

**RESOLUTION NO. 3618-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR  
APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO  
IMPLEMENT THE SONOMA COUNTY ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM  
WITH THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO ALLOW PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE  
INCORPORATED AREA OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE SEISMIC STRENGTHENING  
IMPROVEMENTS AND WILDFIRE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE  
SONOMA COUNTY ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (PPR 15-04)**

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2009, by Resolution No. 2452-09, the Council approved a Cooperative Agreement to Implement Sonoma County Energy Independence Program with the County of Sonoma to allow property owners within the incorporated area of the Town to finance the acquisition and construction or installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources and energy efficiency improvements, which include water efficiency improvements, through the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (“SCEIP” or the “Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Windsor has been actively involved in promoting and cross marketing SCEIP as a key funding tool in helping Windsor property owners make energy efficiency and renewable energy generation improvements to their homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has adopted the Seismic Safety Finance Act, codified as Section 5899 of the California Streets and Highways Code, effective January 1, 2012, which authorizes contractual assessment programs to finance the installation of seismic strengthening improvements that are permanently fixed to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, or other real property (“Seismic Strengthening Improvements”); and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has also adopted the Wildfire Safety Finance Act, codified as Section 5899.4 of the California Streets and Highways Code, effective January 1, 2019 and repealed January 1, 2029, which authorizes certain public agencies to designate an area within which contractual assessment programs may finance the installation of wildfire safety improvements that are permanently fixed to existing residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, or other real property (“Wildfire Safety Improvements”); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 23, 2019, by Resolution No. 19-0311, the County Board of Supervisors expanded SCEIP to include Seismic Strengthening Improvements and Wildfire Safety Improvements in order to help property owners harden their properties and make the County more resilient to seismic and wildfire events; and

**WHEREAS**, the County’s expansion of SCEIP took effect on January 14, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires to allow property owners within the incorporated area of the Town to finance Seismic Strengthening Improvements and Wildfire Safety Improvements through SCEIP; and

**WHEREAS**, the action of allowing properties in Windsor to participate in the expanded SCEIP Program does not constitute a project as defined by California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378; therefore, no further environmental review is required.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor, finds and declares all of the following:

1. Finds that properties in the Town's incorporated area will be benefit from inclusion in the expanded Program.
2. Consents to the inclusion of properties within the incorporated area of the Town in the expanded Program for the purpose of financing Seismic Strengthening Improvements and Wildfire Safety Improvements through SCEIP.
3. Approves Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement to Implement the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program and authorizes the Town Manager to execute the same.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 2nd day of September 2020, by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, OKREPKE, SALMON, VICE MAYOR LEMUS AND MAYOR FOPPOLI</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

  
**DOMINIC FOPPOLI, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK**