



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 17, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Recognizing The Calpine Corporation THE GEYSERS – Sixty Years of Power

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 60th anniversary of commercial geothermal power production at The Geysers, the world's largest geothermal power resource located in the Mayacamas Mountains of Sonoma and Lake Counties; and

WHEREAS, Calpine's fleet of 78 power plants represent nearly 26,000 megawatts of generation capacity of clean, cost-effective, reliable and fuel-efficient electricity to communities in 22 U.S. states, Canada and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, at The Geysers, Calpine is the nation's largest renewable geothermal power producer, operating 13 geothermal power plants, 10 located in Sonoma County, generating up to 725 megawatts of green, baseload energy around the clock; and

WHEREAS, Calpine's renewable geothermal electrical generation at The Geysers comprises 9% percent of California's total renewable generation meets the typical power needs of Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties, as well a portion of the power needs of Marin and Napa counties; and,

WHEREAS, through innovation, consolidation and integration of the steam fields and power plants at The Geysers, Calpine uses a natural, clean energy source – heat from steam produced one and a half miles below the earth's surface – to produce electricity that is helping to meet California's bold goal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Calpine's operations at The Geysers employs over 300 people, about 150 full-time contractor jobs, contributing significantly to the local economy through property taxes, royalties, goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Calpine takes seriously its role as community member by supporting local emergency response units, helping area charities, schools and maintaining a visitors center that hosts community events and meetings, helping draw tourists to the area and educate the public on the benefits of geothermal power; and

WHEREAS, Calpine having teamed with local communities including in Sonoma the Santa Rosa Recharge Geysers Pipeline project, providing an environmentally responsible way to dispose of treated recycled water while preventing its discharge into local rivers and lakes while providing a sustainable source of steam for Calpine's power operations that has help increase generation capacity at The Geysers; and

WHEREAS, Calpine has achieved many noteworthy environmental, production and operational awards for its ongoing commitment to safety and the environment and its excellence in lease maintenance at its geothermal facilities;

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS congratulates Calpine Corporation on its commitment to environmentally responsible power production, its outstanding financial and volunteer contributions to the communities in which it operates and the innovation, professionalism and expertise of its employees who are working hard to ensure the sustainability of green power production in Sonoma County for years to come.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.