

**Joint Powers Agreement**  
**Relating to and Creating the**  
**Sonoma Clean Power Authority**

By and Among

The County of Sonoma and  
The Sonoma County Water Agency

This Joint Powers Agreement (“Agreement”), effective as of December 4, 2012, is made and entered into pursuant to the provisions of Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1 (Sections 6500 et seq.) of the California Government Code relating to the joint exercise of powers among the parties set forth in Exhibit B (“Parties”).

RECITALS

- A. The Parties share various powers under California law, including but not limited to the power to purchase, supply, and aggregate electricity for themselves and customers within their jurisdictions.
- B. In 2006, the State Legislature adopted AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, which mandates a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 to 1990 levels. The California Air Resources Board is promulgating regulations to implement AB 32 which will require local governments to develop programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- C. The purposes for the entering into this Agreement include
  - a. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to the use of power in Sonoma County and neighboring regions;
  - b. Providing electric power and other forms of energy to customers at a competitive cost;
  - c. Carrying out programs to reduce energy consumption;
  - d. Stimulating and sustaining the local economy by developing local jobs in renewable energy; and
  - e. Promoting long-term electric rate stability and energy security and reliability for residents through local control of electric generation resources.
- D. It is the intent of this Agreement to promote the development and use of a wide range of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs, including but not limited to solar, wind, and biomass energy production.
- E. The Parties desire to establish a separate public agency, known as the Sonoma Clean

Power Authority (“Authority”), under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.) (“Act”) in order to collectively study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy programs.

- F. The Parties anticipate adopting an ordinance electing to implement through the Authority a common Community Choice Aggregation program, an electric service enterprise available to cities, counties, and the Sonoma County Water Agency pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 331.1(c) and 366.2 (“CCA Program”). The first priority of the Authority will be the consideration of those actions necessary to implement the CCA Program.

## AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by and among the Parties as follows:

### ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS AND EXHIBITS

1.1 Definitions. Capitalized terms used in the Agreement shall have the meanings specified in Exhibit A, unless the context requires otherwise.

1.2 Documents Included. This Agreement consists of this document and the following exhibits, all of which are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

- Exhibit A: Definitions
- Exhibit B: List of the Parties
- Exhibit C: Annual Energy Use
- Exhibit D: Voting Shares

### ARTICLE 2: FORMATION OF SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY

2.1 Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall become effective and Sonoma Clean Power Authority shall exist as a separate public agency on the date this Agreement is executed by the Parties. The Authority shall provide notice to the Parties of the Effective Date. The Authority shall continue to exist, and this Agreement shall be effective, until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Section 7.4, subject to the rights of the Parties to withdraw from the Authority.

2.2 Formation. There is formed as of the Effective Date a public agency named the Sonoma Clean Power Authority. Pursuant to Sections 6506 and 6507 of the Act, the Authority is a public agency separate from the Parties. Pursuant to Sections 6508.1 of the Act, the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority shall not be debts, liabilities or obligations of the individual Parties unless the governing board of a Party agrees in writing to assume any of the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority. A Party who has not agreed to assume an Authority debt, liability or obligation shall not be responsible in any way for such debt, liability or obligation even if a majority of the Parties agree to assume the debt, liability or obligation of the Authority. Notwithstanding Section 8.4 of this Agreement, this Section 2.2 may not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the governing board of each Party.

2.3 Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an independent public agency in order to exercise powers common to each Party to study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy, energy efficiency and conservation, and other energy-related programs, and to exercise all other powers necessary and incidental to accomplishing this purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Parties intend for this Agreement to be used as a contractual mechanism by which the Parties and Participants are authorized to participate in the CCA Program, as further described in Section 5.1. The Parties intend that other agreements shall define the terms and conditions associated with the implementation of the CCA Program and any other energy programs approved by the Authority.

2.4 Powers. The Authority shall have all powers common to the Parties and such additional powers accorded to it by law. The Authority is authorized, in its own name, to exercise all powers and do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and fulfill its purposes, including, but not limited to, each of the following powers:

2.4.1 to make and enter into contracts;

2.4.2 to employ agents and employees, including but not limited to a Chief Executive Officer;

2.4.3 to acquire, contract, manage, maintain, and operate any buildings, infrastructure, works, or improvements;

2.4.4 to acquire property by eminent domain, or otherwise, except as limited under Section 6508 of the Act, and to hold or dispose of any property;

2.4.5 to lease any property;

2.4.6 to sue and be sued in its own name;

2.4.7 to incur debts, liabilities, and obligations, including but not limited to loans from private lending sources pursuant to its temporary borrowing powers such as Government Code Sections 53850 et seq. and authority under the Act;

2.4.8 to form subsidiary or independent corporations or entities, if necessary to carry out energy supply and energy conservation programs at the lowest possible cost or to take advantage of legislative or regulatory changes;

2.4.9 to issue revenue bonds and other forms of indebtedness;

2.4.10 to apply for, accept, and receive all licenses, permits, grants, loans or other aids from any federal, state, or local public agency;

2.4.11 to submit documentation and notices, register, and comply with orders, tariffs and agreements for the establishment and implementation of the CCA Program and other energy programs;

2.4.12 to adopt rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and procedures governing the operation of the Authority (“Operating Rules and Regulations”); and

2.4.13 to make and enter into service agreements relating to the provision of services necessary to plan, implement, operate and administer the CCA Program and other energy programs, including the acquisition of electric power supply and the provision of retail and regulatory support services.

2.5 Limitation on Powers. As required by Government Code Section 6509, the power of the Authority is subject to the restrictions upon the manner of exercising power possessed by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

2.6 Compliance with Local Zoning and Building Laws. Unless state or federal law provides otherwise, any facilities, buildings or structures located, constructed, or caused to be constructed by the Authority within the territory of the Authority shall comply with the General Plan, zoning and building laws of the local jurisdiction within which the facilities, buildings or structures are constructed.

### ARTICLE 3: AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION

3.1 Participation in CCA Program. The Parties may participate in the CCA Program upon the adoption of an ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12). Other incorporated municipalities and counties (“Participants”) may participate in the CCA Program upon (a) the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of such incorporated municipality or such county requesting that the incorporated municipality or county, as the case may be, become a participant in the CCA Program, (b) the adoption, by an affirmative vote of the Board satisfying the requirements described in Section 4.7.3 (or, if demanded by any Director, 4.7.4), of a resolution authorizing the participation of the additional incorporated municipality or county, specifying the participation payment, if any, to be made by the additional incorporated municipality or county to reflect its pro rata share of organizational, planning, and other pre-existing expenditures, and describing additional conditions, if any, associated with participation, (c) the adoption of an ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12) and execution of any necessary program agreements by the incorporated municipality or county, (d) payment of the membership payment, if any, and (e) satisfaction of any conditions established by the Board.

3.2 Continuing Participation. The Parties acknowledge that participation in the CCA Program may change by the addition or withdrawal or termination of participants. The Parties agree to participate with such other Participants as may later be added, as described in Section 3.1. The Parties also agree that the withdrawal or termination of a participant shall not affect this Agreement or the remaining Parties’ or Participants’ continuing obligations under this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 4: GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

4.1 Board of Directors. The governing body of the Authority shall be a Board of Directors (“Board”). The Board shall initially consist of five directors appointed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and shall upon the addition of additional Participants be comprised as set forth in Section 4.7. Each Director shall serve at the pleasure of the governing board of the Party or Participant who appointed such Director, and may be removed as Director by such governing board at any time. If at any time a vacancy occurs on the Board, a replacement shall be appointed

to fill the position of the previous Director within 90 days of the date that such position becomes vacant. Directors may be (but need not be) members of the Board of Supervisors or members of the governing board of any municipality or county electing to participate in the CCA Program.

4.2 Quorum. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time in accordance with law.

4.3 Powers and Functions of the Board. The Board shall exercise general governance and oversight over the business and activities of the Authority, consistent with this Agreement and applicable law. The Board shall meet at least annually and shall provide general policy guidance to the CCA Program. The Board shall be required to approve any of the following actions:

- a. The issuance of bonds or any other financing even if program revenues are expected to pay for such financing.
- b. The hiring of a Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel.
- c. The appointment or removal of an officer.
- d. The adoption of the Annual Budget.
- e. The adoption of an ordinance.
- f. The initiation of litigation where the Authority will be the plaintiff, petitioner, cross complainant or cross petitioner, or intervenor; provided, however, that the Chief Executive Officer or General Counsel, on behalf of the Authority, may intervene in, become a party to, or file comments with respect to any proceeding pending at the California Public Utilities Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any other administrative agency, without approval of the Board.
- g. The setting of rates for power sold by the Authority and the setting of charges for any other category of service provided by the Authority.
- h. Termination of the CCA Program.

4.4 Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of the Authority and the CCA Program. The Chief Executive Officer may exercise all powers of the Authority, except the powers specifically set forth in Section 4.3 or those powers which by law must be exercised by the Board of Directors.

4.5 Commissions, Boards, and Committees. The Board may establish any advisory commissions, boards, and committees as the Board deems appropriate to assist the Board in carrying out its functions and implementing the CCA Program, other energy programs and the provisions of this Agreement. The Board may establish rules, regulations, policies, bylaws or procedures to govern any such commissions, boards, or committees, including the Ratepayer Advisory Committee and the Business Operations Committee.

4.5.1 Ratepayer Advisory Committee. The Board shall establish a Ratepayer Advisory Committee consisting of seven members, none of whom may be members of the Board.

Three members of the Ratepayer Advisory Committee shall be commercial and industrial customers, three members (one of whom shall be a tenant) shall be residential customers, and one member shall be a non-profit or non-Party/non-Participant public agency customer. Committee members shall represent the interests of their respective customer class. The Board shall publicize the opportunity to serve on the Ratepayer Advisory Committee, and shall appoint members of the Ratepayer Advisory Committee from those individuals expressing interest in serving. Members of the Ratepayer Advisory Committee shall serve staggered four-year terms (the first term of three of the members [one commercial/business, one residential, one non-profit/public agency] shall be two years, and four years thereafter), which may be renewed. A member of the Ratepayer Advisory Committee may be removed by the Board of Directors by majority vote.. Each member of the Ratepayer Advisory Committee shall have one vote; a majority of members shall constitute a quorum; and a majority of a quorum is sufficient for committee action. The Board of Directors shall determine whether the Committee members shall be compensated or entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

4.5.2 Duties and Powers of Ratepayer Advisory Committee. The Ratepayer Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

4.5.2.1 Review of Budget and Rates. The proposed annual budget of the CCA Program and any rates or charges proposed to be imposed by the Authority for CCA Program power or services shall be submitted to the Ratepayer Advisory Committee for review and comment. Following review by the Ratepayer Advisory Committee of any such matter, the committee may recommend to the Board that the matter be approved, approved as amended, or disapproved by the Board, or the committee may decline or fail to make a recommendation. The recommendation of the Ratepayer Advisory Committee, or its refusal or failure to make a recommendation, shall be communicated to the Board and noted on the agenda for the meeting at which the Board considers the matter.

4.5.2.2 Reports to the Board. The Ratepayer Advisory Committee may prepare or cause to be prepared for presentation to the Board any reports, investigations, studies, or analyses relating to the Authority or the CCA Program.

4.5.2.3 Placing Matters on Board's Agenda. The Ratepayer Advisory Committee may place any matter relating to the Authority or the CCA Program on the Board's agenda for consideration and possible action.

4.5.2.4 Support for Ratepayer Advisory Board. The Board shall provide reasonable and necessary administrative assistance to the Ratepayer Advisory Committee. The Ratepayer Advisory Committee may enter into contracts as reasonably necessary to carry out its duties and powers; provided, however, that (a) the amount payable under any contract cannot exceed \$20,000 per year, (b) the total amount payable under all contracts cannot exceed \$50,000 per year, and (c) the contracts are in a form acceptable to the Authority's Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel.

4.5.3 Business Operations Committee. The Board shall establish a Business Operations

Committee to oversee and assist the Chief Executive Officer in implementing the CCA Program. The Business Operations Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Directors, having expertise in one or more of the areas of management, administration, finance, public contracts, infrastructure development, renewable power generation, power sales and marketing, or energy conservation. The Business Operations Committee shall meet no less frequently than bi-monthly. Committee members shall be appointed to staggered four-year terms (the first term of two of the members shall be two years, and four years thereafter), which may be renewed. A member of the Business Operations Committee may be removed by the Board of Directors by majority vote. Each member of the Business Operations Committee shall have one vote; a majority of members shall constitute a quorum; and a majority of a quorum is sufficient for committee action. The Board of Directors shall determine whether the Committee members shall be compensated or entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

4.5.3.1 Duties of Business Operations Committee. The Business Operations Committee shall review the operations of the CCA Program. The Business Operations Committee may request that the Chief Executive Officer provide information reasonably necessary to such review. The Business Operations Committee may make recommendations with respect to the operations of the Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or to the Chair of the Board of Directors.

4.5.3.2 Chief Executive Officer Reports to Business Operations Committee. The Chief Executive Officer shall prepare, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each first month of each fiscal quarter, a report to the Business Operations Committee on the operations of the Authority during the preceding fiscal quarter. The report shall contain information regarding the financial performance of the Authority during the preceding quarter, the number of accounts served, the amount of power delivered, and a narrative description of energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable power generation, and other programs carried out by the Authority.

4.5.3.3 Review of Major Contracts and Capital Projects. The Chief Executive Officer shall submit all proposed contracts and capital projects having a value in excess of \$250,000 to the Business Operations Committee for review and comment. This requirement shall not apply if the Chief Executive Officer determines, following consultation with the General Counsel, that an unforeseen or emergency situation exists such that execution of a major contract is required before it is feasible to hold a meeting of the Business Operations Committee to consider the contract.

4.5.3.4 Other Delegated Powers. The Board of Directors may delegate such other and further powers and duties to the Business Operations Committee as it shall determine in its sole discretion.

4.6 Director Compensation. Directors shall serve without compensation from the Authority.

However, Directors may be compensated by their respective appointing authorities. The Board, however, may adopt by resolution a policy relating to the reimbursement by the Authority of expenses incurred by Directors.

4.7 Board of Directors Composition upon Participation by Cities or Counties in CCA Program Under Section 3.1. Upon the approval of the Board of the participation of any other incorporated municipality or county (the “Participant” or “Additional Participant”) in the CCA Program pursuant to Section 3.1, the Additional Participant shall be entitled to appoint one additional member to the Board of Directors. Upon such appointment, the voting shares of Directors and approval requirements for actions of the Board shall be as follows:

4.7.1. Voting Shares.

Each Director shall have a voting share as determined by the following formula: (Annual Energy Use/Total Annual Energy) multiplied by 100, where

(a) “Annual Energy Use” means, (i) with respect to the first year following the Effective Date, the annual electricity usage, expressed in kilowatt hours (“kWh”), within the Party’s or Participant’s respective jurisdiction and (ii) with respect to the period after the anniversary of the Effective Date, the annual electricity usage, expressed in kWh, of accounts within a Party’s respective jurisdiction that are served by the Authority; and

(b) “Total Annual Energy” means the sum of all Parties’ and Participants’ Annual Energy Use. The initial values for Annual Energy use are designated in Exhibit C, and shall be adjusted annually as soon as reasonably practicable after January 1, but no later than March 1 of each year.

(c) The combined voting share of all Directors representing the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency shall be based upon the annual electricity usage within the unincorporated area of Sonoma County.

4.7.2. Exhibit Showing Voting Shares. The initial voting shares are set forth in Exhibit B. Exhibit B shall be revised no less than annually as necessary to account for changes in the number of Parties or Participants and changes in the Parties’ and Participants’ Annual Energy Use.

4.7.3. Approval Requirements Relating to CCA Program. Except as provided in Sections 4.7.4 and 4.7.5 below, action of the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors.

4.7.4. Option for Approval by Voting Shares. Notwithstanding Section 4.7.3, any Director present at a meeting may demand that approval of any matter specifically related to the CCA program be determined on the basis of voting shares rather than by the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of Directors. If a Director makes such a demand with respect to approval of any such matter, then approval of such matter shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors and the affirmative vote of Directors having a majority of voting shares, as determined by Section 4.7.1.

4.7.5. Approval Requirements Relating to Sections 7.2 and 8.4. Action of the Board on the matters set forth in Section 7.2 (involuntary termination of a Party or Participant) or Section 8.4 (amendment of this Agreement) shall require the affirmative vote of Directors holding at least 67 voting shares; provided, however, that if any individual Director's voting share exceeds 33 and that Director votes in the negative or abstains or is absent from the meeting, then at least one other Director shall be required to vote in the negative, or the matter shall be deemed approved.

4.7.6. Reduction in Number of Members Appointed by County of Sonoma and Sonoma County Water Agency. Upon the approval of the Board of Directors of Additional Participants in the CCA Program pursuant to Section 3.1, the number of members of the Board of Directors appointed to represent the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency shall be reduced as set forth below:

Total Number of Additional Participants	Number of Sonoma County/SCWA Directors
1	4
2	3
3-5	2
6 or more	1

Notwithstanding anything in Section 4.7 or Section 4.7.6 to the contrary, however, in the event that the City of Santa Rosa is one of the Additional Participants and the total number of Additional Participants is two or less, then the City of Santa Rosa shall be entitled to appoint two members to the Board of Directors, and the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency shall be jointly entitled to appoint to the Board of Directors the number of members equal to five minus the number appointed by the City of Santa Rosa and any other Additional Participant.

4.8 Meetings and Special Meetings of the Board. The Board shall hold at least four regular meetings per year, but the Board may provide for the holding of regular meetings at more frequent intervals. The date, hour and place of each regular meeting shall be fixed by resolution or ordinance of the Board. Regular meetings may be adjourned to another meeting time. Special meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 54956. Directors may participate in meetings telephonically, with full voting rights, only to the extent permitted by law. All meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.).

4.9 Selection of Board Officers.

4.9.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The Directors shall select, from among themselves, a Chair, who shall be the presiding officer of all Board meetings, and a Vice Chair, who shall

serve in the absence of the Chair. The term of office of the Chair and Vice Chair shall continue for one year, but there shall be no limit on the number of terms held by either the Chair or Vice Chair. The office of either the Chair or Vice Chair shall be declared vacant and a new selection shall be made if: (a) the person serving dies, resigns, or the Party that the person represents removes the person as its representative on the Board or (b) the Party that he or she represents withdraws from the Authority pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

4.9.2 Secretary. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Board, who shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Board and all other official records of the Authority.

4.9.3 Treasurer and Auditor. The Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector shall act as the Treasurer and the Auditor for the Authority. Unless otherwise exempted from such requirement, the Authority shall cause an independent audit to be made by a certified public accountant, or public accountant, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Act. The Treasurer shall act as the depository of the Authority and have custody of all the money of the Authority, from whatever source, and as such, shall have all of the duties and responsibilities specified in Section 6505.5 of the Act. The Treasurer shall report directly to the Board and shall comply with the requirements of treasurers of incorporated municipalities. The Board may transfer the responsibilities of Treasurer to any person or entity as the law may provide at the time. The duties and obligations of the Treasurer are further specified in Article 6.

4.10 Administrative Services Provider. The Board may appoint one or more administrative services providers to serve as the Authority's agent for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program, and any other program approved by the Board, in accordance with the provisions of a written agreement between the Authority and the appointed administrative services provider or providers (an "Administrative Services Agreement"). The appointed administrative services provider may be one of the Parties. An Administrative Services Agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions by which the appointed administrative services provider shall perform or cause to be performed all tasks necessary for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program and other approved programs. The Administrative Services Agreement shall set forth the term of the Agreement and the circumstances under which the Administrative Services Agreement may be terminated by the Authority. This section shall not in any way be construed to limit the discretion of the Authority to hire its own employees to administer the CCA Program or any other program.

## ARTICLE 5 IMPLEMENTATION ACTION AND AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

### 5.1 Preliminary Implementation of the CCA Program.

5.1.1 Enabling Ordinance. Except as otherwise provided by Section 3.1, each Party shall adopt an ordinance in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12) for the purpose of specifying that the Party intends to implement a CCA Program by and through its participation in the Authority.

5.1.2 Implementation Plan. The Authority shall cause to be prepared an Implementation

Plan meeting the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 and any applicable Public Utilities Commission regulations as soon after the Effective Date as reasonably practicable. The Implementation Plan shall not be filed with the Public Utilities Commission until it is approved by the Board in the manner provided by Section 4.7.3.

5.1.3 Termination of CCA Program. Nothing contained in this Article or this Agreement shall be construed to limit the discretion of the Authority to terminate the implementation or operation of the CCA Program at any time in accordance with any applicable requirements of state law.

5.2 Authority Documents. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the affairs of the Authority will be implemented through various documents duly adopted by the Board through Board resolution. The Parties agree to abide by and comply with the terms and conditions of all such documents that may be adopted by the Board, subject to the Parties' right to withdraw from the Authority as described in Article 7.

## ARTICLE 6 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

6.1 Fiscal Year. The Authority's fiscal year shall be 12 months commencing July 1 and ending June 30. The fiscal year may be changed by Board resolution.

6.2 Depository.

6.2.1 All funds of the Authority shall be held in separate accounts in the name of the Authority and not commingled with funds of any Party or Participant or any other person or entity.

6.2.2 All funds of the Authority shall be strictly and separately accounted for, and regular reports shall be rendered of all receipts and disbursements, at least quarterly during the fiscal year. The books and records of the Authority shall be open to inspection by the Parties and Participants at all reasonable times. The Board shall contract with a certified public accountant or public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts and records of the Authority, which shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 6505 of the Act.

6.2.3 All expenditures shall be made in accordance with the approved budget and upon the approval of any officer so authorized by the Board in accordance with its Operating Rules and Regulations. The Treasurer shall draw checks or warrants or make payments by other means for claims or disbursements not within an applicable budget only upon the prior approval of the Board.

6.3 Budget and Recovery of Costs.

6.3.1 Budget. The initial budget shall be approved by the Board. The Board may revise the budget from time to time through an Authority Document as may be reasonably necessary to address contingencies and unexpected expenses. All subsequent budgets of the Authority shall be approved by the Board in accordance with the Operating Rules and Regulations.

6.3.2 Funding of Initial Costs. The Sonoma County Water Agency has funded certain activities necessary to implement the CCA Program. If the CCA Program becomes operational, these initial costs paid by the Sonoma County Water Agency shall be included in the customer charges for electric services as provided by Section 6.3.3 to the extent permitted by law, and the Sonoma County Water Agency shall be reimbursed from the payment of such charges by customers of the Authority. Prior to such reimbursement, the Sonoma County Water Agency shall provide such documentation of costs paid as the Board may request. The Authority may establish a reasonable time period over which such costs are recovered. In the event that the CCA Program does not become operational, the Sonoma County Water Agency shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of the initial costs it has paid from the Authority or any Party.

6.3.3 CCA Program Costs. The Parties desire that all costs incurred by the Authority that are directly or indirectly attributable to the provision of electric, conservation, efficiency, incentives, financing, or other services provided under the CCA Program, including but limited to the establishment and maintenance of various reserves and performance funds and administrative, accounting, legal, consulting, and other similar costs, shall be recovered through charges to CCA customers receiving such electric services, or from revenues from grants or other third-party sources.

## ARTICLE 7: WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION

### 7.1 Withdrawal.

7.1.1 Right to Withdraw. A Party or Participant may withdraw its participation in the CCA Program, effective as of the beginning of the Authority's fiscal year, by giving no less than 6 months advance written notice of its election to do so, which notice shall be given to the Authority and each Party and Participant. Withdrawal of a Party or Participant shall require an affirmative vote of its governing board.

7.1.2 Amendment. Notwithstanding Section 7.1.1, a Party or Participant may withdraw its membership in the Authority following an amendment to this Agreement in the manner provided by Section 8.4.

7.1.3 Continuing Liability; Further Assurances. A Party or Participant that withdraws its participation in the CCA Program may be subject to certain continuing liabilities, as described in Section 7.3. The withdrawing Participant and the Authority shall execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take any further action that may be reasonably necessary, as determined by the Board, to effectuate the orderly withdrawal of such participant from participation in the CCA Program.

7.2 Involuntary Termination of a Party or Participant. Participation of a Party or Participant in the CCA program may be terminated for material non-compliance with provisions of this Agreement or any other agreement relating to the Additional Participant's participation in the CCA Program upon an affirmative vote of Board members holding no less than 67 voting shares, excluding the vote and voting shares of the Party or Participant subject to possible termination. Prior to any vote to terminate participation with respect to a Party or Participant, written notice of the proposed termination and the reason(s) for such termination shall be delivered to the

Participant whose termination is proposed at least 30 days prior to the regular Board meeting at which such matter shall first be discussed as an agenda item. The written notice of proposed termination shall specify the particular provisions of this Agreement or other agreement that the Party or Participant has allegedly violated. The Party or Participant subject to possible termination shall have the opportunity at the next regular Board meeting to respond to any reasons and allegations that may be cited as a basis for termination prior to a vote regarding termination. A Party or Participant that has had its participation in the CCA Program terminated may be subject to certain continuing liabilities, as described in Section 7.3.

7.3 Continuing Liability; Refund. Upon a withdrawal or involuntary termination of a Party or Participant, the Party or Participant shall remain responsible for any claims, demands, damages, or liabilities arising from the Party or Participant's membership or participation in the CCA Program through the date of its withdrawal or involuntary termination, it being agreed that the Party or Participant shall not be responsible for any liabilities arising after the date of the Participant's withdrawal or involuntary termination. In addition, such Party or Participant also shall be responsible for any costs or obligations associated with the Party or Participant's participation in any program in accordance with the provisions of any agreements relating to such program provided such costs or obligations were incurred prior to the withdrawal of the Party or Participant. The Authority may withhold funds otherwise owing to the Party or Participant or may require the Party or Participant to deposit sufficient funds with the Authority, as reasonably determined by the Authority, to cover the Party's or Participant's liability for the costs described above. Any amount of the Party's or Participant's funds held on deposit with the Authority above that which is required to pay any liabilities or obligations shall be returned to the Party or Participant. The liability of any Party or Participant under this section 7.3 is subject and subordinate to the provisions of section 2.3, and nothing in this section 7.3 shall reduce, impair, or eliminate any immunity from liability provided by section 2.3.

7.4 Mutual Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement of all the Parties; provided, however, the foregoing shall not be construed as limiting the rights of a Participant to withdraw its participation in the CCA Program, as described in Section 7.1.

7.5 Disposition of Property upon Termination of Authority. Upon termination of this Agreement as to all Parties, any surplus money or assets in possession of the Authority for use under this Agreement, after payment of all liabilities, costs, expenses, and charges incurred under this Agreement and under any program documents, shall be returned to the then-existing Parties in proportion to the contributions made by each.

7.6 Negotiations with Participants. If the Parties wish to terminate this Agreement, or if the Parties elect to withdraw from the CCA Program following an amendment to this Agreement as provided in Section 8.4, but two or more Participants wish to continue to participate in the CCA Program, the Parties will negotiate in good faith with such Participants to allow the Participants to become parties to this Agreement or to effect a transfer of CCA Program operations to another entity.

## ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 Dispute Resolution. The Parties and the Authority shall make reasonable efforts to settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. Should such efforts to settle a

dispute, after reasonable efforts, fail, the dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board.

8.2 Liability of Directors, Officers, and Employees. The Directors, officers, and employees of the Authority shall use ordinary care and reasonable diligence in the exercise of their powers and in the performance of their duties pursuant to this Agreement. No current or former Director, officer, or employee will be responsible for any act or omission by another Director, officer, or employee. The Authority shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the individual current and former Directors, officers, and employees for any acts or omissions in the scope of their employment or duties in the manner provided by Government Code Sections 995 et seq. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the defenses available under the law, to the Parties, the Authority, or its Directors, officers, or employees.

8.3 Indemnification of Parties. The Authority shall acquire such insurance coverage as is necessary to protect the interests of the Authority, the Parties, and the public. The Authority shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Parties and each of their respective Board or Council members, officers, agents and employees, from any and all claims, losses, damages, costs, injuries, and liabilities of every kind arising directly or indirectly from the conduct, activities, operations, acts, and omissions of the Authority under this Agreement.

8.4 Amendment of this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended by (a) an affirmative vote of Board members holding no less than 67 voting shares. The Authority shall provide written notice to all Parties and Participants of amendments to this Agreement, including the effective date of such amendments. A Party or Participant shall be deemed to have withdrawn its participation in the CCA Program effective immediately upon the vote of the Board approving an amendment to this Agreement if (a) the Director representing such Party or Participant has provided notice to the other Directors immediately preceding the Board's vote of the Party or Participant's intention to withdraw its participation in the CCA Program should the amendment be approved by the Board and (b) such notice of intent to withdraw is authorized or ratified by an affirmative vote of the governing board of the Party or Participant. As described in Section 7.3, a Party or Participant that withdraws its participation in the CCA Program in accordance with the above-described procedure may be subject to continuing liabilities incurred prior to the Additional Participant's withdrawal.

8.5 Assignment. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the rights and duties of the Parties or Participants may not be assigned or delegated without the advance written consent of all of the other Parties and Participants, and any attempt to assign or delegate such rights or duties in contravention of this Section 8.5 shall be null and void. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the successors and assigns of the Parties and Participants. This Section 8.5 does not prohibit a Party or Participant from entering into an independent agreement with another agency, person, or entity regarding the financing of that Party's or Participant's contributions to the Authority, or the disposition of proceeds which that Party or Participant receives under this Agreement, so long as such independent agreement does not affect, or purport to affect, the rights and duties of the Authority or the Parties or Participants under this Agreement.

8.6 Severability. If one or more clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable, it is hereby agreed by the

Parties, that the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby. Such clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provision shall be deemed reformed so as to be lawful, valid and enforced to the maximum extent possible.

8.7 Further Assurances. Each Party agrees to execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take any further action that may be reasonably necessary, to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

8.8 Execution by Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and upon execution by all Parties, each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument and as if all Parties had signed the same instrument. Any signature page of this Agreement may be detached from any counterpart of this Agreement without impairing the legal effect of any signatures thereon, and may be attached to another counterpart of this Agreement identical in form hereto but having attached to it one or more signature pages.

8.9 Parties to be Served Notice. Any notice authorized or required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be validly given if served in writing either personally, by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid with return receipt requested, or by a recognized courier service. Notices given (a) personally or by courier service shall be conclusively deemed received at the time of delivery and receipt and (b) by mail shall be conclusively deemed given 48 hours after the deposit thereof (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) if the sender receives the return receipt. All notices shall be addressed to the office of the clerk or secretary of the Authority or Party, as the case may be, or such other person designated in writing by the Authority or Party. Notices given to one Party shall be copied to all other Parties. Notices given to the Authority shall be copied to all Parties and Participants.

## **Exhibit A**

### **Definitions**

“AB 117” means Assembly Bill 117 (Stat. 2002, ch. 838, codified at Public Utilities Code Section 366.2), which created CCA.

“Act” means the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.*)

“Administrative Services Agreement” means an agreement or agreements entered into after the Effective Date by the Authority with an entity that will perform tasks necessary for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program or any other energy programs adopted by the Authority.

“Agreement” means this Joint Powers Agreement.

“Annual Energy Use” has the meaning given in Section 4.7.2.

“Authority” means the Sonoma Clean Power Authority.

“Authority Document(s)” means document(s) duly adopted by the Board by resolution or motion implementing the powers, functions, and activities of the Authority, including but not limited to the Operating Rules and Regulations, the annual budget, and plans and policies.

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Authority.

“CCA” or “Community Choice Aggregation” means an electric service option available to cities, counties, and the Sonoma County Water Agency pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 366.2.

“CCA Program” means the Authority’s program relating to CCA that is principally described in Sections 2.3, 2.4, and 5.1.

“Director” means a member of the Board of Directors representing a Party or an Additional Participant.

“Effective Date” means the date on which this Agreement shall become effective and the Sonoma Clean Power Authority shall exist as a separate public agency, as further described in Section 2.1.

“Implementation Plan” means the plan generally described in Section 5.1.2 of this Agreement that is required under Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 to be filed with the California Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of describing a proposed CCA Program.

“Initial Costs” means all costs incurred by the Authority relating to the establishment and initial operation of the Authority, such as the hiring of a Chief Executive Officer and any administrative staff, any required accounting, administrative, technical, or legal services in support of the Authority’s initial activities or in support of the negotiation, preparation, and approval of one or more Administrative Services Provider Agreements and Program Agreement 1. Administrative and operational costs incurred after the approval of Program Agreement 1 shall not be considered Initial Costs.

“Operating Rules and Regulations” means the rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and procedures governing the operation of the Authority.

“Participant” or “Additional Participant” means any incorporate municipality or county electing to participate in the CCA Program.

“Parties” means, collectively, the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency.

“Party” means the County of Sonoma or the Sonoma County Water Agency.

“Total Annual Energy” has the meaning given in Section 4.7.2.