

RESOLUTION NO. 2356-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
SUPPORTING AND JOINING THE
SOLAR SONOMA COUNTY CONSORTIUM**

WHEREAS, Solar Sonoma County was established in 2007 as a county-wide version of the very successful Solar Sebastopol; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Solar Sonoma County is to promote new installations of solar PV and solar thermal on public facilities, homes, and private properties and to promote energy efficiency county-wide through a public/private partnership with an initial target of 25 new MW by March, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Solar Sonoma County has received a BAAQMD grant, and also a very prestigious grant from the Department of Energy (DOE), naming the organization as one of only 25 "Solar America Cities" programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, each city and the County of Sonoma has supported the formation of Solar Sonoma County through a letter of support for the DOE grant, and now each city and the County can officially join as members; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Water Agency and PG&E have agreed to jointly sponsor Solar Sonoma County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, by covering the membership dues for the governmental entities in order to rapidly foster widespread community involvement in SSC; and

WHEREAS, the governmental entities will receive the benefit the work of the entire Solar Sonoma County group to assist local governments and citizens with technical advice and assistance regarding solar installations; and

WHEREAS, the governmental entities will be able to have links on their web pages to the Solar Sonoma County website, to assist their citizens to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and will have pages on the SSC website to share what they are doing to promote or install solar to reduce greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Solar Sonoma County that a member from each city and county government, whether elected or staff, attend one Working Group meeting per month to ensure that all are working together to further the mission of Solar Sonoma County, and to further the goals of our own Climate Protection Plans; and

WHEREAS, the kickoff event for Solar Sonoma County will be tentatively held September 18, 2008 at Sonoma Mountain Village, and all members are invited to attend.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Windsor does hereby formally join Solar Sonoma County for the fiscal year 2008/09, at no cost, and does further commit to work with all the other cities and the county in the Solar Sonoma County effort to mainstream solar energy across our county, and to work to become leaders of solar installations throughout the nation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd day of September 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN, GOBLE AND SALMON
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: MAYOR FUDGE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER PARKER



DEBORA FUDGE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK