

RESOLUTION NO. 5

SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMUNITY SOLAR SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SOLAR 1, LLC

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge wishes to promote the public health and safety of its residents and visitors, including access to clean air, clean water, and a livable environment; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change is locally expected to shorten our ski season, make our forests more prone to drought and wildfire, reduce snowpacks and water supplies, and present a variety of other threats on a global scale that could harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge remains committed to its adopted goals to reduce energy consumption and increase renewable energy sources as outlined in the SustainableBreck Plan and Summit Community Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the transition to a low-carbon community reliant on the efficient use of renewable energy resources will provide a range of benefits including improved air quality, enhanced public health, increased national and energy security, local green jobs, and reduced reliance on finite resources; and

WHEREAS, the community's economy is based on its popularity as a tourism destination and the Town of Breckenridge has an opportunity to participate in local and state-level initiatives, demonstrating leadership by example; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge's current stable economy is based on it being a highly-visited destination and we have an opportunity to broadly influence dialogue on climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge has already taken a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to renewable energy sources in our community, including installing some 1,500 kw of solar gardens and solar arrays on Town property, subscribing to community solar in Colorado, undertaking numerous energy efficiency upgrades in municipal facilities, and implementing several programs designed to increase energy efficiency and make renewables more accessible to Town residences and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge desires to work in partnership with its utility provider Xcel Energy to move towards 100 percent renewable energy sources in the future; and

WHEREAS, "renewable energy" includes energy derived from wind, solar, geothermal, and other non-polluting sources that is not derived from fossil or nuclear fuel and does not adversely impact communities or the environment; and

WHEREAS, the public will continue to be provided opportunities and encouraged to participate in the process for planning and implementation of renewable energy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Community Solar Subscription Agreement with Mountain Community Solar 1, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, has been prepared, a copy of which is marked **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Community Solar Subscription Agreement will provide 800 kilowatts of subscribed community solar power to come online in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the proposed Community Solar Subscription Agreement, and finds and determines that it should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. The proposed Community Solar Subscription Agreement with Mountain Community Solar 1, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company ("**Exhibit "A"**" hereto), is approved, and the

Town Manager is authorized to execute such agreement for and on behalf of the Town of Breckenridge.

Section 2. Minor changes to or amendments of the approved agreement may be made by the Town Manager if the Town Attorney certifies in writing that the proposed changes or amendments do not substantially affect the consideration to be received or paid by the Town pursuant to the approved agreement, or the essential elements of the approved agreement.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2020.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

By: _____/s/_____
Eric S. Mamula, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Helen Cospolich, CMC,
Town Clerk

APPROVED IN FORM

_____/s/_____
Town Attorney Date