

RESOLUTION NO. 14-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION IN THE CALIFORNIA HERO PROGRAM TO FINANCE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO A CERTAIN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside Council of Governments ("Authority") is a joint exercise of powers authority established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Division 7, Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California (Section 6500 and following) (the "Act") and the Joint Power Agreement entered into on April 1, 1991, as amended from time to time (the "Authority JPA"); and

WHEREAS, Authority intends to establish the California HERO Program to provide for the financing of renewable energy distributed generation sources, energy and water efficiency improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure (the "Improvements") pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1911, being Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code ("Chapter 29") within counties and cities throughout the State of California that elect to participate in such program; and

WHEREAS, City of Lancaster (the "City") is committed to development of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency improvements, reduction of greenhouse gases, protection of our environment, and reversal of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in Chapter 29, the Legislature has authorized cities and counties to assist property owners in financing the cost of installing Improvements through a voluntary contractual assessment program; and

WHEREAS, installation of such Improvements by property owners within the jurisdictional boundaries of the counties and cities that are participating in the California HERO Program would promote the purposes cited above; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide innovative solutions to its property owners to achieve energy and water efficiency and independence, and in doing so cooperate with Authority in order to efficiently and economically assist property owners the City in financing such Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Authority has authority to establish the California HERO Program, which will be such a voluntary contractual assessment program, as permitted by the Act, the Authority JPA, originally made and entered into April 1, 1991, as amended to date, and the Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement Adding the City of Lancaster as an Associate Member of the Western Riverside Council of Governments to Permit the Provision of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Services within the City (the "JPA Amendment"), by and between Authority and the City, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" hereto, to assist property owners within the incorporated area of the City in financing the cost of installing Improvements; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2013, the Authority JPA adopted a Resolution of Intention in connection with such assessment proceedings in accordance with Section 5898.20 of the Cal. Streets and Highways Code;

WHEREAS, the Authority JPA will adopt a Resolution of Intention ("ROI") to modify the California HERO Program too add the City to the territories within which assessments may be levied for the California HERO Program, which ROI shall be in a form substantially similar to the ROI which is attached as Exhibit "B" hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy and collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in the payment of any assessments or the issuance, sale or administration of any bonds issued in connection with the California HERO Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This City Council finds and declares that properties in the City's incorporated area will be benefited by the availability of the California HERO Program to finance the installation of Improvements.
2. This City Council consents to inclusion in the California HERO Program of all of the properties in the incorporated area within the City and to the Improvements, upon the request by and voluntary agreement of owners of such properties, in compliance with the laws, rules and regulations applicable to such program; and to the assumption of jurisdiction thereover by Authority for the purposes thereof.
3. The consent of this City Council constitutes assent to the assumption of jurisdiction by Authority for all purposes of the California HERO Program and authorizes Authority, upon satisfaction of the conditions imposed in this resolution, to take each and every step required for or suitable for financing the Improvements, including the levying, collecting and enforcement of the contractual assessments to finance the Improvements and the issuance and enforcement of bonds to represent and be secured by such contractual assessments.
4. This City Council hereby approves the JPA Amendment and authorizes the execution thereof by appropriate City officials.
5. City staff is authorized and directed to coordinate with Authority staff to facilitate operation of the California HERO Program within the City, and report back periodically to this City Council on the success of such program.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Authority Executive Committee.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BRITT AVRIT, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk  
City of Lancaster

\_\_\_\_\_  
R. REX PARRIS  
Mayor  
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            }  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    }ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER            }

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION  
CITY COUNCIL

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 14-41, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(seal)

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## EXHIBIT A

### AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT ADDING CITY OF LANCASTER AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO PERMIT THE PROVISION OF PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM SERVICES WITH SUCH CITY

This Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA Amendment”) is made and entered into on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by City of Lancaster (“City”) and the Western Riverside Council of Governments (“Authority”) (collectively the “Parties”).

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Authority is a joint exercise of powers authority established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Division 7, Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California (Section 6500 and following) (the “Joint Exercise of Powers Act”) and the Joint Power Agreement entered into on April 1, 1991, as amended from time to time (the “Authority JPA”); and

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2012, Authority had 18 member entities (the “Regular Members”).

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 of the Improvement Act of 1911, being Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code (“Chapter 29”) authorizes cities, counties, and cities and counties to establish voluntary contractual assessment programs, commonly referred to as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) program, to fund certain renewable energy sources, energy and water efficiency improvements, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure (the “Improvements”) that are permanently fixed to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural or other real property; and

WHEREAS, Authority intends to establish a PACE program to be known as the “California HERO Program” pursuant to Chapter 29 as now enacted or as such legislation may be amended hereafter, which will authorize the implementation of a PACE financing program for cities and county throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, City desires to allow owners of property within its jurisdiction to participate in the California HERO Program and to allow Authority to conduct proceedings under Chapter 29 to finance Improvements to be installed on such properties; and

WHEREAS, this JPA Amendment will permit City to become an Associate Member of Authority and to participate in California HERO Program for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of such program within the jurisdiction of City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, the Parties are approving this JPA Agreement to allow for the provision of PACE services, including the operation of a PACE financing program, within the incorporated territory of City; and

WHEREAS, the JPA Amendment sets forth the rights, obligations and duties of City and Authority with respect to the implementation of the California HERO Program within the incorporated territory of City.

## MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter stated, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

### A. **JPA Amendment.**

1. The Authority JPA. City agrees to the terms and conditions of the Authority JPA, attached.

2. Associate Membership. By adoption of this JPA Amendment, City shall become an Associate Member of Authority on the terms and conditions set forth herein and the Authority JPA and consistent with the requirements of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act. The rights and obligations of City as an Associate Member are limited solely to those terms and conditions expressly set forth in this JPA Amendment for the purposes of implementing the California HERO Program within the incorporated territory of City. Except as expressly provided for by the this JPA Amendment, City shall not have any rights otherwise granted to Authority's Regular Members by the Authority JPA, including but not limited to the right to vote on matters before the Executive Committee or the General Assembly, the right to amend or vote on amendments to the Authority JPA, and the right to sit on committees or boards established under the Authority JPA or by action of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly, including, without limitation, the General Assembly and the Executive Committee. City shall not be considered a member for purposes of Section 9.1 of the Authority JPA.

3. Rights of Authority. This JPA Amendment shall not be interpreted as limiting or restricting the rights of Authority under the Authority JPA. Nothing in this JPA Amendment is intended to alter or modify Authority Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program, the PACE Program administered by Authority within the jurisdictions of its Regular Members, or any other programs administered now or in the future by Authority, all as currently structured or subsequently amended.

### B. **Implementation of California HERO Program within City Jurisdiction.**

1. Boundaries of the California HERO Program within City Jurisdiction. City shall determine and notify Authority of the boundaries of the incorporated territory within City's jurisdiction within which contractual assessments may be entered into under the California HERO Program (the "Program Boundaries"), which boundaries may include the entire incorporated territory of City or a lesser portion thereof.

2. Determination of Eligible Improvements. Authority shall determine the types of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency or water conservation improvements, electric vehicle charging infrastructure or such other improvements as may be authorized pursuant to Chapter 29 (the "Eligible Improvements") that will be eligible to be financed under the California HERO Program.

3. Establishment of California HERO Program. Authority will undertake such proceedings pursuant to Chapter 29 as shall be legally necessary to enable Authority to make contractual financing of Eligible Improvements available to eligible property owners within the Program Boundaries.

4. Financing the Installation of Eligible Improvements. Authority shall develop and implement a plan for the financing of the purchase and installation of the Eligible Improvements under the California HERO Program.

5. Ongoing Administration. Authority shall be responsible for the ongoing administration of the California HERO Program, including but not limited to producing education plans to raise public awareness of the California HERO Program, soliciting, reviewing and approving applications from residential and commercial property owners participating in the California HERO Program, establishing contracts for residential, commercial and other property owners participating in such program, establishing and collecting assessments due under the California HERO Program, adopting and implementing any rules or regulations for the California HERO Program, and providing reports as required by Chapter 29.

City will not be responsible for the conduct of any proceedings required to be taken under Chapter 29; the levy or collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of any bonds issued in connection with the California HERO Program.

6. Phased Implementation. The Parties recognize and agree that implementation of the California HERO Program as a whole can and may be phased as additional other cities and counties execute similar agreements. City entering into this JPA Amendment will obtain the benefits of and incur the obligations imposed by this JPA Amendment in its jurisdictional area, irrespective of whether cities or counties enter into similar agreements.

### C. **Miscellaneous Provisions.**

1. Withdrawal. City or Authority may withdraw from this JPA Amendment upon six (6) months written notice to the other party; provided, however, there is no outstanding indebtedness of Authority within City. The provisions of Section 6.2 of the Authority JPA shall not apply to City under this JPA Amendment.

2. Mutual Indemnification and Liability. Authority and City shall mutually defend, indemnify and hold the other party and its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liabilities, losses, damages or injuries of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, to the extent arising out of the willful misconduct or negligent acts, errors or omissions of the indemnifying party or its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents in connection with the California HERO Program administered under this JPA Amendment, including without limitation the payment of expert witness fees and attorneys fees and other related costs and expenses, but excluding payment of consequential damages. Without limiting the foregoing, Section 5.2 of the Authority JPA shall not apply to this JPA Amendment. In no event shall any of Authority's Regular Members or their officials, officers or employees be held directly liable for any damages or liability resulting out of this JPA Amendment.

3. Environmental Review. Authority shall be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act for any environmental review that may be required in implementing or administering the California HERO Program under this JPA Amendment.

4. Cooperative Effort. City shall cooperate with Authority by providing information and other assistance in order for Authority to meet its obligations hereunder. City recognizes that one of its responsibilities related to the California HERO Program will include any permitting or inspection requirements as established by City.

5. Notice. Any and all communications and/or notices in connection with this JPA Amendment shall be either hand-delivered or sent by United States first class mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

Authority:

Western Riverside Council of Governments  
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor. MS1032  
Riverside, CA 92501-3609  
Att: Executive Director

City:

City of Lancaster  
44933 Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
Attn: City Manager

6. Entire Agreement. This JPA Amendment, together with the Authority JPA, constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof. This JPA Amendment supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and contains all of the covenants and agreements among them with respect to said matters, and each Party acknowledges that no representation, inducement, promise of agreement, oral or otherwise, has been made by the other Party or anyone acting on behalf of the other Party that is not embodied herein.

7. Successors and Assigns. This JPA Amendment and each of its covenants and conditions shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. A Party may only assign or transfer its rights and obligations under this JPA Amendment with prior written approval of the other Party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8. Attorney's Fees. If any action at law or equity, including any action for declaratory relief is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, each Party to the litigation shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

9. Governing Law. This JPA Amendment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, as applicable.

10. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This JPA Amendment shall not create any right or interest in the public, or any member thereof, as a third party beneficiary hereof, nor shall it authorize anyone not a Party to this JPA Amendment to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damages under the provisions of this JPA Amendment. The duties, obligations, and

responsibilities of the Parties to this JPA Amendment with respect to third party beneficiaries shall remain as imposed under existing state and federal law.

11. Severability. In the event one or more of the provisions contained in this JPA Amendment is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severed from this JPA Amendment and the remaining parts of this JPA Amendment shall remain in full force and effect as though such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable portion had never been a part of this JPA Amendment.

12. Headings. The paragraph headings used in this JPA Amendment are for the convenience of the Parties and are not intended to be used as an aid to interpretation.

13. Amendment. This JPA Amendment may be modified or amended by the Parties at any time. Such modifications or amendments must be mutually agreed upon and executed in writing by both Parties. Verbal modifications or amendments to this JPA Amendment shall be of no effect.

14. Effective Date. This JPA Amendment shall become effective upon the execution thereof by the Parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this JPA Amendment to be executed and attested by their officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

**[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]**



WESTERN RIVERSIDE  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Approved:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF LANCASTER  
a public body, corporate and politic

Approved:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Britt Avrit, Secretary

Approved as to Form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Allison E. Burns, Esq.

Title: City Attorney



## Western Riverside Council of Governments

County of Riverside • City of Banning • City of Calimesa • City of Canyon Lake • City of Corona • City of Eastvale • City of Hemet • City of Jurupa Valley  
City of Lake Elsinore • City of Menifee • City of Moreno Valley • City of Murrieta • City of Norco • City of Perris • City of Riverside • City of San Jacinto  
City of Temecula • City of Wildomar • Eastern Municipal Water District • Western Municipal Water District • Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

### EXHIBIT B

#### RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-14

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFIRMING MODIFICATION OF THE CALIFORNIA HERO PROGRAM REPORT SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM AREA WITHIN WHICH CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS MAY BE OFFERED**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) previously undertook proceedings pursuant to Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code (the "Chapter 29") to permit the provision of property assessed clean energy (PACE) services within those cities that had taken action to become Associate Members of WRCOG as of the date of the initiation of such proceedings, ordered the preparation of a report (the "Program Report") addressing all of the matters set forth in Section 5898.22 and 5898.23 of Chapter 29, held a public hearing on June 3, 2013, on the proposed PACE program and the Program Report and did, by the adoption of its Resolution Number 10-13 on such date (the "Resolution Confirming the Program Report") following such public hearing, approve and establish and order the implementation of a voluntary contractual assessment program to be known as the "California HERO Program" (the "Program") to assist property owners within the jurisdictional boundaries of such Associate Members with the cost of installing distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy and water efficient improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure that are permanently fixed to their properties ("Authorized Improvements"); and

**WHEREAS**, in approving the Program Report, the Executive Committee also established the jurisdictional boundaries of such Associate Members as the initial territory within which voluntary contractual assessments may be offered (the "Program Area") to provide for financing of the installation of Authorized Improvements on properties within such Program Area; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the establishment of the Program, the Executive Committee has undertaken proceedings pursuant to Chapter 29 to expand the Program Area within which contractual assessments may be offered to include the jurisdictions of certain additional cities that had taken action to become Associate Members of WRCOG since the establishment of the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, now the legislative bodies of the Cities of Arcadia, Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, Modesto, Vacaville, and the County of Merced unincorporated area, have taken action to become Associate Members of WRCOG and thereby enable the Executive Committee to consider further modifying the Program Report by increasing the Program Area to include the jurisdictions of such new Associate Members so as to enable voluntary contractual assessments to be offered pursuant to the Program to the owners of properties within such jurisdictions to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements on such properties; and

EXHIBIT B

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee did, by the adoption of its Resolution Number 11-14 (the "Resolution of Intention"), initiate proceedings pursuant to Chapter 29 to modify the Program Report to include the jurisdictions of the Cities of Arcadia, Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, Modesto, Vacaville, and the County of Merced unincorporated area in the Program Area and ordered a public hearing to be held on May 5, 2014, for the purposes of affording all persons who are present an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to such proposed modification of the Program Report; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Section 5898.24 of Chapter 29 and the Resolution of Intention, the Secretary of the Executive Committee caused publication of notice of public hearing for the purpose of allowing interested persons to comment upon, object to or inquire about the proposed modification of the Program Report; and

**WHEREAS**, on this date, the Executive Committee held the duly noticed public hearing as required by Chapter 29, at which the proposed modification of the Program Report so as to modify the Program Area to include the Cities of Arcadia, Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, Modesto, Vacaville, and the County of Merced unincorporated area was summarized and all persons who were present were given an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to the proposed modification of the Program Report.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Confirmation of Modification of the Program Report. The modification of the Program Report so as to modify the Program Area to include the Cities of Arcadia, Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, Modesto, Vacaville, and the County of Merced unincorporated area, in the California HERO Program is hereby approved and confirmed.

Section 3. Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments held this 5th day of May, 2014.

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Jeff Stone, Chair  
WRCOG Executive Committee

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Rick Bishop, Secretary  
WRCOG Executive Committee

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Steven DeBaun  
WRCOG Legal Counsel

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 14-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN THE CALIFORNIAFIRST PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (“CSCDA”) is a joint exercise of powers authority the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California, including the City of Lancaster (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, CSCDA has established the CaliforniaFIRST program (the “CaliforniaFIRST Program”) to allow the financing of certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements (the “Improvements”) through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code (“Chapter 29”) and the issuance of improvement bonds (the “Bonds”) under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 8500 and following) (the “1915 Act”) upon the security of the unpaid contractual assessments; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow the owners of property within its jurisdiction (“Participating Property Owners”) to participate in the CaliforniaFIRST Program and to allow CSCDA to conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and to issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, CSCDA will conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance Improvements; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this meeting a proposed form of Resolution of Intention to be adopted by CSCDA in connection with such assessment proceedings (the “ROI”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the territory within which assessments may be levied for the CaliforniaFIRST Program shall include all of the territory within the City’s official boundaries of record (the “Proposed Boundaries”); and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy or collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of the Bonds or any other bonds issued in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. On the date hereof, the City Council held a public hearing and the City Council hereby finds and declares that the issuance of bonds by CSCDA in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program will provide significant public benefits, including without limitation, savings in effective interest rate, bond preparation, bond underwriting and bond issuance costs and reductions in effective user charges levied by water and electricity providers within the boundaries of the City.

Section 2. In connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program, the City hereby consents to the conduct of special assessment proceedings by CSCDA pursuant to Chapter 29 on any property within the Proposed Boundaries and the issuance of Bonds under the 1915 Act; provided, that

(1) Such proceedings are conducted pursuant to one or more Resolutions of Intention in substantially the form of the ROI;

(2) The Participating Property Owners, who shall be the legal owners of such property, execute a contract pursuant to Chapter 29 and comply with other applicable provisions of California law in order to accomplish the valid levy of assessments; and

(3) The City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy or collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of the Bonds or any other bonds issued in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program.

(4) The issuance of Bonds will occur following receipt of a final judgment in a validation action filed by CSCDA pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 860 that the Bonds are legal obligations of CSCDA.

Section 3. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 29, CSCDA has prepared and will update from time to time the "Program Report" for the CaliforniaFIRST Program (the "Program Report"), and CSCDA will undertake assessment proceedings and the financing of Improvements as set forth in the Program Report.

Section 4. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to make applications for the CaliforniaFIRST program available to all property owners who wish to finance Improvements; provided, that CSCDA shall be responsible for providing such applications and related materials at its own expense. The following staff persons, together with any other staff persons chosen by the City Manager from time to time, are hereby designated as the contact persons for CSCDA in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program: Jason Caudle, Deputy City Manager.

Section 5. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such closing certificates, requisitions, agreements and related documents as are reasonably required by CSCDA in accordance with the Program Report to implement the CaliforniaFIRST Program for Participating Property Owners.

Section 6. The City Council hereby finds that adoption of this Resolution is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act, because the Resolution does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4).

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Council is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of CSCDA.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BRITT AVRIT, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk  
City of Lancaster

\_\_\_\_\_  
R. REX PARRIS  
Mayor  
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            }  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES       }ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER             }

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION  
CITY OF LANCASTER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City of Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 14-42, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(seal)

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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION  
TO FINANCE INSTALLATION OF  
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES,  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS



Exhibit A

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO FINANCE INSTALLATION OF  
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

2014 PROGRAM EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority ("California Communities") is authorized under the authority granted California Communities pursuant to Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California in accordance with Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California ("Chapter 29") to authorize assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements that are permanently fixed to real property ("Authorized Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 authorizes California Communities to enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the counties listed at Schedule I (each, a "County") and the cities in Los Angeles County listed at Schedule II (each, a "City in Los Angeles County"; together with the Counties, the "Covered Jurisdictions"); and

WHEREAS, California Communities wishes to declare its intention to establish a CaliforniaFIRST program (the "CaliforniaFIRST Program") in each Covered Jurisdiction, pursuant to which California Communities, subject to certain conditions set forth below, would enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in each Covered Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, California Communities has previously established the CaliforniaFIRST Program in 17 counties of the State of California, and the Covered Jurisdictions represent the remainder of California Communities' county-members and the cities in Los Angeles County that are members of California Communities (Los Angeles County is not currently a member of California Communities); and

WHEREAS, prior to entering into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements with the owner of any property that is located within a Covered Jurisdiction, California Communities intends to require certain prior consent:

(i) in the unincorporated territory of each County, the County must consented after its board of supervisors holds a public hearing as required under Section 6586.5 of the Government Code;

(ii) in the incorporated territory of a city located within a County, the city must consent after its legislative body holds a public hearing as required under Section 6586.5 of the Government Code; and

(iii) in a City in Los Angeles County, the City in Los Angeles County must consent after its legislative body holds a public hearing as required under Section 6586.5 of the Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, as follows:

## Exhibit A

Section 1. Findings. California Communities hereby finds and declares the following:

(a) The above recitals are true and correct.

(b) Energy conservation efforts, including the promotion of energy-related Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of global climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in each County.

(c) Water conservation efforts, including the promotion of water-related Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of chronic water shortages in California.

(d) The upfront cost of making residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property more energy and water efficient, along with the fact that most commercial loans for that purpose are due on the sale of the property, prevents many property owners from installing Authorized Improvements.

(e) A public purpose will be served by establishing a contractual assessment program, to be known as the CaliforniaFIRST Program, pursuant to which California Communities will finance the installation of Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property in each Covered Jurisdiction.

Section 2. Determination of Public Interest. California Communities hereby determines that (a) it would be convenient, advantageous, and in the public interest to designate an area, which shall encompass the entire geographic territory within the boundaries of each Covered Jurisdiction, within which California Communities and property owners within each Covered Jurisdiction may enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements pursuant to Chapter 29 and (b) it is in the public interest for California Communities to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in each Covered Jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 29.

Section 3. Identification of Authorized Improvements. California Communities hereby declares that it proposes to make contractual assessment financing available to property owners to finance installation of Authorized Improvements, including but not limited to those improvements detailed in the Report described in Section 7 below, as that Report may be amended from time to time.

Section 4. Identification of Boundaries. Contractual assessments may be entered into by property owners located within the entire geographic territory of each Covered Jurisdiction; provided, however, that California Communities shall not enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements with the owner of any property in a Covered Jurisdiction unless requested to do so as follows:

(i) with respect to the unincorporated territory in a County, by the County after its board of supervisors holds a public hearing as required under Section 6586.5 of the Government Code;

(ii) with respect to the incorporated territory of a city in a County, by the city after its legislative body holds a public hearing as required under Section 6586.5 of the Government Code; and

(iii) with respect to the incorporated territory of a City in Los Angeles County, by the City in Los Angeles County after its legislative body holds a public hearing as required under Section 6586.5 of the Government Code.

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For purposes of clarity, California Communities may operate the CaliforniaFIRST Program within the incorporated territory of a city that is located in a County that has made the request, and held the requisite public hearing, described in the previous sentence notwithstanding the fact that it is located in a County that has not made such request, or held such public hearing, for the County's unincorporated territory. Similarly, California Communities may operate the CaliforniaFIRST Program within the incorporated territory of a City in Los Angeles County that has made the request, and held the requisite public hearing, described in the second previous sentence notwithstanding the fact that Los Angeles County has not made such request, or held such public hearing, for the unincorporated territory in Los Angeles County.

The form of resolution pursuant to which each County, any cities located within a County or any City in Los Angeles County, may request California Communities to enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements is attached as Exhibit A.

Section 5. Proposed Financing Arrangements. Under Chapter 29, California Communities may issue bonds pursuant to Chapter 29 that are payable by contractual assessments and California Communities may advance its own funds to finance work to be repaid through contractual assessments, and may from time to time sell bonds to reimburse itself for such advances. Division 10 (commencing with Section 8500) of the Streets & Highways Code of the State (the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915") shall apply to any bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 29, insofar as the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 is not in conflict with Chapter 29.

California Communities shall determine the creditworthiness of a property owner to participate in the financing of Authorized Improvements based on the criteria developed by the Program Manager in consultation with the CaliforniaFIRST Program financing team.

In connection with bonds issued under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 that are payable from contractual assessments, serial and/or term improvement bonds shall be issued in such series and shall mature in such principal amounts and at such times (not to exceed 20 years from the second day of September next following their date) and at such rate or rates of interest (not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law) as shall be determined by California Communities at the time of the issuance and sale of the bonds. The provisions of Part 11.1 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 shall apply to the calling of the bonds. It is the intention of California Communities to create a special reserve fund for the bonds under Part 16 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915. California Communities will not advance available surplus funds from its treasury to cure any deficiency in the redemption fund to be created with respect to the bonds; provided, however, that this determination shall not prevent California Communities from, in its sole discretion, so advancing funds. The bonds may be refunded under Division 11.5 of the California Streets and Highways Code or other applicable laws permitting refunding of the bonds, upon the conditions specified by and at the determination of California Communities.

California Communities hereby authorizes the Program Manager, upon consultation with bond counsel, to provide for the issuance of bonds payable from contractual assessments.

In connection with the issuance of bonds payable from contractual assessments, California Communities expects to obligate itself, through a covenant with the owners of the bonds, to exercise its foreclosure rights with respect to delinquent contractual assessment installments under specified circumstances.

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Section 6. Public Hearing. Pursuant to the Act, California Communities hereby orders that a public hearing be held before this Commission, at 1400 K Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, on June 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., or such later date and time selected by the Executive Director, for the purposes of allowing interested persons to object to or inquire about the proposed program or any of its particulars. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by the Commission for a time not exceeding a total of 180 days.

At the time of the hearing, the Report described in Section 7 below shall be summarized and the Commission shall afford all persons who are present an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to the proposed contractual assessment program, the extent of the area proposed to be included within the program, the terms and conditions of the draft Contract described in Section 7 below, or the proposed financing provisions. Following the public hearing, California Communities may adopt a resolution confirming the Report (the "Resolution Confirming Report") or may direct the Report's modification in any respect, or may abandon the proceedings.

The Commission hereby orders the Secretary to publish a notice of public hearing once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or more often, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice will commence upon the first day of publication and terminate at the end of the fourteenth day. The first publication shall occur not later than 20 days before the date of the public hearing.

Section 7. Report. The Commission hereby directs the Program Manager for the CaliforniaFIRST Program to prepare and file with the Commission a report (the "Report") at or before the time of the public hearing described in Section 6 above containing all of the following:

(a) A map showing the boundaries of the territory within which contractual assessments are proposed to be offered, as set forth in Section 4 above.

(b) A draft contract (the "Contract") specifying the terms and conditions that would be agreed to by California Communities and a property owner within each Covered Jurisdiction. The Contract may allow property owners to purchase directly the related equipment and materials for the installation of the Authorized Improvements and to contract directly for the installation of such Authorized Improvements.

(c) A statement of California Communities' policies concerning contractual assessments including all of the following:

(1) Identification of types of Authorized Improvements that may be financed through the use of contractual assessments.

(2) Identification of the California Communities official authorized to enter into contractual assessments on behalf of California Communities.

(3) A maximum aggregate dollar amount of contractual assessments in the Covered Jurisdictions.

(4) A method for setting requests from property owners for financing through contractual assessments in priority order in the event that requests appear likely to exceed the authorization amount.

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The statement shall also include a brief description of criteria for determining the underwriting requirements, and safeguards that will be used to ensure that the total annual property tax and assessments on the property will not exceed 5% of the property's market value, as determined at the time of approval for the owner's contractual assessment.

(d) A plan for raising a capital amount required to pay for work performed pursuant to contractual assessments. The plan may include amounts to be advanced by California Communities through funds available to it from any source. The plan may include the sale of a bond or bonds or other financing relationship pursuant to Section 5898.28 of Chapter 29. The plan shall include a statement of or method for determining the interest rate and time period during which contracting property owners would pay any assessment. The plan shall provide for any reserve fund or funds. The plan shall provide for the apportionment of all or any portion of the costs incidental to financing, administration, and collection of the contractual assessment program among the consenting property owners and California Communities.

(e) A report on the results of the consultations with each county auditor-controller described in Section 9 below concerning the additional fees, if any, that will be charged to California Communities for incorporating the proposed contractual assessments into the assessments of the general taxes of the related county on real property, and a plan for financing the payment of those fees.

Section 8. Nature of Assessments. Assessments levied pursuant to Chapter 29, and the interest and any penalties thereon, will constitute a lien against the lots and parcels of land on which they are made, until they are paid. Unless otherwise directed by California Communities, the assessments shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as the general taxes of each county on real property are payable, and subject to the same penalties and remedies and lien priorities in the event of delinquency and default.

Section 9. Consultations with County Auditor-Controller. California Communities hereby directs the Program Manager to enter into consultations with the auditor-controller for each County and Los Angeles County in order to reach agreement on what additional fees, if any, will be charged to California Communities for incorporating the proposed contractual assessments into the assessments of the general taxes of the related county on real property.

Section 10. Preparation of Current Roll of Assessment. Pursuant to Section 5898.24(c), California Communities hereby designates the Program Manager (or his/her designee) as the responsible official for annually preparing the current roll of assessment obligations by assessor's parcel number on property subject to a voluntary contractual assessment.

Section 11. Procedures for Responding to Inquiries. The Program Manager shall establish procedures to promptly respond to inquiries concerning current and future estimated liability for a voluntary contractual assessment.

Section 12. Professionals Appointed. California Communities hereby appoints Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, as bond counsel to California Communities in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program. The Commission hereby authorizes and directs an Authorized Signatory of California Communities (as determined from time to time by the Commission by separate resolution) to enter into appropriate agreements with such firm for its services to California Communities in connection with the matters addressed in this Resolution.

Section 13. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority this April 17, 2014.

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed, and qualified member of the Commission of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commission of said Authority at a duly called meeting of the Commission of said Authority held in accordance with law on April 17, 2014.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Member

**SCHEDULE I**

**LIST OF COUNTIES**

Alpine	Mono
Amador	Nevada
Butte	Orange
Calaveras	Placer
Colusa	Plumas
Contra Costa	Riverside
Del Norte	San Bernardino
El Dorado	San Francisco
Glenn	San Joaquin
Humboldt	Santa Barbara
Imperial	Shasta
Inyo	Sierra
Kings	Siskiyou
Lake	Sonoma
Lassen	Stanislaus
Madera	Sutter
Mariposa	Tehama
Mendocino	Trinity
Merced	Tuolumne
Modoc	Yuba

## SCHEDULE II

### LIST OF CITIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Agoura Hills	Palos Verdes Estates
Alhambra	Paramount
Arcadia	Pasadena
Artesia	Pico Rivera
Avalon	Pomona
Azusa	Rancho Palos Verdes
Baldwin Park	Redondo Beach
Bell	Rolling Hills Estates
Bell Gardens	San Dimas
Bellflower	San Gabriel
Beverly Hills	San Marino
Burbank	Santa Clarita
Calabasas	Santa Fe Springs
Carson	Santa Monica
Claremont	South Gate
Commerce	South Pasadena
Compton	Temple City
Covina	Torrance
Cudahy	Vernon
Culver City	Walnut
Downey	West Covina
Duarte	West Hollywood
El Monte	Westlake Village
El Segundo	Whittier
Gardena	
Glendale	
Glendora	
Hawaiian Gardens	
Hawthorne	
Hermosa Beach	
Huntington Park	
Industry	
Inglewood	
La Mirada	
La Verne	
Lakewood	
Lancaster	
Lomita	
Long Beach	
Los Angeles	
Lynwood	
Maywood	
Monrovia	
Montebello	
Monterey Park	
Norwalk	
Palmdale	



RESOLUTION NO. 14-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN THE FIGTREE PACE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the California Enterprise Development Authority ("CEDA") is a joint exercise of powers authority, comprised of cities and counties in the State of California, including the City of Lancaster (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, CEDA has adopted the Figtree Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and Job Creation Program (the "Program" or "Figtree PACE"), to allow the financing of certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements (the "Improvements") through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code ("Chapter 29"), and the issuance of improvement bonds or other evidences of indebtedness (the "Bonds") under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 8500 et seq.) (the "1915 Act") upon the security of the unpaid contractual assessments; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow the owners of property ("Participating Parcel") within its jurisdiction ("Participating Property Owners") to participate in Figtree PACE, and to allow CEDA to conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and to issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, CEDA will conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 to establish an assessment district (the "District") and issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance Improvements; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this meeting a proposed form of Resolution of Intention to be adopted by CEDA in connection with such assessment proceedings (the "ROI"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, said ROI sets forth the territory within which assessments may be levied for Figtree PACE which territory shall be coterminous with the City's official boundaries of record at the time of adoption of the ROI (the "Boundaries"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 29, the City authorizes CEDA to conduct assessment proceedings, levy assessments, pursue remedies in the event of delinquencies, and issue bonds or other forms of indebtedness to finance the Improvements in connection with Figtree PACE; and

WHEREAS, to protect the City in connection with operation of the Figtree PACE program, Figtree Energy Financing, the program administrator, has agreed to defend and indemnify the City; and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings, the levy of assessments, any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies, the issuance, sale or administration of the bonds or other indebtedness issued in connection with Figtree PACE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. Good Standing. The City is either a municipal corporation or other public body and a member of CEDA in good standing.

Section 2. Public Benefits. On the date hereof, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the Program and issuance of Bonds by CEDA in connection with Figtree PACE will provide significant public benefits, including without limitation, savings in effective interest rates, bond preparation, bond underwriting and bond issuance costs and reductions in effective user charges levied by water and electricity providers within the boundaries of the City.

Section 3. Appointment of CEDA. The City hereby appoints CEDA as its representative to (i) record the assessment against the Participating Parcels, (ii) administer the District in accordance with the Improvement Act of 1915 (Chapter 29 Part 1 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 8500 et seq.) (the "Law"), (iii) prepare program guidelines for the operations of the Program and (iv) proceed with any claims, proceedings or legal actions as shall be necessary to collect past due assessments on the properties within the District in accordance with the Law and Section 6509.6 of the California Government Code. The City is not and will not be deemed to be an agent of Figtree or CEDA as a result of this Resolution.

Section 4. Assessment Proceedings. In connection with Figtree PACE, the City hereby consents to the special assessment proceedings by CEDA pursuant to Chapter 29 on any property within the Boundaries and the issuance of Bonds under the 1915 Act, provided that:

- (1) Such proceedings are conducted pursuant to one or more Resolutions of Intention in substantially the form of the ROI;
- (2) The Participating Property Owners, who shall be the legal owners of such property, voluntarily execute a contract pursuant to Chapter 29 and comply with other applicable provisions of California law in order to accomplish the valid levy of assessments; and
- (3) The City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings, the levy of assessments, any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments, or the issuance, sale or administration of the Bonds in connection with Figtree PACE.

Section 5. Program Report. The City Council hereby acknowledges that pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 29, CEDA has prepared and will update from time to time the "Program Report" for Figtree PACE (the "Program Report") and associated documents, and CEDA will undertake assessment proceedings and the financing of Improvements as set forth in the Program Report.

Section 6. Foreclosure. The City Council hereby acknowledges that the Law permits foreclosure in the event that there is a default in the payment of assessments due on a property. The City Council hereby designates CEDA as its representative to proceed with collection and foreclosure of the liens on the defaulting properties within the District, including accelerated foreclosure pursuant to the Program Report.

Section 7. Indemnification. The City Council acknowledges that Figtree has provided the City with an indemnification agreement, as shown in Exhibit B, for negligence or malfeasance of any type as a result of the acts or omissions of Figtree, its officers, employees, subcontractors and agents. The City Council hereby authorizes the appropriate officials and staff of the City to execute and deliver the Indemnification Agreement to Figtree.

Section 8. City Contact Designation. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to make applications for Figtree PACE available to all property owners who wish to finance Improvements. The following staff persons, together with any other staff designated by the City Manager from time to time, are hereby designated as the contact persons for CEDA in connection with Figtree PACE: Jason Caudle, Deputy City Manager, (661) 723-6010, [jcaudle@cityoflancasterca.org](mailto:jcaudle@cityoflancasterca.org).

Section 9. City Execution of Documents. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such closing certificates, requisitions, agreements and related documents as are reasonably required by CEDA in accordance with the Program Report to implement Figtree PACE for Participating Property Owners.

Section 10. CEQA. The City Council hereby finds that adoption of this Resolution is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), because the Resolution does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4).

Section 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Figtree Energy Financing.

Section 12. Costs. Services related to the formation and administration of the assessment district will be provided by CEDA at no cost to the City.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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BRITT AVRIT, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk  
City of Lancaster

\_\_\_\_\_  
R. REX PARRIS  
Mayor  
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            }  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    }ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER            }

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION  
CITY OF LANCASTER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City of Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution NO. 14-43, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(seal)

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EXHIBIT A

CEDA Resolution of Intention

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DECLARING INTENTION TO FINANCE INSTALLATION OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER**

**WHEREAS**, the California Enterprise Development Authority (“CEDA”) is a joint powers authority organized and existing pursuant to the Joint Powers Act (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.) and that certain Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (the “Agreement”) dated as of June 1, 2006, among the cities of Eureka, Lancaster and Selma; and

**WHEREAS**, CEDA is authorized under the Agreement and Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California and in accordance with Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California (“Chapter 29”) to authorize assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements that are permanently fixed to real property (“Authorized Improvements”); and

**WHEREAS**, CEDA has obtained authorization from the City of Lancaster (the “City”) located in the County of Los Angeles (the “County”) to conduct assessment proceedings and to enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City pursuant to Chapter 29; and

**WHEREAS**, CEDA desires to declare its intention to establish a Figtree PACE program (“Figtree PACE”) in the City, pursuant to which CEDA, subject to certain conditions set forth below, would enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines the following:

- (a) The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- (b) Energy and water conservation efforts, including the promotion of Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of global climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the City.
- (c) The upfront cost of making residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property more energy and water efficient, along with the fact that most commercial loans for that purpose are due on the sale of the property, prevents many property owners from installing Authorized Improvements.

- (d) A public purpose will be served by establishing a contractual assessment program, to be known as Figtree PACE, pursuant to which CEDA will finance the installation of Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property in the City.

**Section 2. Determination of Public Interest.** The Board of Directors hereby determines that (a) it would be convenient, advantageous, and in the public interest to designate an area, which shall encompass the entire geographic territory within the boundaries of the City, within which CEDA and property owners within the City may enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements pursuant to Chapter 29 and (b) it is in the public interest for CEDA to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the City pursuant to Chapter 29.

**Section 3. Identification of Authorized Improvements.** CEDA hereby declares its intention to make contractual assessment financing available to property owners to finance installation of Authorized Improvements, including but not limited to those improvements detailed in the Report described in Section 8 hereof (the "Report"), as that Report may be amended from time to time.

**Section 4. Identification of Boundaries.** Contractual assessments may be entered into by property owners located within the entire geographic territory of the City.

**Section 5. Proposed Financing Arrangements.** Under Chapter 29, CEDA may issue bonds, notes or other forms of indebtedness (the "Bonds") pursuant to Chapter 29 that are payable by contractual assessments. Division 10 (commencing with Section 8500) of the Streets & Highways Code of the State (the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915") shall apply to any indebtedness issued pursuant to Chapter 29, insofar as the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 is not in conflict with Chapter 29.

The creditworthiness of a property owner to participate in the financing of Authorized Improvements will be based on the criteria developed by Figtree Energy Financing (the "Program Administrator") upon consultation with Figtree PACE Program underwriters or other financial representatives, CEDA general counsel and bond counsel, and as shall be approved by the Board of Directors of CEDA.

In connection with indebtedness issued under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 that is payable from contractual assessments, serial and/or term improvement bonds or other indebtedness shall be issued in such series and shall mature in such principal amounts and at such times (not to exceed 20 years from the second day of September next following their date), and at such rate or rates of interest (not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law) as shall be determined by Board of Directors at the time of the issuance and sale of the indebtedness. The provisions of Part 11.1 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 shall apply to the calling of the bonds. It is the intention of CEDA to create a special reserve fund for the bonds under Part 16 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915. Neither CEDA, nor any of its members participating in the Figtree PACE Program, shall advance available surplus funds from its treasury to cure any deficiency in the redemption fund to be created with respect to the indebtedness; provided, however, that this determination shall not prevent CEDA or any of its members from, in their sole

discretion, so advancing funds. The Bonds may be refunded under Division 11.5 of the California Streets and Highways Code or other applicable laws permitting refunding, upon the conditions specified by and upon determination of CEDA.

CEDA hereby authorizes the Program Administrator, upon consultation with CEDA general counsel, bond counsel and the Figtree PACE underwriter, to commence preparation of documents and take necessary steps to prepare for the issuance of bonds, notes or other forms of indebtedness as authorized by Chapter 29.

In connection with the issuance of bonds payable from contractual assessments, CEDA expects to obligate itself, through a covenant with the owners of the bonds, to exercise its foreclosure rights with respect to delinquent contractual assessment installments under specified circumstances.

**Section 6. Public Hearing.** Pursuant to the Act, CEDA hereby orders that a public hearing be held before CEDA Board (the "Board"), at 550 Bercut Drive, Suite G, Sacramento, CA 95811, on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ A\_, for the purposes of allowing interested persons to object to, or inquire about, the proposed Figtree PACE Program. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by the Board for a time not exceeding a total of 180 days.

At the time of the hearing, the Report described in Section 8 hereof shall be summarized, and the Board shall afford all persons who are present an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to the proposed Figtree PACE Program, the extent of the area proposed to be included within the boundaries of the assessment district, the terms and conditions of the draft assessment contract described in Section 8 hereof (the "Contract"), or the proposed financing provisions. Following the public hearing, CEDA may adopt a resolution confirming the Report (the "Resolution Confirming Report") or may direct the Report's modification in any respect, or may abandon the proceedings.

The Board hereby orders the publication of a notice of public hearing once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or more often, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice will commence upon the first day of publication and terminate at the end of the fourteenth day. The first publication shall occur not later than 20 days before the date of the public hearing.

**Section 7. Notice to Water and Electric Providers.** Pursuant to Section 5898.24 of the Streets & Highways Code, written notice of the proposed contractual assessment program within the City to all water and electric providers within the boundaries of the City has been provided.

**Section 8. Report.** The Board hereby directs the Program Administrator to prepare the Report and file said Report with the Board at or before the time of the public hearing described in Section 6 hereof containing all of the following:

- a) A map showing the boundaries of the territory within which contractual assessments are proposed to be offered, as set forth in Section 4 hereof.



- b) A draft contractual assessment contract (the “Contract”) specifying the terms and conditions of the agreement between CEDA and a property owner within the City.
- c) A statement of CEDA’s policies concerning contractual assessments including all of the following:
  - (1) Identification of types of Authorized Improvements that may be financed through the use of contractual assessments.
  - (2) Identification of the CEDA official authorized to enter into contractual assessments on behalf of CEDA.
  - (3) A maximum aggregate dollar amount of contractual assessments.
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- d) A plan for raising a capital amount required to pay for work performed in connection with contractual assessments. The plan may include the sale of a bond or bonds or other financing relationship pursuant to Section 5898.28 of Chapter 29. The plan (i) shall include a statement of, or method for determining, the interest rate and time period during which contracting property owners would pay any assessment, (ii) shall provide for any reserve fund or funds, and (iii) shall provide for the apportionment of all or any portion of the costs incidental to financing, administration and collection of the contractual assessment program among the consenting property owners and CEDA.
- e) A report on the results of the discussions with the County Auditor-Controller described in Section 10 hereof, concerning the additional fees, if any, that will be charged to CEDA for inclusion of the proposed contractual assessments on the general property tax roll of the County, and a plan for financing the payment of those fees.

**Section 9. Nature of Assessments.** Assessments levied pursuant to Chapter 29, and the interest and any penalties thereon, will constitute a lien against the lots and parcels of land on which they are made, until they are paid. Unless otherwise directed by CEDA, the assessments shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as the general taxes of the County on real property are payable, and subject to the same penalties and remedies and lien priorities in the event of delinquency and default.

**Section 10. Consultations with County Auditor-Controller.** CEDA hereby directs the Program Administrator to enter into discussions with the County Auditor-Controller in order to reach agreement on what additional fees, if any, will be charged to CEDA for incorporating the proposed contractual assessments into the assessments of the general taxes of the County on real property.

**Section 11. Preparation of Current Roll of Assessment.** Pursuant to Section 5898.24(c), CEDA hereby designates the Program Administrator as the responsible party for annually preparing the current roll of assessment obligations by assessor’s parcel number on property subject to a voluntary contractual assessment.

**Section 12. Procedures for Responding to Inquiries.** The Program Administrator shall establish procedures to promptly respond to inquiries concerning current and future estimated liability for a voluntary contractual assessment.

**Section 13. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_.

CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gurbax Sahota, Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Cope, Secretary

EXHIBIT B

Indemnification Agreement

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND  
FIGTREE COMPANY, INC.

This Indemnification Agreement (the “Agreement”) is entered into by and between the City of Lancaster, a municipal corporation or political subdivision, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (the “Public Entity”) and Figtree Company, Inc., a California corporation, the administrator of the Figtree Property Assessed Clean Energy and Job Creation Program (the “Administrator”), which is a program of the California Enterprise Development Authority, a California joint exercise of powers authority (the “Authority”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Authority is a joint exercise of powers authority whose members include the Public Entity in addition to other cities and counties in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Authority established the Figtree Property Assessed Clean Energy and Job Creation Program (the “Figtree PACE Program”) to allow the financing of certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements that are permanently affixed to real property through the levy of assessments voluntarily agreed to by the participating property owners pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets and Highways Code (“Chapter 29”) and the issuance of improvement bonds, or other forms of indebtedness, under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 upon the security of the unpaid assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has conducted or will conduct proceedings required by Chapter 29 with respect to the territory within the boundaries of the Public Entity; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body of the Public Entity adopted or will adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Entity to join the Figtree PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the Public Entity will not be responsible for the formation, operation and administration of the Figtree PACE Program as well as the sale and issuance of any bonds or other forms of indebtedness in connection therewith, including the conducting of assessment proceedings, the levy and collection of assessments and any remedial action in the case of such assessment payments, and the offer, sale and administration of any bonds issued by the Authority on behalf of the Figtree PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator is the administrator of the Figtree PACE Program and agrees to indemnify the Public Entity in connection with the operations of the Figtree PACE Program as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises and of the Public Entity’s agreement to join the Figtree PACE Program, the parties agree as follows:

1. Indemnification. Figtree has provided the CEDA with an indemnification for negligence or malfeasance of any type as a result of the acts or omissions of Figtree, its officers, employees, subcontractors and agents, arising from or related to the Figtree PACE Program, the assessments, the assessment districts, the improvements or the financing and marketing thereof. Figtree agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Public Entity, its officers, elected or appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, costs and expenses, including legal costs and attorneys' fees, for injury or damage due to negligence or malfeasance of any type claims as a result of the acts or omissions of Figtree, except for such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Public Entity. This indemnity shall apply to all claims and liability regardless of whether any insurance policies are applicable. The policy limits do not act as limitation upon the amount of indemnification to be provided by Figtree.

2. Amendment/Interpretation of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties as to those matters contained herein. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered hereunder. No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both of the parties hereto. This Agreement shall not be interpreted for or against any party by reason of the fact that such party may have drafted this Agreement or any of its provisions.

3. Section Headings. Section headings in this Agreement are included for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement for any other purpose.

4. Waiver. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless in the form of writing signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought, and no such waiver shall operate as a waiver of any other provisions hereof (whether or not similar), nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver. Except as specifically provided herein, no failure to exercise or any delay in exercising any right or remedy hereunder shall constitute a waiver thereof.

5. Severability and Governing Law. If any provision or portion thereof of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California applicable to contracts made and to be performed in California.

6. Notices. All notices, demands and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by hand, against receipt, or mailed certified or registered mail and addressed as follows:

If to the Administrator:

Figtree Company, Inc.  
9915 Mira Mesa Blvd., Suite 130  
San Diego, California 92131  
Attn: Chief Executive Officer

If to the Public Entity:

City of Lancaster  
44933 Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, California 93534  
Attention: City Manager

7. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, which together shall constitute the same instrument.

8. Effective Date. This Agreement will be effective as of the date of the signature of Public Entity's representative as indicated below in the signature block.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto duly executed this Agreement as of the date below.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City of Lancaster

\_\_\_\_\_  
Allison E. Burns, Esq.  
City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Mark V. Bozigian

Title: City Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Figtree Company, Inc., a California corp.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Mahesh Shah

Title: CEO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_