



October 20, 2025

Lake County Board of Supervisors
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the County of Lake to vote in favor of partnering with Sonoma Clean Power(SCP). This partnership would give Lake County residents and businesses something we've never truly had before which is a choice in who produces our electricity and how our energy dollars are invested back into our communities.

SCP is a powerful tool for Lake County to create energy independence and economic opportunity. By joining SCP, we can finally benefit from the clean energy already generated right here at The Geysers, while at the same time lowering rates for our residents. Just as important, SCP is governed by the cities and counties it serves, meaning Lake County would have a seat at the table and a voice in shaping local energy projects, investments, and priorities.

Shouldn't residents and businesses be able to choose where their power comes from? This decision is about empowering our community and keeping energy dollars local.

This issue is also deeply personal to me. I grew up in Lake County, and my parents, who are both retired and in their 70s, still live in the home where I was raised. I have been a property owner here for the past eight years, and like so many Lake County residents, my family would welcome any opportunity to save money on essential costs like energy. I will be building my retirement and a rental home in Hidden Valley Lake in the next 2-3 years, and would love to know that not only will I have an opportunity for possible savings, but so will my renters.

In addition, as the Founder and CEO of The LIME Foundation, I've had the privilege of working closely with Sonoma Clean Power over the last 6 years. They have been a major funding partner for our NextGen Trades Academy in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Now, as we bring the NextGen Trades Academy to Lake County and Partner with other Lake County non-profits to serve at-risk youth and adults, I can say with confidence that Sonoma Clean Power would be a transformative partner for our local communities and nonprofits.

I urge you to vote in favor of this partnership and allow Lake County residents and businesses to benefit from clean, locally governed, cost-effective energy solutions. This is not just a smart economic decision, it's a forward-looking investment in our community's future.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important opportunity.

Letitia Hanke

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