## SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:

June 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Approval of Revisions to Resolution No. 2013-158 Establishing Requirements, Limitations & Procedures Concerning the Use of Payments Collected Under a Franchise, Real Property Interest Agreement or Development Agreement Involving a Solar Power Plant & Associated Budget Adjustments

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve:

- 1) Resolution No. 2013-158, attached, as verbally amended by the Board on June 25, 2013, establishing the requirements, limitations, and procedures concerning use of solar power plant payments to dedicate 25 percent toward use in communities in the general vicinity of solar power plants for which payments are made and 75 percent toward general purpose use pursuant to a 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote of the Board: and.
- 2) Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make corresponding budget adjustments in Schedule A, attached, to implement the revised provisions of Resolution No. 2013-158.

BACKGROUND: On June 25, 2013, the Board approved Resolution No. 2013-158 with verbal amendments, and the budget adjustments accompanying it. The actions recommended here memorialize those actions and make further budget adjustments necessary to implement those amendments with regard to appropriation levels and commitments of fund balance from solar franchise revenue from the Desert Sunlight solar power project. Together with the prior action, the adjustments recommended leave \$195,500 in appropriations for staffing the solar program, \$400,000 committed toward renovation of the Lake Tamarisk Clubhouse for benefit of the local community, and the remaining \$503,813 in FY 11/12 and anticipated FY 13/14 fund balance committed toward general purpose use consistent with Resolution No. 2013-158.

Denise C. Harden, Principal Management Analyst

In Current Year Budget: Yes **Current F.Y. Total Cost:** \$ (125,290) **FINANCIAL** SAMUEL WONG **Budget Adjustment: Current F.Y. Net County Cost:** \$ 0 Yes DATA **Annual Net County Cost:** \$ 0 For Fiscal Year: FY 13/14 **Positions To Be** SOURCE OF FUNDS: Solar payment revenue fund **Deleted Per A-30** Requires 4/5 Vote C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

**County Executive Office Signature** 

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote. IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None None

Absent: Date:

July 2, 2013

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E.O., Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem

Deputy

Dep't Recomm.: Exec. Ofc.

Departmental Concurrence

CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: 06/25/13 #3-46, #3-47 District: All

Agenda Number:

# Schedule A

Decrease contributions to other funds:		
22840-1104100000-551100	Contribution to other county funds	125,290
Decrease committed fund ba	alance:	
22840-1104100000-330157	Committed fund balance for 4 <sup>th</sup> District benefit	378,523
Increase committed fund bal	ance:	
22840-1104100000-330156	Committed fund balance for community benefit	181,871
	Committed fund balance for general purpose	321,942

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-158

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS, LIMITATIONS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE USE OF PAYMENTS COLLECTED UNDER A FRANCHISE, REAL PROPERTY INTEREST AGREEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT INVOLVING A SOLAR POWER PLANT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports solar energy and acknowledges its benefits; and, WHEREAS, the benefits of solar power plants occur on a national, statewide and regional level;

WHEREAS, the development of solar power plants presents unique and unprecedented issues for Riverside County not involved in any other type of development; and,

WHEREAS, the development of solar power plants involves new and rapidly evolving technology; and,

WHEREAS, except for experimental facilities, large-scale solar power plants have not previously been completed or operated anywhere in the state; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a rush to develop solar power plants due to state mandates and federal and state financial incentives; and,

WHEREAS, development of solar power plants will permanently alter the natural landscape, and detrimentally affect scenic and recreational values; and,

WHEREAS, development of solar power plants will permanently commit vast areas of the County to industrial, large-scale solar energy production and preclude all other potential uses on those lands, including, but not limited to, agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, residential, cultural, and open space uses; and,

WHEREAS, compared to these other potential uses, the number of permanent jobs created by

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WHEREAS, on November 8, 2011, the Board of Supervisors adopted a comprehensive integrated, legislative solar power plant program which included General Plan Amendment No. 1080 Ordinance No. 348.4705 and Board of Supervisors Policy No. B-29; and,

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted a revised Board Policy No. B-29 (Board Policy No. B-29); and,

WHEREAS, General Plan Amendment No. 1080 adds a new General Plan policy which declares that the County "shall permit and encourage, in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner, the development of renewable energy resources and related infrastructure, including but not limited to, the development of solar power plants in the County of Riverside"; and,

WHEREAS, Board Policy No. B-29, among other things, provides for certain payments for franchises, real property interest agreements, or development agreements involving solar power plants; and,

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2012, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2012-252 establishing requirements, limitations, and procedures concerning the use of payments collected under a development agreement involving a solar power plant; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors now desires to expand and amend the requirements, limitations and procedures adopted in Resolution No. 2012-252 to address the use of payments collected under franchises and real property interest agreements, as well as development agreements, involving solar power plants and allow for diversified uses and appropriations of such payments consistent with law and the purpose of Board Policy No. B-29;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside in regular session assembled on June 25, 2013, that the following requirements, limitations and procedures concerning the use of payments collected under franchises, real property interest agreements, or development agreements involving solar power plants are hereby established:

1. LIMITED TO PAYMENTS COLLECTED UNDER FRANCHISES, REAL PROPERTY INTEREST AGREEMENTS, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS INVOLVING SOLAR POWER PLANTS. This Resolution shall apply only to payments collected under franchises, real property interest

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- 2. LIMITED TO SPECIFIC PURPOSES. Effective July 1, 2013, of all such solar power plant payments specified above, 25 percent shall be committed toward appropriations that benefit communities in the general vicinity of the solar power plant for which payments are made and 75 percent shall be committed toward appropriations for any general purpose use consistent with the limitations of this Resolution. All appropriations made pursuant to this Resolution shall have an articulated public purpose consistent with the objectives outlined in Board Policy No. B-29. Permissible appropriations of such payments include, but are not limited to, County programs for economic and employment development, employee training and retraining, affordable housing, promoting tourism, and other activities and programs to retain, preserve, attract, and grow agricultural, recreational, industrial and commercial uses. In all cases, appropriations of such solar power plant payments shall not be used to mitigate project-specific impacts, including but not limited to mitigation that would be required under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") or Ordinance No. 659, nor shall such solar power plant payments supplant such mitigation payments or development impact fees.
- 3. SEPARATE FUND AND ACCOUNTING. All such payments shall be deposited into and disbursed from a separate special revenue fund of the County hereby established entitled the "Solar Payment Revenue Fund."
- 4. RESOLUTION 2012-252. Resolution 2012-252 is superseded and amended in its entirety by this Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Nays:

Absent:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

None

None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KECIA HARPER-IHEM Clerk of said Board

By — Deputy



# **MEMORANDUM**

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY COUNSEL

# CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

DATE:

July 2, 2013

TO:

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Tiffany N. North, Deputy County Counses

RE:

Resolution No. 2013-158

County Counsel Pam Walls asked that I provide you with a form approved copy of Resolution No. 2013-158 for your files. This is related to agenda item 3-50 of July 2, 2013 and 3-46 of June 25, 2013. The form approved copy is attached. The attached resolution contains the verbal changes that were made at the Board on June 25, 2013.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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