

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Emeryville Accepting the Technical Study for a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program in Alameda County; and Approving the East Bay Community Energy Authority Joint Powers Agreement and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville 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 has adopted a Climate Action Plan, which includes goals and policies 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 Co.; and

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) 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 of the City of Emeryville has 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 Community Development Agency (CDA) to determine if a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) 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, Assembly Bill 117 (Migden, 2002); and

WHEREAS a proposed JPA Agreement has been prepared by the Office of the County Counsel and has been reviewed by City Attorneys and the membership of the Steering Committee over the course of several months; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered a CCA Program and the JPA Agreement at study sessions on August 21, 2016, and October 18, 2016, and at those study sessions, the City Council expressed its willingness to proceed with a CCA program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Emeryville does hereby accept the Technical Study for a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program in Alameda County, attached to the accompanying staff report; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Emeryville does hereby approve the agreement entitled, "East Bay Community Energy Authority - Joint Powers Agreement", attached hereto as Exhibit A, in order to participate with other prospective signatories in a CCA Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Alameda County municipalities, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Emeryville, and submit said agreement to the JPA.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, November 1, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY