

Agenda Report Review by:  
City Manager \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** November 15, 2016  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Vice Mayor Glass  
**Subject:** Discussion and Action of Evergreen Program (Sonoma Clean Power) and Direction to Staff to Research Program Costs and Benefits for the City with Sonoma Clean Power and to return to a Future City Council Meeting with Information and Recommendation  
**Recommendation:** That the City Council Discuss and Provide Direction  
**Funding:** Currently Budgeted: \_\_\_(YES) \_\_\_(NO) XX(N/A)  
Net General Fund Cost:  
(Total Amount of Funds Approved in FY 2016-2017 Budget: None  
If Cost to Other Fund(s):

**INTRODUCTION:**

This item is to request the City Council Discuss the EverGreen Program (Sonoma Clean Power) and Provide Direction to Staff to Research Program Costs and Benefits for the City with Sonoma Clean Power and to return to a Future City Council Meeting with Information and Recommendation.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) is the official electricity provider of Sonoma County. SCP provides everyone in participating cities with the option of using environmentally friendly power, generated by renewable sources, like solar, wind and geothermal, at competitive rates.

SCP invests locally to support Sonoma County renewable power and local jobs, and also around California to get the most affordable sources of clean power.

On July 16, 2013, the Council approved an Ordinance authorizing Sonoma Clean Power to implement a community choice aggregation program for residential and commercial accounts in the City of Sebastopol including all City electric accounts. This ordinance was adopted to provide business and residents within the City of Sebastopol with a choice of power providers. The Council affirmatively elected to implement a community choice aggregation program within the jurisdiction of the City of Sebastopol by participating as a group with the County of Sonoma, the Sonoma County Water Agency, and other cities in

Sonoma County in the Community Choice Aggregation program of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority.

**DISCUSSION:**

This item is to request staff contact Sonoma Clean Power to complete the data calculations necessary to evaluate the conversion and benefits to the City and return to a future City Council meeting with further information and recommendations.

As of today, for all 80 of the City of Sebastopol's Service Agreements (SAs), 69 are Electric SAs and 11 are Gas. For the 69 Electric SAs, all of them are currently receiving generation from Sonoma Clean Power currently under the Clean Start Program. EverGreen is an option for all residential and businesses; it is currently only used by a little over one half of one percent of all SCP accounts.

With the focus on Climate protection, tonight's agenda item is to discuss the possibility of the City changing from Clean Start to the EverGreen Program. The EverGreen program is 100% local, renewable power. It's a premium of \$0.025 per kilowatt-hour or about 11% over the cost of average Clean Start service. Sonoma Clean Power (SCP), declares that the EverGreen plan is comprised of 100 percent local renewable resources, entirely geothermal energy from the Calpine's The Geysers facility in northern Sonoma County, east of Geyserville. SCP plans to add the delivery of locally-generated solar power to the mix next year.

When the City moves forward with selecting policies for its Climate Action Plan, hopefully in 2017, data is needed to determine both the fiscal and GHG reduction impacts if the City were to choose to switch to SCP's EverGreen Program. These data are necessary for the City to make sound choices for its Climate action policies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is to request the City Council Discuss the Evergreen Program (Sonoma Clean Power) and Provide Direction to Staff to Research Program Costs and Benefits for the City with Sonoma Clean Power and to return to a Future City Council Meeting with Information and Recommendation.

**Attachments:**

None