

CITY OF HEALDSBURG

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEALDSBURG DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVERT THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ACCOUNTS TO HEALDSBURG'S GREEN RATE, DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY WITHIN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, AND PROCURING ENERGY FROM LOW AND NO-CARBON ENERGY SOURCES TO REDUCE THE CITY'S OVERALL ENERGY CARBON CONTENT

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the growing, urgent concerns regarding global climate change and the expanding regulatory environment, City of Healdsburg Resolution No. 16-2018 adopted the intent to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support with the Regional Climate Protection Agency in taking immediate and coordinated steps to reduce the City's collective greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan identifies local governments as essential partners in achieving California's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has adopted policy targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the community of Healdsburg and surrounding counties contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and thus must substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as a shift toward a climate-resilient society and culture that prioritize conservation, community, and mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, the City of Healdsburg can take a leadership role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through regional action related to air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, energy efficiency, water conservation, wastewater and solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, converting the City of Healdsburg's municipal electric accounts to 100% renewable electricity would reducing greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 610 metric tons of the Carbon dioxide equivalent annually; and

WHEREAS, by procuring low and no-carbon energy sources, reducing the City energy carbon content to below 200 pounds per megawatt-hour, citywide greenhouse gas emission would be reduced by roughly 6,000 metric tons of Carbon dioxide equivalent annually; and

WHEREAS, the continued administrative actions of the City to support the reduction of

GHG emissions do not constitute a project under CEQA guidelines and are therefore exempt from further environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Healdsburg does hereby:

1. Find that continued administrative actions are exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.
2. Direct staff to convert all municipal electric accounts to Healdsburg's Green Rate with the December 2018 billing cycle to support renewable energy and reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Direct staff to implement cost-effective, energy efficiency measures within City facilities.
4. Direct staff to pursue the procurement of low and no-carbon energy resources with the goal of lowering the City's overall energy carbon content to less than 200 pounds per megawatt-hour.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Healdsburg, this 19th day of November 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: (4) Gold, Hagele, Naujokas and Mayor Mansell

NOES: Councilmembers: (0)

ABSENT: Councilmembers: (1) McCaffery

ABSTAINING: Councilmembers: (0)

SO ORDERED:

ATTEST:


Brigette A. Mansell, Mayor


Stephanie A. Williams, City Clerk

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I, STEPHANIE A. WILLIAMS, City Clerk of the City of Healdsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 99-2018 adopted by the City Council of the City of Healdsburg on the 19th day of November, 2018.



Stephanie A. Williams, City Clerk