

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: August 28, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, City Manager

Subject: **Parking Lease Agreement with First Solar, Inc.**

Recommendation:

Approve the Parking Lease Agreement with First Solar, Inc. and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact

Anticipated revenue to the City of approximately \$6,000.00 - \$8,000.00 depending on duration of use

Background

First Solar, Inc. is in the process of developing AV Solar Ranch One, a 230 MW solar facility near Avenue D and 170th Street West. Once completed, this facility will produce enough electricity to meet the annual energy needs of about 75,000 average homes, displacing approximately 140,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year – the equivalent of taking about 30,000 cars off the road. First Solar was interested in creating an employee ride share program and approached the City for assistance. First Solar currently has approximately 400 employees at the AV Solar Ranch One site and is in the process of hiring an additional 200 employees. A majority of these workers are local residents of the Antelope Valley.

The Parking Lease Agreement would allow First Solar to use the underutilized parking lot located on the northeast corner of Lancaster Boulevard and Sierra Highway for its employee ride share program. The lease would run through the end of the year with an option for additional use depending on the company's need. On certain dates where the City is hosting a BLVD special event, a secondary lot located in the Lancaster Auto Mall would be made available to First Solar to assure that parking downtown is available for public use.

Attachment:

Lease Agreement – available for review in the City Clerk Department

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