



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement to Participate in a Joint Powers Agency For a Community Choice Aggregation Program in Alameda County

WHEREAS, the San Leandro City Council has demonstrated its commitment to an environmentally sustainable future through its policy goals and actions, including energy reduction, clean energy programs, and the expansion of local renewable power supply; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Climate Action Plan in December 2009 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation is a mechanism by which local governments assume responsibility for providing electrical power for residential and commercial customers in their jurisdiction in partnership with local commercial energy purveyors and owners of transmission facilities, which in the case of Alameda County is Pacific Gas & Electric Company; and

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to the use of power in Alameda County; provide electric power and other forms of energy to customers at a competitive cost; carry out programs to reduce energy consumption; stimulate and sustain the local economy by developing local jobs in renewable energy; and promote long-term electric rate stability and energy security and reliability for residents through local control of electric generation resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have examined and identified Community Choice Aggregation as a key strategy to meet local clean energy goals and projected greenhouse gas reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors directed the Alameda County Community Development Agency (CDA) to determine if a Community Choice Aggregation program is feasible for Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, CDA staff engaged MRW & Associates of Oakland to prepare a Technical / Feasibility Study (Technical Study for Community Choice Aggregation Program in Alameda County, Draft (MRW & Associates, July 2016)); and

WHEREAS, taken comprehensively, the Technical Study suggests that an Alameda County CCA would be feasible, could operate economically, could provide ratepayers reductions on their electric bills, and could both increase renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions if the right balance is achieved by a JPA; and

WHEREAS, if a municipality is to form a CCA with other municipalities, it must become a part of a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) as required by the legislation that permits CCAs, known as Assembly Bill 117 (Migden, 2002); and

WHEREAS, a draft JPA Agreement has been prepared by the Office of the County Counsel and has been reviewed by City Attorneys across Alameda County and the membership of the Steering Committee over the course of several months.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Leandro that the Council does hereby approve the agreement entitled, "East Bay Community Energy Authority - Joint Powers Agreement" in order to participate with other prospective signatories in a CCA Joint Powers Authority for Alameda County municipalities, and authorizes the City Manager and/or his designee to execute said agreement and any amendments or related documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in taking this action, the City of San Leandro is not committing to providing working capital to the JPA upon its formation and any proposals for such City involvement must be subsequently approved by the City Council of the City of San Leandro.