

RESOLUTION NO. 6822

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, Community Choice Energy (“CCE”) – also called Community Choice Aggregation – enables local governments to procure and/or develop power on behalf of their public facilities, residents, and businesses with the aim of increasing local choice in energy supply while providing electricity with high renewable energy content at rates that are competitive with those of the incumbent investor-owned utility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis and Yolo County are developing a CCE program in accordance with the provisions of Public Utilities Code section 366.2 and established a joint powers agency (“JPA”), named Valley Clean Energy Alliance (“VCEA”), pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code to administer the CCE program; and

WHEREAS, any other city or county may request membership in the VCEA JPA and participation in the CCE program by submitting a resolution adopted by its City Council or Board of Supervisors to the VCEA Board, which shall review the request and vote to approve or disapprove the request, establish any conditions under which the city or county may become a member of VCEA, and notify the existing member agencies of the request and the date that the request will be on the VCEA Board’s agenda for action to allow them the opportunity to provide input to the VCEA Board’s decision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designated a subcommittee on September 20, 2016, to consider CCE program participation and formed a citizen CCE Advisory Committee on November 15, 2016, to assist in evaluating the benefits and risks of CCE participation and present a recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the CCE Advisory Committee, using a technical study prepared by an outside consultant and numerous other information sources, investigated several CCE options, including non-participation, participation in different CCEs, and joining VCEA before or after the initial launch of its CCE program and concluded that the most favorable option is for Woodland to join VCEA before program launch in order to participate in decisions of the VCEA Board during the CCE program’s formative period; this conclusion was supported by the Council sub-committee; and the committee on April 18, 2017 recommended that the City Council request VCEA membership at its earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agreed with this recommendation, recognizing the potential benefits of VCEA participation to the Woodland community and that participation presents no risk for utility customers because under Public Utilities Code section 366.2, customers have the

right to opt-out of the CCE program and continue to receive service from the incumbent utility if they choose to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to request membership in VCEA, with the understanding that if the VCEA Board approves of Woodland’s membership, the City Council will be required to complete additional actions in order to join, which include adopting an ordinance pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 366.2, adopting a resolution to execute the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to and Creating the Valley Clean Energy Alliance, and making financial commitments to cover Woodland’s share of initial costs of the CCE program launch as specified by the VCEA Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Woodland hereby requests that the VCEA Board approve Woodland’s request to become a member of VCEA pursuant to Section 2.4 of the VCEA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

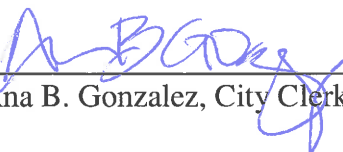
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davies, Fernandez, Rodriguez, Stallard and Mayor Barajas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Angel Barajas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ana B. Gonzalez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kara K. Ueda, City Attorney