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MARIN CLEAN ENERGY FAR EXCEEDS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS

*A Variety of Clean Energy Sources Will Help Marin Clean Energy Meet an
Important Portion of Its Renewable Energy Promise*

SAN RAFAEL—Marin Clean Energy today unveiled the sources for its renewable energy and announced that it will far exceed its goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming.

“This is great news as we get ready to celebrate Earth Day,” said Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan, chairman of Marin Clean Energy. “Some people have been skeptical that Marin Clean Energy could achieve its renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals and keep rates the same or lower, but the proof is in the power.”

The power that Marin Clean Energy has purchased is 78 percent carbon free, an almost 50% increase in the percentage of carbon-free energy that MCE officials had originally projected.

Marin Clean Energy also announced that its renewable energy content will reach 35 percent, with 25 percent having been technically certified by California as renewable. That still achieves Marin Clean Energy’s promise of providing 25 percent renewable energy.

“We will provide 25 percent clean, renewable energy, almost double what the current utility provides and at the same or lower rates,” said Dawn Weisz, interim Director of Marin Clean Energy. “We think anytime you can almost double what you’re providing and do it at the same or lower rates, that represents a great value for customers.”

To achieve its renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals, Marin Clean Energy is purchasing power from a variety of sources, including 37 percent hydro-electric from the Tri-Dam Power Authority in San Joaquin County. Tri-Dam is a partnership between the South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Oakdale Irrigation District.

“We’re very excited to be partnering with the Tri-Dam Power Authority and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District,” McGlashan said. “Like us, they believe local communities can provide cleaner, reliable energy at lower rates than the existing private utilities.”

In addition to the Tri-Dam energy, Marin Clean Energy will get 9 percent of its power content from landfill gas in Oregon, 8 percent from wind in Washington and another 5 percent from biomass, also from Washington. Another 9 percent will come from a variety of smaller energy sources that are either certified renewable or eligible for certification. The remainder of power will come from the state power system. Marin Clean Energy’s renewable energy mix also includes 3 percent renewable energy credits backed by a solar project operated by the South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

Marin Clean Energy has committed to providing no less than 25 percent renewable energy from sources like solar, wind, biomass, hydro and geothermal. And MCE’s Deep Green program offers customers the opportunity to sign up for 100 percent renewable energy for a small additional cost.

“This is a great first step for Marin Clean Energy,” McGlashan said. “As Marin Clean Energy expands, we will be looking to develop a variety of renewable energy generation sources even closer to home, including from small, rooftop solar, biomass, wind and other sources, that can even further help reduce Marin’s carbon footprint and ensure our rates remain below PG&E’s rates.”

The job of delivering energy to customers, however, remains with PG&E, which also will continue to provide Marin Clean Energy customers with the same customer service, billing and repair and maintenance.

The Earth Day announcement comes as Marin Clean Energy prepares to start service on May 7. The exact source of energy will vary over time based on seasonal conditions and energy availability, among other factors.

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Marin Clean Energy is a community-based alternative energy program of the Marin Energy Authority, a publicly approved, not-for-profit joint powers authority composed of County of Marin and the cities of San Rafael, Mill Valley, Fairfax, Sausalito, San Anselmo, Tiburon and Belvedere. For more information about Marin Clean Energy, visit www.MarinCleanEnergy.info.