

**TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
STAFF REPORT
March 3, 2010**

For the meeting of March 9, 2010

TO: Town Council

FROM: Debra Stutsman, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Marin Clean Energy
Light Green/Dark Green

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff as to the energy alternatives available to the Town.

BACKGROUND

Marin Clean Energy (MCE) is a renewable energy alternative to PG&E's electric supply that will soon be available to Marin customers. MCE is responsible for sourcing the power and purchases the energy supply while PG&E continues to deliver the energy, maintain and repair transmission lines, and provide customer service and billing. All PG&E customers in member cities, like San Anselmo, will automatically be enrolled in the Marin Clean Energy program, in accordance with State legislation.

The Town of San Anselmo is included in the first phase of the MCE implementation. The Town's choices are to 1) opt out of the program, 2) go with the standard light green energy program, or 3) go with the deep green 100% renewable energy.

DISCUSSION

The Town's electricity bill is approximately \$50,000 per year for the buildings and \$40,000 per year for street lights and signals. The light green option will cost the same or less than PG&E. Based upon our usage, we estimate that the cost difference between choosing the light green option and the deep green option is about 7% of the generation portion of our bill (about 42% of the total electricity bill) or \$2,650 per year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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