

East Region Town Hall (ERTH) Council - District 3, Lake County

To: Lake County Board of Supervisors

Subject: Sonoma Clean Power Energy Proposal

The Eastern Regional Town Hall (ERTH) is a municipal advisory committee appointed by the Lake County Board of Supervisors. The focus of ERTH is to seek relevant information, perform outreach, participate with and make recommendations on issues and decisions affecting the residents of the East Region of District 3.

The ERTH region is part of the Shoreline Area Plan, representing the communities of Clearlake Oaks, Spring Valley, Glenhaven, Double Eagle Ranch and the Southern border of the District 3 near Sulphur Bank Mine and North Dr areas, over to the Colusa/Yolo county borders.

At the 7/08/25 Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) presentation, Supervisor Owen requested SCP make presentations to each of the municipal area councils to solicit public feedback. SCP President Geof Syphers attended the ERTH August 6th meeting to outline the proposal and answer community questions. The project was discussed at two other ERTH meetings.

At our most recent Oct.1st meeting, the ERTH council asked residents in the ERTH region of District 3 if they wished to accept the SCP proposal of Community Choice Aggregate and inclusion in the Geozone - it was an overwhelming "no."

In general, the residents felt - despite the outreach - there were too many unknowns. They cited the potential "payback" of \$10 million to \$100 million if Lake County decides to opt out, and the inability to guarantee savings on electrical bills.

This feeling increased significantly with discussion on the Geozone. Residents were concerned about the lack of details - types and locations of plants, aesthetics and potential environmental issues - as well as only two seats (15% representation) on the SCP Board. They also cited a desire to keep our resources available within Lake County and for residents to benefit directly.

Based on the discussions, the ERTH council respectfully requests, on behalf of our community members, that the Board of Supervisors decline the SCP proposal.

Sincerely,

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