

Commendation for Sonoma County

This certificate acknowledges Sonoma County for developing California's first county-wide AB 811 program.

The County's determination to develop a valuable customer service that will benefit residents while helping meet County climate protection goals has been essential in forming the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program.

The team of experienced and capable Sonoma County Administration officials and Sonoma County Water District officials, with leadership provided by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager/Chief Engineer Randy Poole, enabled the County to identify the financial link necessary to craft a net-zero cost program -- for the benefit of all Sonoma County home and business owners. At the same time the program serves as a model for other California counties.

The commitment to wisely invest the County Treasury, with careful attention to legal, administrative, and financial detail, has enabled a bold program, scaled up to reflect the size and diverse make-up of the community. Initially funded with \$100 million, Sonoma County's Energy Independence Program is an order larger than the Palm Desert program and two orders larger than the initial Berkeley experiment

Thanks to hard work, determination, and vision of many officials and staff, notably Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Rodney Dole, the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program now stands tall as a proud and patriotic, county-driven model of AB 811 implementation.

On behalf of the Palm Desert AB 811 Conference Chairman and Vice Chair, and on behalf of all local governments, Sonoma County is hereby commended for its dedication and success.

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