



Report to the City Council  
Council Meeting of August 23, 2016

**Agenda Section:** New Business

**Subject:** Consideration to approve the Napa County City Selection Committee recommendation to appoint Napa County Board of Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht to represent the Napa County Cities and Town on the Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors

**CEQA Status:** Not a CEQA Project

**Prepared By:** Cindy Black, City Clerk

**Approved By:** Jennifer Phillips, City Manager

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**BACKGROUND**

At the June 7, 2016 Napa County City Selection Committee meeting a discussion was held and recommendation was made for Napa County Board of Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht to represent the Napa County Cities and Town on the Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors.

**DISCUSSION**

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Gladys Coil sent correspondence from the Napa County City Selection Committee requesting St. Helena to place this nominee on the City Council agenda for a vote on the appointment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Provide direction to staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Gladys Coil  
Attachment 2 – Napa County City Selection Committee June 7, 2016 Staff Report



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Attachment 1

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County Executive Officer

July 18, 2016

Mayor Alan Galbraith  
1480 Main St.  
St. Helena, CA 94574

Re: Marin Clean Energy

Dear Mayor Galbraith,

At the June 7, 2016 Napa County City Selection Committee meeting discussion was held and recommendation was made for Brad Wagenknecht to represent the Cities and Town on the Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors.

This letter is a request from the Napa County City Selection Committee for your entity to place this nominee on your Council agenda for a vote on the appointment.

Please send the results of that vote to my attention in order for me to advise Marin Clean Energy and the City Selection Committee of your Council's decision.

At the same meeting on June 7, 2016, the committee requested a special meeting September 20, 2016, that has been called by Chairman John Dunbar, for an update from Marin Clean Energy and discussion of a possible alternate nominee to the Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors. Please forward the names of any alternative nominees to me for placement on the City Selection Committee's September agenda.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gladys I. Coil".

Gladys I. Coil  
Clerk of the Board

cc: S. Darbinian, County Counsel

## Napa County City Selection Committee Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Napa County City Selection Committee

**FROM:** Gladys Coil - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Clerk of the Board

**REPORT BY:** Silva Darbinian, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL IV - 259-8250

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Possible Nomination of a Napa County City Selection Member(s) to Marin Clean Energy (MCE)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation by Marin Clean Energy Chief Executive Officer Dawn Weisz requesting discussion and possible nomination of Napa County City Selection Member(s) to Marin Clean Energy (MCE).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On June 3, 2014 the Napa County Board of Supervisors, (1) adopted a Resolution requesting membership in Marin Clean Energy (MCE), and (2) introduced and voted its intent to adopt the ordinance approving Napa County's entry into MCE. To date City of Napa, City of American, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena and City of Calistoga have joined Marin Clean Energy.

Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht was appointed as the Napa County representative and Supervisor Keith Caldwell the alternate to MCE Board of Directors on June 3, 2014. At this time, it is requested that the City Selection Committee discuss and possibly nominate representative(s) and alternate(s), who will have weighted votes based on the entity electric load, from the Cities and Town to serve on MCE subject to ratification by all entities. The three scenarios for discussion are:

1. Remain with the Napa County Board of Supervisors (BOS) MCE representative, Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht and alternate Supervisor Keith Caldwell, to represent the entire county;
2. In addition to the one BOS representative, nominate one City/Town representative and alternate; and
3. In addition to the one BOS representative, nominate a representative and alternate from each City/Town.

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Staff reports and presentation.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?            No

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On June 3, 2014 the Board of Supervisors, (1) adopted Resolution 2014-59 requesting membership in Marin Clean Energy (MCE), and (2) introduced and voted its intent to adopt the ordinance (#1391 July 15, 2014) approving Napa County's entry into MCE. To date all the cities and town of Napa County have joined Marin Clean Energy.

Marin Clean Energy (MCE) is a fully operating Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. A CCA acts as an alternative energy provider to PG&E, providing consumers with an option to purchase energy that is 50%-100% generated from renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, water, and biopower. The role of the CCA is to choose where to purchase power from, and to create a mix that meets the goals of the program, providing clean energy while ensuring customers a stable and competitive price. Other aspects of PG&E services (such as power transmission, billing, etc.) continue for all customers. Consumers who are not interested in dealing with the CCA may still opt out and continue to use PG&E as before with no changes whatsoever.

In addition to providing a highly renewable power mix, MCE also offers energy efficiency programs that could work in parallel with programs offered locally to provide additional financing and rebate options to consumers wishing to undertake energy efficiency projects. One particularly attractive program offers on-bill financing. MCE also works to encourage development of new, local, power sources, as they have done with a large solar project located at the San Rafael airport. MCE would likely benefit programs in Napa such as a proposed bioenergy plant at the Clover Flat Landfill and a proposed solar array at the former American Canyon Landfill (preliminary discussions with the Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority Board members have occurred regarding this project). For property owners with installed solar systems that are large enough to produce more power than is needed on the site, MCE also offers net energy metering and "feed-in tariff" programs to allow the property owner to be paid for the excess power generated, at rates that exceed what PG&E currently pays.

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Gladys Coil

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