

## **Citizens Utility Advisory Board**

Chairperson: Ms. Heather Baca

Members: Ms. Keely Sonlitner, Mr. Paul Jensen, Councilman Shane Scott (ex-officio)

January 20, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Jane Hughson and Members of the City Council 630 East Hopkins Street
San Marcos, Texas 78666

RE: Citizens Utility Advisory Board's Renewable Energy Credits Program Recommendation

Dear Honorable Mayor Hughson and Members of Council:

The Citizens Utility Advisory Board ("CUAB") received a presentation on the Renewable Energy Credits Program that had also been presented to the City Council's Sustainability Committee on September 30, 2020.

The details of the program were presented at the January 13, 2021 CUAB meeting. The program allows the City to purchase Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) through the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), which increase the City's proportion of renewable energy in its total energy profile. The program would be voluntary for City of San Marcos Electric Utility customers. A fee would be assessed, based on the customer's usage, and ensures 100% of a customer's load is supplied by a renewable energy source. CUAB discussed the benefits of the program and recommends that the City Council approve/adopt the Renewal Energy Credits Program.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve our community and respectfully request you consider adoption of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

San Marcos Citizens Utility Advisory Board

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