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### ***Mendocino County Joins Sonoma Clean Power to Provide Green Energy to Residents***

On October 13, 2016, Sonoma Clean Power Joint Powers Authority (SCPA) adopted Resolution 16-004 authorizing the expansion of Sonoma Clean Power's services to the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County and the cities of Fort Bragg, Willits and Point Arena, with the start of service in June 2017.

For the past year and a half, Mendocino County has been exploring the possibility of launching a community power program to benefit county residents and to help achieve local climate action goals by offering cleaner power at a competitive price. The SCPA Board of Directors passed Resolution 16-003 on July 7, 2016, inviting the County of Mendocino and the incorporated cities of Fort Bragg, Point Arena and Willits to join Sonoma Clean Power.

The Board of Supervisors formally accepted the offer on August 2, 2016, which brings this exciting community choice for green energy to over 30,000 households and businesses. Supervisor Dan Hamburg was officially sworn in to represent the County at the SCPA's October 13, 2016 meeting.

"I felt proud and a little humbled to be sworn in as Mendocino County's first member of the Board of Directors of Sonoma Clean Power," said Supervisor Dan Hamburg. "Joining Sonoma Clean Power offers immediate and long-term benefits to the citizens of Mendocino County. Lower electricity rates, greener energy sources, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and local investment in energy production are some of the positive aspects of this partnership. Thanks to the visionaries who made the idea of community-based energy a reality in Sonoma County, your neighbors to the north have the opportunity to enjoy a much brighter energy future."

Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) is the official electric utility provider in Sonoma County. SCP provides residents with the option of using cleaner power at a competitive price from sources like solar, wind, geothermal and hydropower. SCP is a not-for-profit agency, independently governed by a joint powers authority composed of the participating cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, unincorporated Sonoma County and the Town of Windsor.

For more information on Sonoma Clean Power, please visit [www.sonomacleanpower.org](http://www.sonomacleanpower.org) or contact Kate Kelly, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing.