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CITY OF HEALDSBURG

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEALDSBURG DETERMINING THAT UTILITY SCALE ENERGY STORAGE FOR THE CITY OF HEALDSBURG IS NOT APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME DUE TO A LACK OF COST-EFFECTIVE OPTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Healdsburg owns and operates a publicly owned utility subject to certain laws and requirements of the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature passed AB 2514 and AB 2227 requiring publicly owned utilities to review energy storage systems for their cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, if utility scale energy storage systems are found to be cost effective the governing board of the publicly owned utility is to set procurement targets for such energy storage; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the City's current need for system capacity and found no immediate need for additional system capacity; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed studies and proposals relating to the cost effectiveness of energy storage systems and found no cost-effective systems applicable to Healdsburg; and

WHEREAS, notable is that significant reductions in the cost of energy storage systems are forecasted over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, these forecasted cost reductions are an indicator that Healdsburg should revisit energy storage systems at a future date when prices are lower; and

WHEREAS, the continued administrative action to review energy storage systems does not constitute a project under CEQA guidelines and is therefore exempt from further environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Healdsburg does hereby;

1. Find that continue administrative actions are exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is needed.
2. Find that due to a lack of cost-effective energy storages systems the City of Healdsburg should not set procurement targets for energy storage at this time.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 16th day of November 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: (4) Jimenez, McCaffery, Naujokas and Mayor Mitchell

NOES: Councilmembers: (0) None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: (1) Hagele

ABSTAINING: Councilmembers: (0) None

SO ORDERED:

ATTEST:

Evelyn L. Mitchell, Mayor

Raina Allan, City Clerk