

RESOLUTION 2022-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MARIN CLEAN ENERGY HONORING BOARD MEMBER DENISE ATHAS

WHEREAS, Marin Clean Energy (MCE) is a joint powers authority established on December 19, 2008, and organized under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, MCE members include the following communities: the County of Marin, the County of Contra Costa, the County of Napa, the County of Solano, the City of American Canyon, the City of Belvedere, the City of Benicia, the City of Calistoga, the City of Concord, the Town of Corte Madera, the Town of Danville, the City of El Cerrito, the Town of Fairfax, the City of Fairfield, the City of Lafayette, the City of Larkspur, the City of Martinez, the City of Mill Valley, the Town of Moraga, the City of Napa, the City of Novato, the City of Oakley, the City of Pinole, the City of Pittsburg, the City of Pleasant Hill, the City of San Ramon, the City of Richmond, the Town of Ross, the Town of San Anselmo, the City of San Pablo, the City of San Rafael, the City of Sausalito, the City of St. Helena, the Town of Tiburon, the City of Vallejo, the City of Walnut Creek, and the Town of Yountville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Novato executed the Joint Powers Agreement establishing membership in MCE on October 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Denise Athas was elected to the Novato City Council in 2009 where she has served three terms as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Director Athas was appointed to serve as the first representative from the City of Novato on the MCE Board of Directors on January 5, 2012, where she has served for 10 years, additionally serving as Auditor and Treasurer of the Board (2014 – 2018), and as a member of the Executive Committee (2013-2022), Ad Hoc Expansion Committee (2013), Ad Hoc Contracts Committee (2014), and Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee (2014); and

WHEREAS, Director Athas pushed for local jobs and local energy and was a key partner in the development of renewable energy sites in Novato, including at the Buck Institute for Research on Aging and Cooley Quarry; and

WHEREAS, Director Athas represented her Novato constituents skillfully and effectively as a member of the MCE Board of Directors, playing a key role in advocating for MCE within the Marin Climate Partnership and connecting the agency to the Novato Sustainability Commission; and

WHEREAS, Director Athas served on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Countywide Priority Setting Committee for 10 years, wherein the committee allocated HUD funds to nonprofits for much needed services, capital projects, and housing for disadvantaged communities of color, people living below and at the poverty

level, people living with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, and the unhoused; and

WHEREAS, Director Athas served on the Countywide Assessment of Fair Housing Advisory Group with community-based organizations representing the Canal Alliance, Marin Center for Independent Living, Marin Community Fund, Legal Aid of Marin, Marin City, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ritter House, and Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California; and

WHEREAS, Director Athas inspires joy and empowerment and has embraced a commitment to climate action, displayed by her leadership and her conscientious and thoughtful service; and

WHEREAS, the MCE Board of Directors and Staff thank Director Athas her support and engagement with the agency, its mission, and its vision.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of MCE that the MCE Board and Staff do hereby extend to Denise Athas our appreciation for her dedicated service, our congratulations on her future endeavors, and our best wishes for her continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the MCE Board of Directors on this 15th day of December, 2022, by the following vote:

	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
County of Marin	X			
Contra Costa County				X
County of Napa	X			
County of Solano				X
City of American Canyon	X			
City of Belvedere	X			
City of Benicia	X			
City of Calistoga	X			
City of Concord	X			
Town of Corte Madera	X			
Town of Danville	X			
City of El Cerrito	X			
Town of Fairfax	X			
City of Fairfield	X			
City of Lafayette	X			
City of Larkspur	X			
City of Martinez	X			


City of Mill Valley	X			
Town of Moraga				X
City of Napa	X			
City of Novato				X
City of Oakley	X			
City of Pinole	X			
City of Pittsburg	X			
City of Pleasant Hill	X			
City of San Ramon	X			
City of Richmond	X			
Town of Ross	X			
Town of San Anselmo				X
City of San Pablo	X			
City of San Rafael	X			
City of Sausalito	X			
City of St. Helena	X			
Town of Tiburon	X			
City of Vallejo				X
City of Walnut Creek	X			
Town of Yountville	X			

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SECRETARY, MCE