

# **STAFF REPORT**

## *City Council Consent Item*

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**DATE:** June 5, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Merritt Perry, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Plug-In Vehicle Charging Network Grant Letter of Commitment**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

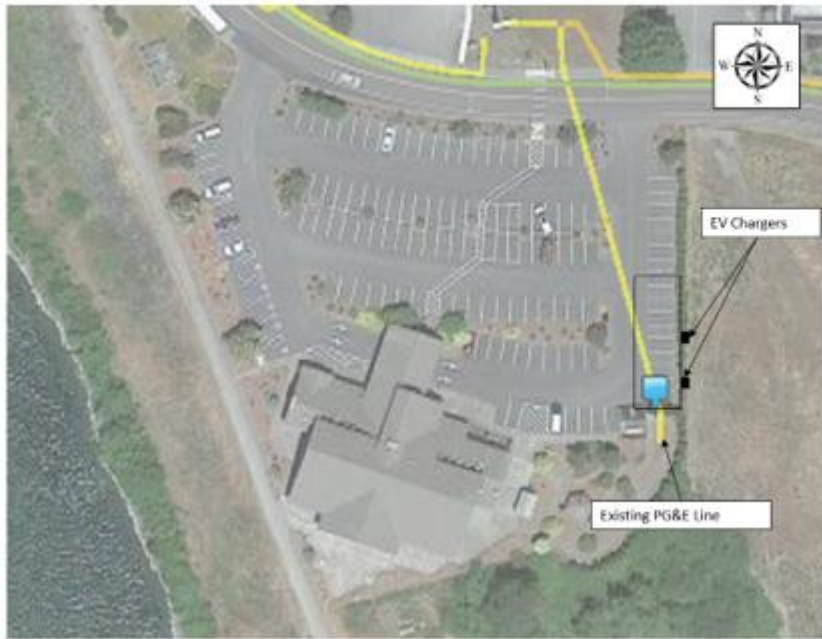
Authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of commitment for the City of Fortuna to partner with the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) on their proposed North Coast Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Network Phase 3 through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Opportunity's Community Grant Program (U.S. Department of Transportation Notice of Funding Opportunity 693JJ323NF00004).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) is a local government Joint Powers Authority founded in 2003 whose members include the Yurok Tribe, the County of Humboldt, the Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, and Trinidad, and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. The purpose of RCEA is to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources available in the region for the benefit of the Member agencies and their constituents. RCEA also administers Humboldt County's Community Choice Aggregation program, acting as the load serving entity for 93% of Humboldt County's electric accounts, and as such endeavors to identify and provide clean energy resilience solutions to vulnerable communities and critical facilities and make electric vehicle charging accessible to all.

RCEA will include two locations for future charging stations in the grant application, including one at the edge of Newburg Park, and one at the River Lodge Conference Center

## Riverwalk Lodge



## Newburg Park



The charging station outside of Newburg Park would be outside the new police facility fence at the far corner of the parking lot where it meets Newburg Road (it is shown slightly closer the police facility in the figure). If the grant is approved, RCAA would coordinate the work and complete the project.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

If the charging grant is successful, there will be no costs to the city, other than staff time for coordination of project with RCAA. RCAA will be responsible for funding and implementing the project.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of commitment for the City of Fortuna to partner with the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) on their proposed North Coast Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Network Phase 3 through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Opportunity's Community Grant Program. Consent agenda vote.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Draft letter of commitment