



DATE: September 13, 2016

TO: Water/Sewer Committee

FROM: Cari Dale, Water Utilities Director

SUBJECT: **RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF DATA FROM SDG&E IN PREPARATION FOR A COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY FEASIBILITY STUDY**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Water/Sewer Committee recommend that the Utilities Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the release of data from SDG&E to be used in a feasibility study related to a regional Community Choice Energy program.

BACKGROUND

In May and June of 2016, the Encinitas City Council convened a subcommittee and community meetings on Community Choice Energy (CCE). Representatives from all North County cities were invited including; the cities of Del Mar, Solana Beach, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido and Poway. The meeting was initiated by Encinitas in order to share information on CCE programs and to explore interest in partnering with North County cities to form a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to develop a CCE program, which is an important strategy in the Encinitas Climate Action Plan.

ANALYSIS

On May 18, 2016, the City Council authorized the preparation of two new General Plan elements, one addressing economic development and the other dealing with the relationship between energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In preparing these two elements simultaneously, the City seeks to identify ways to grow the local economy while at the same time reducing its carbon footprint. A component of this dual effort is the climate action plan, which will outline specific strategies for reducing GHG emissions associated with energy use, transportation, solid waste, and other sources. At present, electrical power consumption is the single largest source of GHG emissions in the City of Oceanside, being responsible for more than 35 percent of citywide emissions. Consequently, in order to achieve GHG reductions consistent with state goals, the City must not only consider ways to reduce electricity usage but also opportunities to acquire electrical power from clean and renewable sources. To this

end, the City intends to explore Community Choice Energy as a possible GHG emissions reduction measure.

Community Choice Aggregation was developed in 2002, following the California Legislature adoption of AB 117. Community Choice Aggregation, also known as Community Choice Energy allows cities and counties to aggregate the buying power of individual customers within their jurisdictions with the goal of securing energy supply contracts on a community-wide basis. The program allows community members to opt out of the program, should they desire to not participate.

In order to evaluate whether a Community Choice Energy program is feasible, all interested cities were asked to pass a resolution releasing community SDG&E data for use by the selected consultant, still to be determined. Staff will return to Council in the future for authorization of cost-sharing on the feasibility study, once costs are known.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct cost to release community SDG&E data.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Water/Sewer Committee recommend that the Utilities Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the release of data from SDG&E to be used in a feasibility study related to a regional Community Choice Energy program.

PREPARED BY:

Cari Dale
Water Utilities Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OCEANSIDE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF DATA FROM
SDG&E IN PREPARATION FOR A COMMUNITY CHOICE
ENERGY FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Encinitas is leading a region-wide effort to explore development of a Community Choice Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Choice Aggregation Program is anticipated to be a Greenhouse Gas reduction measure in the City's Energy and Climate Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside is interested in exploring participation in the Community Choice Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, a study is needed to properly evaluate the feasibility of developing a Community Choice Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, community energy use data is needed in order to conduct the feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside is required to adopt a resolution to release such data;

and

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of
2 Oceanside does hereby agree to release community SDG&E data in order to participate in the
3 feasibility study for a Community Choice Aggregation Program.
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5 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
6 this _____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote:
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8 AYES:

9 NAYS:

10 ABSENT:

11 ABSTAIN:
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13 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE
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15 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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17 _____
18 City Clerk

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20 City Attorney

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22 THE RELEASE OF DATA FROM SDG&E IN PREPARATION FOR A COMMUNITY CHOICE
23 ENERGY FEASIBILITY STUDY
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