STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

Date: July 12, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Jason Caudle, Deputy City Manager

Subject: **Professional Consulting Services with Black & Veatch for Lancaster Community Solar Interconnection Services**

Recommendation:
Approve the agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Black & Veatch Corporation ("B&V"), to provide interconnection support services for three (3) solar photovoltaic projects on City owned property and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents and make any non-substantive changes necessary to complete the transaction.

Fiscal Impact:
The agreement covers support services for all three project sites and is for a not-to-exceed amount of $75,500.

Background:
The City of Lancaster owns multiple different properties throughout the City and evaluates each property for its highest and best use. These three properties (APNs 3268-025-900, 3268-018-900, and 3170-008-915) are all located in areas that provide good electrical interconnection potential and are of an appropriate size to support small solar fields. Each property could support the development of approximately three megawatts of solar photovoltaic panels and battery storage. By developing and owning solar generation facilities, Lancaster Choice Energy ("LCE") will have the opportunity to procure power at an extremely affordable and competitive rate for the long-term. This allows LCE to continue offering lower, stable electric rates to the community.

In the first phase of this project, each site was evaluated for interconnection potential and submitted pre-applications to Southern California Edison (SCE) to determine the feasibility of 'fast tracking' the application and study process. The results of the pre-applications concluded that each site must go through the full application and study process. This agreement reflects the appropriate scope of work based on those results.

Attachment:
Agreement for Professional Consulting Services

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