COUNTY OF YOLO

RESOLUTION NO. 16-100

(Resolution Approving the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Establishing the Valley Clean Energy Alliance and Related Authorizations)

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Yolo County has investigated options to provide electric services to customers within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis has prepared, in consultation of the County, a Technical Feasibility Study for a community choice aggregation ("CCA"), otherwise known as a Community Choice Energy ("CCE"), program in Yolo County and the City of Davis under the provisions of the Public Utilities Code section 366.2. The Technical Feasibility Study shows that implementing a CCE program has the potential to provide multiple benefits, including:

a. Increasing local control and involvement in and collaboration on energy rates and other energy-related matters;

b. Providing cost-competitive clean electricity;

c. Providing customers a choice of power providers and electricity power products;

d. Providing more stable long-term electric rates that are competitive with those provided by the incumbent utility;

e. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions arising from electricity use within Yolo County and the City of Davis;

f. Increasing local renewable generation capacity;

WHEREAS, the County wishes to be a community choice aggregator and has introduced the Ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 in order to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis also wishes to be a community choice aggregator and has also introduced the Ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 in order to do so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 366.2 two or more entities authorized to be a community choice aggregator, may participate as a group in a community choice aggregation program through a joint powers agency established pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, if each entity adopts the aforementioned ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, under which Yolo County and the City of Davis will form the Valley Clean Energy Alliance ("VCEA") and both agencies will become the
initial members of VCEA; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement will create and establish VCEA, and Yolo County, the City of Davis, and other cities or counties that later choose to participate in VCEA and the CCE program will have membership on the Board of Directors of VCEA as provided in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement if they execute the Agreement and adopt the ordinance required by the Public Utilities Code; and

WHEREAS, VCEA will enter into agreements with electric power suppliers and other service providers, and based upon those agreements VCEA will be able to provide power to residents and business. Once the California Public Utilities Commission approves the implementation plan created by VCEA, VCEA will provide service to customers within Yolo County and within the jurisdiction of the City of Davis and those other cities and counties that choose to join VCEA and to participate in the CCA program; and

WHEREAS, 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. Customers who wish to continue to receive service from the incumbent utility will be able to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Yolo County hereby approves the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the City of Davis to form the Valley Clean Energy Alliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement on behalf of Yolo County, which will establish VCEA with Yolo County as an initial member; and Supervisor Supervisor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chamberlain and Saylor are appointed to be Yolo County’s Directors on the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute any and all other necessary documents to enter into the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to form VCEA.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, this 25th day of October 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Chamberlain, Villegas, Saylor, Rexroad, Provenza.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstentions: None.

Jim Provenza, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Julie Dachler, Deputy Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By
Deputy
(Seal)

Approved as to Form:
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

By
Eric May, Deputy