



AGENDA SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Bill No. 1056-C.S. Eureka Energy Committee

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Pam Powell, City Clerk

PRESENTED FOR

Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Waive full reading, read by title only and adopt Bill No. 1056-C. S., an Ordinance of the City of Eureka deleting Title III, Chapter 33 Eureka Energy Committee Sections 33.065, 33.066, 33.067, and 33.068

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

Effective Governance

DISCUSSION

The Eureka Energy Committee was established by Council in 2008 to review and provide the Council with initiatives related to energy efficiency and sustainability in the City of Eureka. Since that time the former seven (7) member and current five (5) member committee has been scheduled to meet quarterly to review energy related topics.

The City of Eureka is a member of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority, an eight-member JPA. The purpose of the Energy Authority 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. Councilmember Bauer currently represents the City of Eureka as a Board member to RCEA. In addition, RCEA has established a **Community Advisory Committee** (CAC) to support RCEA public engagement efforts and to provide decision-making support and input to the RCEA Board.

Historically, staff has worked on a number of energy related projects that were initiated as common project planning practice and coordination with RCEA to increase efficiency and sustainability, not stemming from Energy Committee guidance. These projects include the RCEA Pilot Public Agency Solar Program, to evaluate efficiency and explore solar photovoltaic for City facilities. This project so far has produced LED lighting upgrades at City Hall and at other facilities. Staff is also working with a consultant to assess the existing co-generation facilities as well as biosolids processing operation at the waste water treatment plant to optimize energy efficiency for those processes. Within the last five years Staff worked with PG&E to replace all of the street lights within the City with more efficient LED fixtures and bulbs, conserving energy and reducing ongoing operational costs simultaneously. In the last year staff completed construction of a solar array at the City's reservoir to offset energy demands at the Water Treatment Facility and at the Sequoia Park Zoo. The City continue to replace internal combustion engine vehicles with electric vehicles in its fleet to meet state mandated requirements.

The Eureka Energy Committee currently has one member and four vacancies. Staff has advertised the vacancies over the last 18 months and has not received applications or new interest in the Committee.

Interest from the community appears to have faded for this committee as RCEA has developed their Community outreach programs. RCEA continues to be a leader in developing policies regarding green technology and representing the City of Eureka's goals and objectives. Additionally, the City continues to pursue sustainable energy and energy efficiency opportunities as a standard practice. At this time, staff recommends the disbandment of the Eureka Energy Committee by amending the EMC.