

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY HONORING MEA BOARD MEMBER BARBARA
THORNTON**

WHEREAS, the Marin Energy Authority ("MEA") 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, MEA members include the following Marin communities: the County of Marin, the City of Belvedere, the Town of Fairfax, the City of Mill Valley, the Town of San Anselmo, the City of San Rafael, the City of Sausalito and the Town of Tiburon, and will soon include the Town of Corte Madera, the City of Larkspur, the City of Novato, and the Town of Ross; and

WHEREAS, the Town of San Anselmo executed the Joint Powers Agreement establishing membership in the Marin Energy Authority on December 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2009 Barbara Thornton was appointed to represent the Town of San Anselmo on the MEA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Thornton has been a dedicated public servant and strong leader with a kind heart and common sense promoting a healthy community for almost a decade on the San Anselmo Town Council and for almost three years on the MEA Board of Directors ; and

WHEREAS, under Director Thornton's leadership MEA launched California's first Community Choice Aggregation program on May 7, 2010 providing renewable, non-polluting energy to Marin County in order to help reduce damaging greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to tell the full story of what Barbara brought to the Marin Energy Authority Board and its mission, she is commended for standing tall and unwavering against the winds of criticism and skepticism of many in our community who did not believe it possible or appropriate that the residents of our County would or should have its own independent electricity providing program, and against the incumbent utility, who spent millions of dollars in an all-out effort to defeat the Marin Clean Energy (MCE) program and prevent MCE from entering into the utility business as its competitor.

WHEREAS, the MEA Board of Directors and staff sincerely thank Director Thornton for her passion and commitment to the agency, its goals and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Director Thornton's dedication and devotion to MEA was exemplified through her participation and commitment to MEA's Technical and Executive Committees, as well as the Ad Hoc Staffing, Contract, and Rate-setting Committee; and

WHEREAS, Director Thornton has always been a reliable team member, generous with her time, offering a steadying presence on the Board with her objective analysis of issues; and

WHEREAS, Director Thornton's Board colleagues will sincerely miss her kind spirit, her smile and her many significant contributions to the MEA.

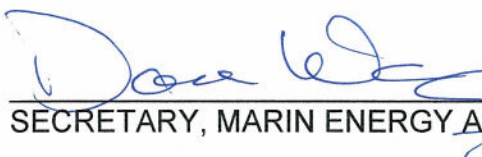
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Marin Energy Authority that the MEA Board and staff do hereby extend to Barbara Thornton our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the Marin Energy Authority Board of Directors, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement from public service, and our best wishes to her for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Marin Energy Authority Board of Directors on this 1st day of December 2011, by the following vote:

	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
City of Belvedere				✓
Town of Fairfax	✓			
County of Marin	✓			
City of Mill Valley	✓			
Town of San Anselmo	✓			
City of San Rafael	✓			
City of Sausalito	✓			
Town of Tiburon				✓



CHAIR, MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY BOARD



SECRETARY, MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY BOARD