of independent special districts selected by an independent special district selection committee pursuant to Section 56332. The independent special district selection committee shall also designate one alternate member who shall be a presiding officer or member of the legislative body of an independent special district and shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56332. The independent special district selection committee is encouraged to select members to fairly represent the diversity of the independent special districts in the county, with respect to population and geography.
- (e) One representing the general public, appointed by the other six members of the commission. The commission may also appoint an alternate public member who may serve and vote in the place of the regular public member if the regular public member is absent or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission. If the office of the regular public member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular public member until the appointment and qualification of a regular public member to fill the vacancy.
- 56327. In Santa Clara County, the commission shall consist of five members, selected as follows:
- (a) Two appointed by the board of supervisors from their own membership. The board of supervisors shall appoint a third supervisor who shall serve as an alternate member of the commission. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of any supervisor on the commission who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from

participating in a meeting of the commission. If the office of the regular county member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular county member until the appointment and qualification of a regular county member to fill the vacancy.

- (b) One selected by the city in the county having the largest population, who is a member of the legislative body of the city, appointed by the city council. The city council shall also appoint an alternate member who is a member of the legislative body of the city. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of the regular city member if the city member is absent or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission. If the office of the regular city member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular city member until the appointment and qualification of a regular city member to fill the vacancy.
- (c) One selected by the cities in the county, who is a mayor or council member appointed by the city selection committee. The city selection committee shall also designate one alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56335. The alternate shall also be a mayor or council member. The city selection committee is encouraged to select members to fairly represent the diversity of the cities in the county, with respect to population and geography.
- (d) One representing the general public, appointed by the other four members of the commission. This member shall not be a resident of a city which is already represented on the commission. The commission may also appoint an alternate public member, who shall not be a resident of a city represented on the commission, and who may serve and vote in the place of the regular public member if the regular public member is absent or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission. If the office of the regular public member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular public member until the appointment and qualification of a regular public member to fill the vacancy.
- 56327.3. In Santa Clara County, the commission shall be enlarged by two members if, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56820), the commission orders representation of special districts upon the commission.
- 56328. (a) In San Diego County, the commission, which consists of seven members, augmented pursuant to Section 56332, shall be additionally augmented by the appointment of an eighth member and that member shall, notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 56325, be a member of the legislative body of the city in the county having the largest population, appointed by the legislative body of that city.
- (b) The legislative body of the city shall appoint an alternate member at the same time and in the same manner as it appoints the regular member appointed pursuant to subdivision (a). If the regular city member is absent from a commission meeting, or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the regular city member for that meeting. If the office of the regular city member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular city member until the appointment and qualification of a regular city member to fill the vacancy.

- 56328.5. (a) In Kern County, the commission, which consists of seven members, augmented pursuant to Section 56332, shall be additionally augmented by the appointment of an eighth member and a ninth member.
- (b) The eighth member shall, notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 56325, be a member of the legislative body of the city in the county having the largest population, appointed by the legislative body of that city.

The legislative body of the city shall appoint an alternate member at the same time and in the same manner as it appoints the eighth regular member. If the regular city member is absent from a commission meeting, or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the regular city member for that meeting. If the office of the regular city member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular city member until the appointment and qualification of a regular city member to fill the vacancy.

- (c) The ninth member shall represent the general public, but shall not be a member of the governing body of any local agency. The ninth member shall be appointed by the four members of the commission appointed by the county supervisors and the independent special district selection committee. Those commission members may also appoint an alternate public member, who is not a member of the governing body of any local agency, who may serve and vote in the place of the regular public member appointed pursuant to this subdivision if that regular public member is absent or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission. If the office of the regular public member appointed pursuant to this subdivision becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of that former regular public member until the appointment and qualification of a regular public member pursuant to this subdivision to fill the vacancy.
- 56329. If there is no city in the county, the commission shall consist of five members, selected as follows which may be further augmented pursuant to Sections 56332 and 56332.5:
- (a) Three appointed by the board of supervisors from their own membership. The board of supervisors shall appoint a fourth supervisor who is an alternate member of the commission. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of any supervisor on the commission who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.
- If the office of a regular county member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular county member until the appointment and qualification of a regular county member to fill the vacancy.
- (b) Two representing the general public appointed by the other three members of the commission. Selection of the public member and alternate public member shall be subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of the members selected by each of the other appointing authorities.
- 56331. When appointing a public member pursuant to Sections 56325, 56326, and 56329, the commission may also appoint one alternate public member who may serve and vote in place of a regular public

member who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.

If the office of a regular public member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular public member until the appointment and qualification of a regular public member to fill the vacancy.

No person appointed as a public member or alternate public member pursuant to this chapter shall be an officer or employee of the county or any city or district with territory in the county, provided, however, that any officer or employee serving on January 1, 1994, may complete the term for which he or she was appointed.

- 56331.3. If two or more members are absent or disqualify themselves from participating in a meeting of the commission, any alternate member who is authorized to serve and vote in the place of a member shall only have one vote.
- 56332. (a) The independent special district selection committee shall consist of the presiding officer of the legislative body of each independent special district. However, if the presiding officer of an independent special district is unable to attend a meeting of the independent special district selection committee, the legislative body of the district may appoint one of its members to attend the meeting of the selection committee in the presiding officer's place. Those districts shall include districts located wholly within the county and those containing territory within the county representing 50 percent or more of the assessed value of taxable property of the district, as shown on the last equalized county assessment roll. Each member of the committee shall be entitled to one vote for each independent special district of which he or she is the presiding officer. Members representing a majority of the eligible districts shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) The executive officer shall call and give written notice of all meetings of the members of the selection committee. A meeting shall be called and held under either of the following circumstances:
- (1) Whenever a vacancy exists among the members or alternate members representing independent special districts upon the commission.
- (2) Upon receipt of a written request by one or more members of the selection committee representing districts having 10 percent or more of the assessed value of taxable property within the county, as shown on the last equalized county assessment roll.
- (c) (1) If the executive officer determines that a meeting of the special district selection committee, for the purpose of selecting the special district representatives or for filling a vacancy, is not feasible, the executive officer may conduct the business of the committee in writing, as provided in this subdivision. The executive officer may call for nominations to be submitted in writing within 30 days. At the end of the nominating period, the executive officer shall prepare and deliver, or send by certified mail, to each independent special district one ballot and voting instructions. If only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected, with no further proceedings.
- (2) As an alternative to the delivery by certified mail, the executive officer, with the prior concurrence of the district, may transmit the ballot and voting instructions by electronic mail, provided that the executive officer shall retain written evidence of the receipt of that material.
  - (3) The ballot shall include the names of all nominees and the

- office for which each was nominated. The districts shall return the ballots to the executive officer by the date specified in the voting instructions, which date shall be at least 30 days from the date on which the executive officer mailed the ballots to the districts.
- (4) If the executive officer has transmitted the ballot and voting instructions by electronic mail, the districts may return the ballots to the executive officer by electronic mail, provided that the executive officer retains written evidence of the receipt of the ballot.
- (5) Any ballot received by the executive officer after the specified date is invalid. The executive officer shall announce the results of the election within seven days of the specified date.
- (d) The selection committee shall appoint two regular members and one alternate member to the commission. The members so appointed shall be elected or appointed special district officers residing within the county but shall not be members of the legislative body of a city or county. If one of the regular district members is absent from a commission meeting or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting, the alternate district member may serve and vote in place of the regular district member for that meeting. The representation by a regular district member who is a special district officer shall not disqualify, or be cause for disqualification of, the member from acting on a proposal affecting the special district. The special district selection committee may, at the time it appoints a member or alternate, provide that the member or alternate is disqualified from voting on proposals affecting the district of which the member is a representative.
- (e) If the office of a regular district member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular district member until the appointment and qualification of a regular district member to fill the vacancy.
- 56332.5. If the commission does not have representation from independent special districts on January 1, 2001, the commission shall initiate proceedings for representation of independent special districts upon the commission if requested by independent special districts pursuant to this section. If an independent special district adopts a resolution proposing representation of independent special districts upon the commission, it shall immediately forward a copy of the resolution to the executive officer. Upon receipt of those resolutions from a majority of independent special districts within a county, adopted by the districts within one year from the date that the first resolution was adopted, the commission, at its next regular meeting, shall adopt a resolution of intention. The resolution of intention shall state whether the proceedings are initiated by the commission or by an independent special district or districts, in which case, the names of those districts shall be set forth. The commission shall order the executive officer to call and give notice of a meeting of the independent special district selection committee to be held within 15 days after the adoption of the resolution in order to select independent special district representation on the commission pursuant to Section 56332.
- 56333. When a commission is enlarged to seven members as provided in Section 56332, the public members appointed pursuant to Sections 56325 and 56329 shall thereafter be appointed by members of the commission representing cities, counties, and special districts. Those appointments shall be made at the times and in the manner

provided in Section 56334.

56334. The term of office of each member shall be four years and until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. Upon enlargement of the commission by two members, as provided in Section 56332, the new members first appointed to represent independent special districts shall classify themselves by lot so that the expiration date of the term of office of one new member coincides with the existing member who holds the office represented by the original two-year term on the commission and the term of office of the other new member coincides with the existing member who holds the office represented by the original four-year term on the commission. The body which originally appointed a member whose term has expired shall appoint his or her successor for a full term of four years. Any member may be removed at any time and without cause by the body appointing that member. The expiration date of the term of office of each member shall be the first Monday in May in the year in which the term of the member expires, unless procedures adopted by the commission specify an alternate date to apply uniformly to all members. However, the length of a term of office shall not be extended more than once. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the body which originally appointed the member whose office has become vacant.

The chairperson of the commission shall be selected by the members of the commission.

Commission members and alternates shall be reimbursed for the actual amount of their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings and in performing the duties of their office. The commission may authorize payment of a per diem to commission members and alternates for each day while they are in attendance at meetings of the commission.

56335. In each county containing two or more cities, regular and alternate city members to the commission shall be appointed by the city selection committee organized in the county pursuant to and in the manner provided in Article 11 (commencing with Section 50270) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 1. Regular members of the commission shall be appointed by the city selection committee pursuant to Sections 56325, 56326, and 56327.

The city selection committee shall appoint one alternate member to the commission in the same manner as it appoints a regular member. If one of the regular city members is absent from a commission meeting, or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of that regular city member for that meeting.

Except in the case of a member appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 56326 or subdivision (b) of Section 56327, a city selection committee, may, at the time it appoints a member or alternate, provide that the member or alternate is disqualified from voting on proposals affecting the city which the member or alternate represents.

If the office of a regular city member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular city member until the appointment and qualification of a regular city member to fill the vacancy.

56336. Each commission may adopt regulations with respect to disqualification of members or alternates from participating in the review of a proposal. In the absence, however, of those regulations, Section 56332 or 56335 shall apply. The representation by a member or alternate of a city or district shall not disqualify, or be cause for disqualification of, the member or alternate from acting on a proposal affecting the city or the district, and any regulation providing for the disqualification of a city or district representative for that reason is null and void.

56337. A city, county, or district officer may serve as a member of the commission while holding office as a city, county, or district officer. If a member who is a city, county, or district officer ceases to be an officer of a city, county, or district during his or her term, his or her membership on the commission shall be considered vacant.

#### **Mendocino County Local Agency Formation Commission**

#### **LAFCO Policy & Procedures**

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#### CHAPTER I. — INTRODUCTION

#### A Brief History of the Act

The procedures for establishment and revising local government boundaries are set in the constitution and laws of the 50 states. Some alternative processes include judicial approval, special state legislation, or the use of "boundary commissions" such as California's formation commissions (LAFCOs).

The Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985 followed several years of cooperative efforts between Assembly Member Dominic Cortese, former Chair of the Assembly Local Government Committee, and the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO). The Act, which became operative January 1, 1986, consolidates three major laws used by California's local governments for boundary changes into a single, unified law.

The three laws which previously governed changes in boundaries and organizations of cities and special districts were:

- The Knox-Nisbet Act of 1963, which established LAFCOs with regulatory authority over local agency boundary changes.
- The District Reorganization Act of 1965 (DRA), which combined separate laws governing special district boundaries into a single law
- The Municipal Organization Act of 1977 (MORA), which consolidated various laws on city incorporation and annexation into one
  law

These three laws contained many parallel and duplicative provisions. However, similar procedures varied slightly from one law to another, and the proceedings necessary for one type of boundary change were found in vastly different sections of the three laws. Although MORA was the most current revision of city annexation statutes, many cities in the state were required to use DRA so that areas being annexed could be simultaneously detached from special districts. All three laws contained application and hearing procedures for LAFCOs but there were inconsistencies among them. This made city and district boundary changes unnecessarily confusing and complicated for local agencies and LAFCOs, as well as residents and property owners.

In June 1981, the CALAFCO executive board, at the recommendation of Ruth Benell, Los Angeles LAFCO Executive Officer and Chair of the LAFCO legislative committee, established a subcommittee of LAFCO staff representatives to draft legislation for consolidating the three laws. The subcommittee, composed of Chair Bill Davis (San Mateo LAFCO Executive Officer), Marvin Panter (Fresno LAFCO Executive Officer) and Janet Robinson (Sacramento LAFCO staff) spent three years rewriting the law. In February 1983, the CALAFCO legislative committee, composed of LAFCO commissioners and staff members from around the state, reviewed and made recommendations on a number of problem areas found in consolidating the laws. An expanded CALAFCO technical review committee met in December 1983 to review a draft of the new law, and early in 1984, the draft was approved by CALAFCO legislative committee and executive board.

Assembly Member Cortese had served on Santa Clara LAFCO while a Santa Clara County Supervisor, as well as on the CALAFCO executive board, and was aware of the problems encountered in working with these laws. In February 1984, he agreed to introduce legislation which would carry out the consolidating effort. He also determined that the bill would be limited to consolidating procedural requirements and would not include changes in legislative policy. In March and April 1984, Casey Sparks Kaneko, Principal Consultant to the Assembly Local Government Committee and Legislative Counsel, reviewed and revised the draft prepared by CALAFCO. Assembly Member Cortese released the consolidated law in May 1984 as Preprint AB 15 for review and comment by local agencies, the League of California Cities, County Supervisors Association of California (now the California State Association of Counties), California Special Districts Association, Association of California Water Agencies, California Building Industry Association, California Farm Bureau Federation, and other interested groups and individuals. The Assembly Local Government Committee held an interim hearing to receive testimony on Preprint AB15 at the State Capitol on October 15, 1984. Testimony at the hearing supported the concept of consolidating the three boundary change laws.

The final draft of the consolidated law was introduced by Assembly Member Cortese in December 1984 as AB 115. The bill was heard by the Assembly Local Government and Ways and Means Committees and by the Senate Local Government and Appropriations Committee from March through July 1985. After several minor amendments, AB 115 was approved by the Legislature on August 22, signed by Governor Deukmejian on September 9, and chartered as Chapter 541, Statutes of 1985.

Several other bills in the 1985 legislative session amended sections of the Government Code affected by AB 115. Assembly Bill 558 (Cortese) conformed these other bills to the new Local Government Reorganization Act and added the name of former Assembly Member John Knox to the new law, co-author of the Knox-Nisbet Act of 1963 which established LAFCOs. AB 558, Chapter 1599, Statutes of 1985, was approved by the Legislature on September 13, the last day of the legislative session, and was signed by the Governor on October 2, 1985, completing the "Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985" to be operative on January 1, 1986.

Numerous sections have been added, amended, or repealed since 1986. Speaker Robert M. Hertzberg introduced AB 2838 in 2000 to

comprehensively revise the Act. His bill incorporated many of the recommendations made by the Commission on Local Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in its report, "Growth Within Bounds." The extent of revisions resulting in AB 2838 is reflected in the Act's new title "The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000".

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#### Third Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement

#### Relating to and Creating the

#### **Sonoma Clean Power Authority**

By and Among

The County of Sonoma and The Sonoma County Water Agency

This Third Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement ("Agreement"), effective as of October 13, 2016, is made and entered into pursuant to the provisions of Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1 (Sections 6500 et seq.) of the California Government Code relating to the joint exercise of powers among the parties set forth in Exhibit B ("Parties"), and, as of this date, supersedes the original Joint Powers Agreement dated December 4, 2012, the First Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement dated June 25, 2013, and the Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Authority dated July 25, 2013.

#### **RECITALS**

- A. The Parties share various powers under California law, including but not limited to the power to generate, buy and sell power and aggregate electric load for themselves and customers within their jurisdictions.
- B. In 2006, the State Legislature adopted AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, which mandates a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 to 1990 levels. The California Air Resources Board is promulgating regulations to implement AB 32 which will require local governments to develop programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- C. The purposes for the entering into this Agreement include
  - a. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Sonoma County and neighboring regions;
  - b. Providing electric power and other forms of energy to customers at a competitive cost:
  - c. Carrying out programs to reduce total energy consumption;
  - d. Stimulating and sustaining the local economy, including by developing or promoting local distributed energy resources; and
  - e. Promoting long-term electric rate stability, energy security, reliability, and resilience.
- D. It is the intent of this Agreement to promote the development and use of a wide range of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs, including but not limited to

- solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass energy production, with a preference for local distributed sources and California sources.
- E. The Parties have established a separate public agency, known as the Sonoma Clean Power Authority ("Authority"), under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.) ("Act") in order to collectively study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy programs.
- F. The Parties have adopted an ordinance electing to implement through the Authority a common Community Choice Aggregation program, an electric service enterprise available to cities, counties, and the Sonoma County Water Agency pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 331.1(c) and 366.2 ("CCA Program").

#### **AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by and among the Parties as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS AND EXHIBITS**

- 1.1 <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used in the Agreement shall have the meanings specified in Exhibit A, unless the context requires otherwise.
- 1.2 <u>Documents Included</u>. This Agreement consists of this document and the following exhibits, all of which are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

Exhibit A: Definitions

Exhibit B: List of the Parties and Participants Exhibit C: Annual Energy Use and Voting Shares

#### ARTICLE 2: FORMATION OF SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY

- 2.1 <u>Effective Date and Term.</u> This Agreement became effective, and the Sonoma Clean Power Authority commenced existence as a separate public agency, on December 4, 2012 (the "Effective Date"). The Authority shall continue to exist, and this Agreement shall be effective, until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Section 7.4, subject to the rights of the Parties to withdraw from the Authority.
- 2.2 <u>Formation</u>. There is formed as of the Effective Date a public agency named the Sonoma Clean Power Authority. Pursuant to Sections 6506 and 6507 of the Act, the Authority is a public agency separate from the Parties. Pursuant to Sections 6508.1 of the Act, the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority shall not be debts, liabilities or obligations of the individual Parties unless the governing board of a Party agrees in writing to assume any of the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority. A Party who has not agreed to assume an Authority debt, liability or obligation shall not be responsible in any way for such debt, liability or obligation even if a majority of the Parties agree to assume the debt, liability or obligation of the Authority. Notwithstanding Section 8.4 of this Agreement, this Section 2.2 may not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the governing board of each Party.

- 2.3 <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an independent public agency in order to exercise powers common to each Party to study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy, energy efficiency and conservation, and other energy-related programs, and to exercise all other powers necessary and incidental to accomplishing this purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Parties intend for this Agreement to be used as a contractual mechanism by which the Parties and Participants are authorized to participate in the CCA Program, as further described in Section 5.1. The Parties intend that other agreements shall define the terms and conditions associated with the implementation of the CCA Program and any other energy programs approved by the Authority.
- 2.4 <u>Powers</u>. The Authority shall have all powers common to the Parties and such additional powers accorded to it by law. The Authority is authorized, in its own name, to exercise all powers and do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and fulfill its purposes, including, but not limited to, each of the following powers, subject to the voting requirements set forth in Section 4.7 through 4.7.6:
  - 2.4.1 to make and enter into contracts;
  - 2.4.2 to employ agents and employees, including but not limited to a Chief Executive Officer;
  - 2.4.3 to acquire, contract, manage, maintain, and operate any buildings, infrastructure, works, or improvements;
  - 2.4.4 to acquire property by eminent domain, or otherwise, except as limited under Section 6508 of the Act, and to hold or dispose of any property;
  - 2.4.5 to lease any property;
  - 2.4.6 to sue and be sued in its own name;
  - 2.4.7 to incur debts, liabilities, and obligations, including but not limited to loans from private lending sources pursuant to its temporary borrowing powers such as Government Code Sections 53850 et seq. and authority under the Act;
  - 2.4.8 to form subsidiary or independent corporations or entities, if necessary to carry out energy supply and energy conservation programs at the lowest possible cost or to take advantage of legislative or regulatory changes;
  - 2.4.9 to issue revenue bonds and other forms of indebtedness;
  - 2.4.10 to apply for, accept, and receive all licenses, permits, grants, loans or other aids from any federal, state, or local public agency;
  - 2.4.11 to submit documentation and notices, register, and comply with orders, tariffs and agreements for the establishment and implementation of the CCA Program and other energy programs;
  - 2.4.12 to adopt rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and procedures governing the operation of the Authority ("Operating Rules and Regulations"); and

- 2.4.13 to make and enter into service agreements relating to the provision of services necessary to plan, implement, operate and administer the CCA Program and other energy programs, including the acquisition of electric power supply and the provision of retail and regulatory support services.
- 2.5 <u>Limitation on Powers.</u> As required by Government Code Section 6509, the power of the Authority is subject to the restrictions upon the manner of exercising power possessed by the Sonoma County Water Agency.
- 2.6 <u>Compliance with Local Zoning and Building Laws and CEQA.</u> Unless state or federal law provides otherwise, any facilities, buildings or structures located, constructed, or caused to be constructed by the Authority within the territory of the Authority shall comply with the General Plan, zoning and building laws of the local jurisdiction within which the facilities, buildings or structures are constructed and comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

#### ARTICLE 3: AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 <u>Participation in CCA Program</u>. The Parties may participate in the CCA Program upon the adoption of an ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12). Other incorporated municipalities and counties ("Participants") may participate in the CCA Program upon (a) the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of such incorporated municipality or such county requesting that the incorporated municipality or county, as the case may be, become a participant in the CCA Program, (b) the adoption, by an affirmative vote of the Board satisfying the requirements described in Section 4.7.3 (or, if demanded by any Director, 4.7.4), of a resolution authorizing the participation of the additional incorporated municipality or county, specifying the participation payment, if any, to be made by the additional incorporated municipality or county to reflect its pro rata share of organizational, planning, and other preexisting expenditures, and describing additional conditions, if any, associated with participation, (c) the adoption of an ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12) and execution of any necessary program agreements by the incorporated municipality or county, (d) payment of the membership payment, if any, and (e) satisfaction of any conditions established by the Board.
- 3.2 <u>Continuing Participation</u>. The Parties acknowledge that participation in the CCA Program may change by the addition or withdrawal or termination of Participants. The Parties agree to participate with such other Participants as may later be added, as described in Section 3.1. The Parties also agree that the withdrawal or termination of a Participant shall not affect this Agreement or the remaining Parties' or Participants' continuing obligations under this Agreement.
- 3.3 Participants Not Liable for Authority Debts. The debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority shall not be debts, liabilities or obligations of the individual Participants unless the governing board of a Participant agrees in writing to assume any of the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority. A Participant who has not agreed to assume an Authority debt, liability or obligation shall not be responsible in any way for such debt, liability or obligation even if a majority of the Parties and Participants agree to assume the debt, liability or obligation of the Authority. Notwithstanding Section 8.4 of this Agreement, this Section 3.3 may not be

amended unless such amendment is approved by the governing board of each Participant.

#### ARTICLE 4: GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

- 4.1 <u>Board of Directors</u>. The governing body of the Authority shall be a Board of Directors ("Board"). The composition of the Board shall be as set forth in Section 4.7. Each Director shall serve at the pleasure of the governing board of the Party or Participant who appointed such Director, and may be removed as Director by such governing board at any time. If at any time a vacancy occurs on the Board, a replacement shall be appointed to fill the position of the previous Director within 90 days of the date that such position becomes vacant.
- 4.2 <u>Quorum</u>. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time in accordance with law.
- 4.3 <u>Powers and Functions of the Board</u>. The Board shall exercise general governance and oversight over the business and activities of the Authority, consistent with this Agreement and applicable law. The Board shall provide general policy guidance to the CCA Program. The Board shall be required to approve any of the following actions:
  - a. The issuance of bonds or any other financing even if program revenues are expected to pay for such financing.
  - b. The hiring of a Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel.
  - c. The appointment or removal of an officer.
  - d. The adoption or modification of the annual budget.
  - e. The adoption of an ordinance.
  - f. The initiation of litigation where the Authority will be the plaintiff, petitioner, cross complainant or cross petitioner, or intervenor; provided, however, that the Chief Executive Officer or General Counsel, on behalf of the Authority, may intervene in, become a party to, or file comments with respect to any proceeding pending at the California Public Utilities Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any other administrative agency, without approval of the Board.
  - g. The setting of rates for power sold by the Authority and the setting of charges for any other category of service provided by the Authority, except as provided in Section 4.5.2.1.1.
  - h. Any agreement between the Authority and any Party or Participant if the total amount payable under the agreement and other agreements with the Party or Participant is more than \$50,000 in any fiscal year.
  - i. Termination of the CCA Program.
- 4.4 <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of the Authority and the CCA Program. The Chief Executive Officer may exercise all powers of the

Authority, except the powers specifically set forth in Section 4.3 or those powers which by law must be exercised by the Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer may enter into and execute any Energy Contract, in accordance with criteria and policies established by the Board.

- 4.5 <u>Commissions, Boards, and Committees</u>. The Board may establish any advisory commissions, boards, and committees as the Board deems appropriate to assist the Board in carrying out its functions and implementing the CCA Program, other energy programs, and the provisions of this Agreement. All advisory commissions, boards, and committees established by the Board shall comply with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Board may establish rules, regulations, policies, bylaws or procedures to govern any such commissions, boards, or committees, and shall determine whether members shall be compensated or entitled to reimbursement for expenses.
  - 4.5.1 <u>Community Advisory Committee</u>. The Board shall establish a Community Advisory Committee consisting of a minimum of seven members and a maximum of eleven members, none of whom may be members of the Board. In appointing members to the Committee, the Board shall use its best efforts to appoint a balanced, diverse group of individuals, a majority of whom represent the interests of customers as ratepayers (both residential and commercial/industrial), and including members having expertise in one or more of the areas of management, administration, finance, or contracts (in either the public or private sector), infrastructure development, renewable power generation, power sales and marketing, energy conservation, public policy development, or public relations. The Board shall publicize the opportunity to serve on the Community Advisory Committee, and shall appoint members of the Community Advisory Committee from those individuals expressing interest in serving, giving a preference to individuals who are customers of the CCA Program. Members of the Community Advisory Committee shall serve staggered four-year terms as determined by the Board of Directors. A member of the Community Advisory Committee may only be removed by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote as provided in Section 4.7.5. Each member of the Community Advisory Committee shall have one vote; a majority of members shall constitute a quorum; and a majority of a quorum is sufficient for committee action.
  - 4.5.2 <u>Duties and Powers of Community Advisory Committee</u>. The Community Advisory Committee shall meet at least six times per calendar year, and shall have the following duties and powers:
    - 4.7.2.1 Review of Budget and Rates. The proposed annual budget of the CCA Program and any rates or charges proposed to be imposed by the Authority for CCA Program power or services shall be submitted to the Community Advisory Committee for review and comment. Following review by the Community Advisory Committee of any such matter, the committee shall recommend to the Board that the matter be approved, approved as amended, or disapproved by the Board. The recommendation of the Community Advisory Committee shall be communicated to the Board and noted on the agenda for the meeting at which the Board considers the matter. The Board may impose a reasonable deadline for action on the Community Advisory Committee as necessary to ensure the timely setting of rates by the Authority.

- 4.5.2.1.1 Temporary Rate Changes. Notwithstanding the requirements in Sections 4.3 and 4.5.2.1, the Chief Executive Officer may change any rate for power sold by the Authority or any charge for services provided by the Authority if (a) the need for the change arises from (i) unforeseen circumstances, (ii) a change in rates or charges imposed on the Authority or its customers by PG&E, the CPUC, or any other regulatory agency, or (iii) technical deficiencies or errors in an existing Authority rate or charge; and (b) the Chief Executive Officer determines, following consultation with the Chair of the Board of Directors, that the change is reasonably necessary for budgetary reasons or to keep the Authority's rates and charges competitive. Changes in rates or charges made by the Chief Executive Officer under this Section shall be brought to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting for consideration and shall expire after 90 days unless ratified by the Board of Directors.
- 4.5.2.2 Review of Policies and Programs. The Community Advisory Committee may review and may make recommendations with respect to the programs, policies, and operations of the CCA Program to the Chief Executive Officer or to the Board of Directors. The Community Advisory Committee shall have the opportunity to review and comment upon proposals for new programs, policies, or significant operational changes proposed by the Chief Executive Officer for the CCA program. If requested by the Community Advisory Committee, the Chief Executive Officer shall provide the Committee with any information reasonably necessary for the Committee to carry out its duties. Actions of the Community Advisory Committee are advisory only, and Community Advisory Committee action or approval is not a prerequisite to the Board of Directors' or the Chief Executive Officer's action on any item.
- 4.5.2.3 <u>Reports to the Board</u>. The Community Advisory Committee may prepare or cause to be prepared for presentation to the Board any reports, investigations, studies, or analyses relating to the Authority or the CCA Program.
- 4.5.2.4 <u>Placing Matters on Board's Agenda</u>. The Community Advisory Committee may place any matter relating to the Authority or the CCA Program on the Board's agenda for consideration and possible action.
- 4.5.2.5 <u>Support for Community Advisory Committee</u>. The Board shall provide for reasonable and necessary administrative assistance to the Community Advisory Committee. If requested by the Community Advisory Committee, the Chief Executive Officer shall enter into contracts as reasonably necessary to carry out the duties and powers of the Community Advisory Committee; provided, however, that (a) the amount payable under any contract cannot exceed \$20,000 per year, (b) the total amount payable under all contracts cannot exceed \$50,000 per year, and (c) the contracts are in a form acceptable to the Authority's Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel. The Board of Directors may authorize an amount in excess of these expenditure limits if it finds and determines that it is reasonable and necessary to do so for the Community Advisory Committee to perform its obligations.

- 4.5.2.6 <u>Chief Executive Officer Reports to Community Advisory Committee</u>. The Chief Executive Officer shall prepare, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each first month of each fiscal quarter, a report to the Community Advisory Committee on the operations of the Authority during the preceding fiscal quarter. The report shall contain information regarding the financial performance of the Authority during the preceding quarter, the number of accounts served, the amount of power delivered, and a narrative description of energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable power generation, and other programs carried out by the Authority.
- 4.5.2.7 <u>Other Delegated Powers</u>. The Board of Directors may delegate such other and further powers and duties to the Community Advisory Committee as it shall determine in its sole discretion.
- 4.5.2.8 <u>Existing Committees Dissolved</u>. Effective as of the date this Third Amended and Restated Agreement is approved, the Ratepayer Advisory Committee and the Business Operations Committee are dissolved.
- 4.6 <u>Director Compensation</u>. Directors shall serve without compensation from the Authority. However, Directors may be compensated by their respective appointing authorities. The Board, however, may adopt by resolution a policy relating to the reimbursement by the Authority of expenses incurred by Directors.
- 4.7 <u>Board of Directors Composition</u>. The Board of Directors shall consist of one appointee from each Participant located within the boundaries of the County of Sonoma, and one joint appointee from the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency. If the Board of Directors approves any other municipality or county as a Participant pursuant to Section 3.1, the Board of Directors shall determine whether such municipality or county (or any combination thereof) may appoint an additional member to the Board of Directors. Each appointee must be an elected member of the governing board of his or her appointing body. Each Party or Participant appointing a member to the Board of Directors may also appoint up to two alternates to serve in the absence of its Director. Alternates must be either an elected member of the governing board of his or her appointing body, or an employee of the jurisdiction appointing them.

The voting shares of Directors and approval requirements for actions of the Board shall be as follows:

#### 4.7.1. <u>Voting Shares</u>.

Each Director shall have a voting share as determined by the following formula: (Annual Energy Use/Total Annual Energy) multiplied by 100, where

- (a) "Annual Energy Use" means the annual electricity usage, expressed in kWh, of accounts within a Party's or Participant's respective jurisdiction that are served by the Authority; and
- (b) "Total Annual Energy" means the sum of all Annual Energy Use, expressed in kWh, of accounts within the jurisdictions of those Parties and Participants who have appointed a director to the Board of Directors.

- (c) The combined voting share of all Directors representing the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency shall be based upon the annual electricity usage within the unincorporated area of Sonoma County.
- 4.7.2. Exhibit Showing Voting Shares. The voting shares of each member of the Board of Directors are set forth in Exhibit C. Exhibit C shall be revised no less than annually as necessary to account for changes in the number of Parties or Participants appointing members to the Board of Directors, and changes in the Parties' and Participants' Annual Energy Use.
- 4.7.3. <u>Approval Requirements Relating to CCA Program</u>. Except as provided in Sections 4.7.4 and 4.7.5 below, action of the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors present at the meeting.
- 4.7.4. Option for Approval by Voting Shares. Notwithstanding Section 4.7.3, any Director present at a meeting may demand that approval of any matter related to the CCA Program be determined on the basis of voting shares and by the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors present at the meeting. If a Director makes such a demand with respect to approval of any such matter, then approval of such matter shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors present at the meeting and the affirmative vote of Directors having a majority of voting shares of the Directors present at the meeting, as determined by Section 4.7.1 except as provided in Section 4.7.5.
- 4.7.5. Special Voting Requirements for Certain Matters.
- A. Two-Thirds and Weighted Voting Approval Requirements Relating to Sections 4.5.1, 7.2, and 8.4. Action of the Board on the matters set forth in Section 4.5.1 (removal of member of Community Advisory Committee), Section 7.2 (involuntary termination of a Party or Participant), or Section 8.4 (amendment of this Agreement) shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Directors; provided, however, that (a) notwithstanding the foregoing, any Director present at the meeting may demand that the vote be determined on the basis of voting shares and by the affirmative vote of Directors, and if a Director makes such a demand, then approval shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Directors and the affirmative vote of Directors having at least two-thirds of the voting shares, as determined by Section 4.7.1; (b) when a Director has demanded that the vote be determined on the basis of voting shares and by the affirmative vote of Directors, if any individual Party or Participant's voting share exceeds 33 and the Director(s) for that Party or Participant votes in the negative or abstains or is absent from the meeting, then at least one other Director representing a different Party or Participant shall be required to vote in the negative, or the matter shall be deemed approved; and (c) for votes to involuntarily terminate a Party or Participant under Section 7.2, the Director(s) for the Party or Participant subject to involuntary termination may not vote, and the number of Directors constituting two-thirds of all Directors, and weighted vote of each Party or Participant, shall be recalculated as if the Party or Participant subject to possible termination were not a Party or Participant.
- B. <u>Seventy Five Percent Special Voting Requirements for Eminent Domain and</u> Participant Contributions or Pledge of Assets.

- (i) A decision to exercise the power of eminent domain on behalf of the Authority to acquire any property interest other than an easement, right-of-way, or temporary construction easement shall require a vote of at least 75% of all Directors.
- (ii) The imposition on any Party or Participant of any obligation to make contributions or pledge assets as a condition of continued participation in the CCA Program shall require a vote of at least 75% of all Directors and the approval of the governing boards of the Parties and Participants who are being asked to make such contribution or pledge.
- (iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Director present at the meeting may demand that a vote under subsections (i) or (ii) be determined on the basis of voting shares and by the affirmative vote of Directors, and if a Director makes such a demand, then approval shall require the affirmative vote of at least 75% of Directors and the affirmative vote of Directors having at least 75% of the voting shares, as determined by Section 4.7.1, and when a Director has demanded that the vote be determined on the basis of voting shares and by the affirmative vote of Directors, if any individual Party or Participant's voting share exceeds 25% and the Director(s) for that Party or Participant votes in the negative or abstains or is absent from the meeting, then at least one other Director representing a different Party or Participant shall be required to vote in the negative, or the matter shall be deemed approved. For purposes of this section, "imposition on any Party or Participant of any obligation to make contributions or pledge assets as a condition of continued participation in the CCA Program" does not include any liabilities or obligations of a withdrawing or terminated party imposed under Section 7.3.
- 4.8 Meetings and Special Meetings of the Board. The Board shall hold at least four regular meetings per year, but the Board may provide for the holding of regular meetings at more frequent intervals. The date, hour and place of each regular meeting shall be fixed by resolution or ordinance of the Board. Regular meetings may be adjourned to another meeting time. Special meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 54956. Directors may participate in meetings telephonically, with full voting rights, only to the extent permitted by law. All meetings of the Board, the Community Advisory Committee, or the governing body of any subsidiary entity or independent corporation established by the Authority shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.).

#### 4.9 Selection of Board Officers.

4.9.1 <u>Chair and Vice Chair</u>. The Directors shall select, from among themselves, a Chair, who shall be the presiding officer of all Board meetings, and a Vice Chair, who shall serve in the absence of the Chair. The term of office of the Chair and Vice Chair shall continue for one year, but there shall be no limit on the number of terms held by either the Chair or Vice Chair. The office of either the Chair or Vice Chair shall be declared vacant and a new selection shall be made if: (a) the person serving dies, resigns, or the Party that the person represents removes the person as its representative on the Board or (b) the Party that he or she represents withdraws from the Authority pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

- 4.9.2 <u>Secretary</u>. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Board, who shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Board and all other official records of the Authority.
- 4.9.3 Treasurer and Auditor. The Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector shall act as the Treasurer and the Auditor for the Authority. Unless otherwise exempted from such requirement, the Authority shall cause an independent audit to be made by a certified public accountant, or public accountant, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Act. The Treasurer shall act as the depositary of the Authority and have custody of all the money of the Authority, from whatever source, and as such, shall have all of the duties and responsibilities specified in Section 6505.5 of the Act. The Treasurer shall report directly to the Board and shall comply with the requirements of treasurers of incorporated municipalities. The Board may transfer the responsibilities of Treasurer to any person or entity as the law may provide at the time. The duties and obligations of the Treasurer are further specified in Article 6.
- 4.10 <u>Administrative Services Provider</u>. The Board may appoint one or more administrative services providers to serve as the Authority's agent for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program, and any other program approved by the Board, in accordance with the provisions of a written agreement between the Authority and the appointed administrative services provider or providers (an "Administrative Services Agreement"). The appointed administrative services provider may be one of the Parties. An Administrative Services Agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions by which the appointed administrative services provider shall perform or cause to be performed all tasks necessary for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program and other approved programs. The Administrative Services Agreement shall set forth the term of the Agreement and the circumstances under which the Administrative Services Agreement may be terminated by the Authority. This section shall not in any way be construed to limit the discretion of the Authority to hire its own employees to administer the CCA Program or any other program.

#### ARTICLE 5 IMPLEMENTATION ACTION AND AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 <u>Preliminary Implementation of the CCA Program.</u>
  - 5.1.1 <u>Enabling Ordinance</u>. Except as otherwise provided by Section 3.1, each Party shall adopt an ordinance in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12) for the purpose of specifying that the Party intends to implement a CCA Program by and through its participation in the Authority.
  - 5.1.2 <u>Implementation Plan</u>. The Authority shall cause to be prepared an Implementation Plan meeting the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 and any applicable Public Utilities Commission regulations as soon after the Effective Date as reasonably practicable. The Implementation Plan shall not be filed with the Public Utilities Commission until it is approved by the Board in the manner provided by Section 4.7.3.
  - 5.1.3 <u>Termination of CCA Program</u>. Nothing contained in this Article or this Agreement shall be construed to limit the discretion of the Authority to terminate the implementation or operation of the CCA Program at any time in accordance with any

applicable requirements of state law.

Authority Documents. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the affairs of the Authority will be implemented through various documents duly adopted by the Board through Board resolution. The Parties agree to abide by and comply with the terms and conditions of all such documents that may be adopted by the Board, subject to the Parties' right to withdraw from the Authority as described in Article 7.

#### ARTICLE 6 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

6.1 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The Authority's fiscal year shall be 12 months commencing July 1 and ending June 30. The fiscal year may be changed by Board resolution.

#### 6.2 <u>Depository</u>.

- 6.2.1 All funds of the Authority shall be held in separate accounts in the name of the Authority and not commingled with funds of any Party or Participant or any other person or entity.
- 6.2.2 All funds of the Authority shall be strictly and separately accounted for, and regular reports shall be rendered of all receipts and disbursements, at least quarterly during the fiscal year. The books and records of the Authority shall be open to inspection by the Parties and Participants at all reasonable times. The Board shall contract with a certified public accountant or public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts and records of the Authority, which shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 6505 of the Act.
- 6.2.3 All expenditures shall be made in accordance with the approved budget and upon the approval of any officer so authorized by the Board in accordance with its Operating Rules and Regulations. The Treasurer shall draw checks or warrants or make payments by other means for claims or disbursements not within an applicable budget only upon the prior approval of the Board.

#### 6.3 Budget and Recovery of Costs.

- 6.3.1 <u>Budget</u>. The annual budget shall be approved by the Board. The Board may revise the budget from time to time as may be reasonably necessary to address contingencies and unexpected expenses.
- 6.3.2 <u>CCA Program Costs</u>. The Parties desire that all costs incurred by the Authority that are directly or indirectly attributable to the provision of electric, conservation, efficiency, incentives, financing, or other services provided under the CCA Program, including but limited to the establishment and maintenance of various reserves and performance funds and administrative, accounting, legal, consulting, and other similar costs, shall be recovered through charges to CCA customers receiving such electric services, or from revenues from grants or other third-party sources.

#### ARTICLE 7: WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION

#### 7.1 Withdrawal.

- 7.1.1 <u>Right to Withdraw</u>. A Party or Participant may withdraw its participation in the CCA Program, effective as of the beginning of the Authority's fiscal year, by giving no less than 6 months advance written notice of its election to do so, which notice shall be given to the Authority and each Party and Participant Withdrawal of a Party or Participant shall require an affirmative vote of its governing board.
- 7.1.2 Right to Withdraw After Amendment. Notwithstanding Section 7.1.1, a Party or Participant may withdraw its membership in the Authority following an amendment to this Agreement adopted by the Board which the Party or Participant's Director(s) voted against provided such notice is given in writing within thirty (30) days following the date of the vote. Withdrawal of a Party or Participant shall require an affirmative vote of its governing board and shall not be subject to the six month advance notice provided in Section 7.1.1. In the event of such withdrawal, the Party or Participant shall be subject to the provisions of Section 7.3.
- 7.1.3 <u>Continuing Liability; Further Assurances.</u> A Party or Participant that withdraws its participation in the CCA Program may be subject to certain continuing liabilities, as described in Section 7.3. The withdrawing Party or Participant and the Authority shall execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take any further action that may be reasonably necessary, as determined by the Board, to effectuate the orderly withdrawal of such Party or Participant from participation in the CCA Program.
- Involuntary Termination of a Party or Participant. Participation of a Party or Participant in the CCA program may be terminated for material non-compliance with provisions of this Agreement or any other agreement relating to the Party's or Additional Participant's participation in the CCA Program upon a vote of Board members as provided in Section 4.7.5. Prior to any vote to terminate participation with respect to a Party or Participant, written notice of the proposed termination and the reason(s) for such termination shall be delivered to the Party or Participant whose termination is proposed at least 30 days prior to the regular Board meeting at which such matter shall first be discussed as an agenda item. The written notice of proposed termination shall specify the particular provisions of this Agreement or other agreement that the Party or Participant has allegedly violated. The Party or Participant subject to possible termination shall have the opportunity at the next regular Board meeting to respond to any reasons and allegations that may be cited as a basis for termination prior to a vote regarding termination. A Party or Participant that has had its participation in the CCA Program terminated may be subject to certain continuing liabilities, as described in Section 7.3.
- Continuing Liability; Refund. Upon a withdrawal or involuntary termination of a Party or Participant, the Party or Participant shall remain responsible for any claims, demands, damages, or liabilities arising from the Party or Participant's membership or participation in the CCA Program through the date of its withdrawal or involuntary termination, it being agreed that the Party or Participant shall not be responsible for any liabilities arising after the date of the Party or Participant's withdrawal or involuntary termination. Claims, demands, damages, or liabilities for which a withdrawing or terminated Party or Participant may remain liable include, but are not limited to, losses from the resale of power contracted for by the Authority to serve the Party or Participant's load. With respect to such liability, upon notice by a Participant that it wishes to withdraw from the program, the Authority shall notify the Party or Participant of the minimum waiting period under which the Participant would have no costs for withdrawal if the Participant

agrees to stay in the CCA Program for such period. The waiting period will be set to the minimum duration such that there are no costs transferred to remaining ratepayers. If the Party or Participant elects to withdraw before the end of the minimum waiting period, the charge for exiting shall be set at a dollar amount that would offset actual costs to the remaining ratepayers, and may not include punitive charges that exceed actual costs. In addition, such Party or Participant also shall be responsible for any costs or obligations associated with the Party or Participant's participation in any program in accordance with the provisions of any agreements relating to such program provided such costs or obligations were incurred prior to the withdrawal of the Party or Participant. The Authority may withhold funds otherwise owing to the Party or Participant or may require the Party or Participant to deposit sufficient funds with the Authority, as reasonably determined by the Authority and approved by a vote of the Board of Directors, to cover the Party's or Participant's liability for the costs described above. Any amount of the Party's or Participant's funds held on deposit with the Authority above that which is required to pay any liabilities or obligations shall be returned to the Party or Participant. The liability of any Party or Participant under this section 7.3 is subject and subordinate to the provisions of Sections 2.2 and 3.3, and nothing in this section 7.3 shall reduce, impair, or eliminate any immunity from liability provided by Sections 2.2 or 3.3.

- 7.4 <u>Mutual Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement of all the Parties; provided, however, the foregoing shall not be construed as limiting the rights of a Participant to withdraw its participation in the CCA Program, as described in Section 7.1.
- 7.5 <u>Disposition of Property upon Termination of Authority</u>. Upon termination of this Agreement, any surplus money or assets in possession of the Authority for use under this Agreement, after payment of all liabilities, costs, expenses, and charges incurred under this Agreement and under any program documents, shall be returned to the then-existing Parties and Participants in proportion to the contributions made by each.
- 7.6 <u>Negotiations with Participants</u>. If the Parties wish to terminate this Agreement, or if the Parties elect to withdraw from the CCA Program following an amendment to this Agreement as provided in Section 7.1.2, but two or more Participants wish to continue to participate in the CCA Program, the Parties will negotiate in good faith with such Participants to allow the Participants to become parties to this Agreement or to effect a transfer of CCA Program operations to another entity.

#### ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 8.1 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. The Parties, Participants, and the Authority shall make reasonable efforts to settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. Should such efforts to settle a dispute, after reasonable efforts, fail, the dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board.
- 8.2 <u>Liability of Directors, Officers, and Employees</u>. The Directors, officers, and employees of the Authority shall use ordinary care and reasonable diligence in the exercise of their powers and in the performance of their duties pursuant to this Agreement. No current or former Director, officer, or employee will be responsible for any act or omission by another Director, officer, or employee. The Authority shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the individual current and former Directors, officers, and employees for any acts or omissions in the scope of their

employment or duties in the manner provided by Government Code Sections 995 et seq. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the defenses available under the law, to the Parties, the Participants, the Authority, or its Directors, officers, or employees.

- 8.3 <u>Indemnification of Parties and Participants</u>. The Authority shall acquire such insurance coverage as is necessary to protect the interests of the Authority, the Parties, the Participants, and the public. The Authority shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Parties and Participants, and each of their respective Board or Council members, officers, agents and employees, from any and all claims, losses, damages, costs, injuries, and liabilities of every kind arising directly or indirectly from the conduct, activities, operations, acts, and omissions of the Authority under this Agreement.
- 8.4 <u>Amendment of this Agreement</u>. This Agreement may not be amended except by a written amendment approved by a vote of Board members as provided in Section 4.7.5. The Authority shall provide written notice to all Parties and Participants of amendments to this Agreement, including the effective date of such amendments, at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the Board votes on such amendments.
- 8.5 <u>Assignment</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the rights and duties of the Parties or Participants may not be assigned or delegated without the advance written consent of all of the other Parties and Participants, and any attempt to assign or delegate such rights or duties in contravention of this Section 8.5 shall be null and void. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the successors and assigns of the Parties and Participants. This Section 8.5 does not prohibit a Party or Participant from entering into an independent agreement with another agency, person, or entity regarding the financing of that Party's or Participant's contributions to the Authority, or the disposition of proceeds which that Party or Participant receives under this Agreement, so long as such independent agreement does not affect, or purport to affect, the rights and duties of the Authority or the Parties or Participants under this Agreement.
- 8.6 <u>Severability</u>. If one or more clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable, it is hereby agreed by the Parties, that the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby. Such clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provision shall be deemed reformed so as to be lawful, valid and enforced to the maximum extent possible.
- 8.7 <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each Party agrees to execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take any further action that may be reasonably necessary, to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Agreement.
- 8.8 Execution by Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and upon execution by all Parties, each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument and as if all Parties had signed the same instrument. Any signature page of this Agreement may be detached from any counterpart of this Agreement without impairing the legal effect of any signatures thereon, and may be attached to another counterpart of this Agreement identical in form hereto but having attached to it one or more signature pages.

8.9 Parties to be Served Notice. Any notice authorized or required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be validly given if served in writing either personally, by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid with return receipt requested, or by a recognized courier service. Notices given (a) personally or by courier service shall be conclusively deemed received at the time of delivery and receipt and (b) by mail shall be conclusively deemed given 48 hours after the deposit thereof (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) if the sender receives the return receipt. All notices shall be addressed to the office of the clerk or secretary of the Authority or Party, as the case may be, or such other person designated in writing by the Authority or Party. Notices given to one Party shall be copied to all other Parties. Notices given to the Authority shall be copied to all Parties and Participants.

#### **Exhibit A**

#### **Definitions**

- "AB 117" means Assembly Bill 117 (Stat. 2002, ch. 838, codified at Public Utilities Code Section 366.2), which created CCA.
- "Act" means the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.*)
- "Administrative Services Agreement" means an agreement or agreements entered into after the Effective Date by the Authority with an entity that will perform tasks necessary for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program or any other energy programs adopted by the Authority.
- "Agreement" means this Joint Powers Agreement.
- "Annual Energy Use" has the meaning given in Section 4.7.2.
- "Authority" means the Sonoma Clean Power Authority.
- "Authority Document(s)" means document(s) duly adopted by the Board by resolution or motion implementing the powers, functions, and activities of the Authority, including but not limited to the Operating Rules and Regulations, the annual budget, and plans and policies.
- "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Authority.
- "CCA" or "Community Choice Aggregation" means an electric service option available to cities, counties, and the Sonoma County Water Agency pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 366.2.
- "CCA Program" means the Authority's program relating to CCA that is principally described in Sections 2.3, 2.4, and 5.1.
- "Director" means a member of the Board of Directors representing a Party or an Additional Participant.
- "Effective Date" means December 4, 2012, the date on which this Agreement became effective and the Sonoma Clean Power Authority began to exist as a separate public agency.
- "Energy Contract" means any agreement for the purchase or sale of electrical energy or any related attributes, including but not limited to capacity, resource adequacy, transmission or congestion rights, demand response products, or environmental attributes.
- "Implementation Plan" means the plan generally described in Section 5.1.2 of this Agreement that is required under Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 to be filed with the California Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of describing a proposed CCA Program.
- "Initial Costs" means all costs incurred by the Authority relating to the establishment and initial operation of the Authority, such as the hiring of a Chief Executive Officer and any administrative staff, any required accounting, administrative, technical, or legal services in support of the Authority's initial activities or in support of the negotiation, preparation, and approval of one or

more Administrative Services Provider Agreements and Program Agreement 1. Administrative and operational costs incurred after the approval of Program Agreement 1 shall not be considered Initial Costs.

"Operating Rules and Regulations" means the rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and procedures governing the operation of the Authority.

"Participant" or "Additional Participant" means any incorporate municipality or county electing to participate in the CCA Program.

"Parties" means, collectively, the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency.

"Party" means the County of Sonoma or the Sonoma County Water Agency.

"Total Annual Energy" has the meaning given in Section 4.7.2.

#### Exhibit B

#### **List of Parties and Participants**

Parties: County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Water Agency

Participants: Town of Windsor; City of Cotati; City of Sebastopol; City of Sonoma; City of Santa Rosa; City of Petaluma; City of Rohnert Park; City of Cloverdale, County of Mendocino, City of Fort Bragg, City of Willits, City of Point Arena.

# Exhibit C SCPA Voting Shares

#### October 13, 2016

	Annual Energy Use (kWh)	Voting Shares
CLOVERDALE	37,537,769	1
COTATI	33,051,134	1
PETALUMA	356,047,033	11
ROHNERT PARK	206,884,365	7
SANTA ROSA	895,830,982	29
SEBASTOPOL	45,381,441	1
SONOMA	69,071,078	2
UNINCORPORATED SONOMA	949,469,086	30
WINDSOR	101,875,412	3
SONOMA CO. TOTAL	2,695,291,368	-
FORT BRAGG, WILLITS, PT ARENA	89,795,654	3
UNINCORPORATED MENDOCINO	360,437,206	12
MENDOCINO CO. TOTAL	450,232,860	-
SONOMA + MENDOCINO TOTAL	3,145,524,228	100