



STAFF REPORT

Date: November 18, 2014

To: City Council

From: Bryan Montgomery, City Manager 

SUBJECT: Resolutions regarding participation in the CaliforniaFIRST Program the Figtree PACE Program, the California HERO Program; and corresponding membership in the California Enterprise Development Authority and in the Western Riverside Council of Governments' California HERO Program.

Summary

Three related programs have gained increasing popularity that work to assist residents in making improvements to their homes and businesses that focus on renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency:

- "CaliforniaFIRST Program," sponsored by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority ("California Communities")
- Figtree PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program, which is facilitated by the California Enterprise Development Authority ("CEDA")
- California HERO Program facilitated by the Western Riverside Council of Governments

By taking the recommended action at this Council Meeting, residents of Oakley would be able to take full advantage of these similar energy efficiency programs.

California FIRST Program

The Program allows owners of property in participating cities and counties to finance a variety of energy efficiency improvements authorized by Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code, as amended. The improvements are financed by the issuance of bonds by California Communities and California Communities will levy "contractual assessments" on the owner's property to repay the portion of the bonds issued to finance the improvements on that property.

California Communities is a joint powers authority sponsored by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. The member agencies of California Communities include 57 counties and more than 400 other local agencies throughout California.

The benefits to the property owner include:

- Only property owners who choose to participate in the Program will have assessments imposed on their property.
- In today's economic environment, there may not be attractive private enterprise alternatives for property owners to finance renewable energy/energy efficiency/water efficiency improvements.
- Even if there were private enterprise alternatives, most private loans are due on sale of the benefited property, which makes it difficult for property owners to match the life of the repayment obligation with the useful life of the financed improvements. Under California law, the assessment obligation transfers with the property upon sale.
- The property owner can choose to pay off the assessments at any time, subject to applicable prepayment penalties.
- Regional aggregation provided by the CaliforniaFIRST Program may produce a lower borrowing cost.

The potential benefits to the city or county that participates include:

- As in conventional assessment financing, the participating city or county is **not** obligated to repay the bonds issued by California Communities or to pay the assessments levied on the participating properties.
- California Communities handles all assessment administration, bond issuance and bond administration functions.

More information about CaliforniaFIRST is available at: <https://californiafirst.org/>

The proposed resolution authorizes California Communities to accept applications from owners of property within Oakley for financing of authorized improvements through the CaliforniaFIRST Program. It also authorizes California Communities to conduct assessment proceedings and levy assessments against the property of participating owners within Oakley. Any jurisdiction can withdraw from the CaliforniaFIRST Program at any time by passing a resolution rescinding the authorization.

Figtree PACE Program -

Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California ("Chapter 29") authorizes a legislative body to designate an area within which authorized public officials and free and willing property owners may enter into voluntary contractual assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and/or water conservation improvements that are permanently fixed to real property, as specified. The financing for these improvements has come to be known as PACE, which stands for Property Assessed Clean Energy.

Figtree is one of the leading private PACE financing companies operating in the United States today. 82 municipalities throughout California have already joined the

Figtree program which is offered through its JPA partner the California Enterprise Development Authority (CEDA). Together Figtree and CEDA offer the program as a complete turn-key PACE solution without cost to the City. Furthermore, Figtree has agreed to provide indemnification to the City for its participation.

The Figtree PACE program provides 100% upfront financing to residential and commercial property owners for a wide range of eligible property improvements. Repayment is made through a owner's property taxes with flexible repayment terms ranging from 5 to 20 years. PACE may also allow payments to be passed on to a new property owner if the property is sold before the PACE financing is paid in full.

By encouraging City residents and business owners to use energy and water more efficiently, and by developing and supporting renewable energy to power buildings, the Figtree PACE program supports the City's ongoing efforts to bolster the local economy, create new green jobs, and improve quality of life. Adopting the Figtree PACE program also supports the City's climate action plan goals and by helping our residents secure a more sustainable future.

The proposed resolution will allow property owners in the City to voluntarily place assessment liens on their property for the purpose of installing energy efficiency and conservation, water efficiency and conservation and renewable energy generation upgrades.

A review of the benefits of the Program:

If a property owner chooses to participate, the installed improvements will be financed by the issuance of bonds by CEDA. The bonds are secured by a voluntary contractual assessment levied on such owner's property, with no recourse to the local government or other participating jurisdictions. Participation in the program is 100% voluntary. Property owners who wish to participate in the program agree to repay the amount borrowed through the voluntary contractual assessment collected together with their property taxes.

The Figtree Program has been in place since October 2010 and issued its initial bonds in December 2011. Its initial efforts were as a pilot program and it funded seven (7) projects in Fresno, Palm Springs, Clovis and Exeter. The total value of those projects was just over \$800K. The initial Figtree process was fairly labor intensive for cities, however, that process has been streamlined so that cities do not need to form assessment districts themselves and can adopt a resolution allowing CEDA to do so. Since this change, more cities have joined and financing application volumes are increasing.

The ongoing PACE issues involving the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) and PACE providers were well documented in the October 23, 2013 HERO Staff Report. To address the concerns raised by FHFA Figtree seeks lender consent for all commercial PACE transactions. To mitigate FHFA concerns on residential

transactions Figtree will join the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority's (CAEATFA) Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Loss Reserve Program when its residential program launches in 2015.

Additionally, the Figtree program provides full consumer disclosure prior to approving PACE financing. The Figtree Program makes property owners aware that should they move forward with PACE financing property owners run the risk of having their mortgage accelerated by their mortgage holder. In such instances property owners may need to clear the PACE lien or refinance their existing mortgage. The State of California allows a PACE assessment to be transferred upon sale or refinance. Banks can, however, request that the balance be paid off.

Another important factor to note regarding the proposed Figtree Program is that it is completely non-exclusive; meaning other viable PACE programs would be allowed to operate in the City. There are other PACE programs currently being developed and in varying stages of implementation and its important to note that adoption of the Figtree Program would not preclude the City from implementing other programs. The inclusion of competing programs would provide greater options and potentially greater benefits to the property owners in the City. When these other viable programs are ready to be implemented, they may be brought before Council for consideration.

More information about Figtree PACE Program is available at: <http://www.figtreefinancing.com/>

California HERO Program –

Assembly Bill (AB) 811 was signed into law on July 21, 2008, and AB 474, effective January 1, 2010, amended Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California ("Chapter 29") and authorizes a legislative body to designate an area within which authorized public officials and free and willing property owners may enter into voluntary contractual assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and/or water conservation improvements that are permanently fixed to real property, as specified.

The HERO Program has been very successful in Western Riverside County, since its launch in late 2011; the Program has approved over \$1.4 billion in applications and has funded over \$312 million in projects. The California HERO Program was developed as a turnkey program to save other California jurisdictions time and resources in developing a standalone program. Jurisdictions only need to adopt a resolution and approve an amendment to the joint exercise of powers agreement related to the California HERO Program to provide this opportunity to its residents.

The benefits to the property owner include:

- *Eligibility:* In today's economic environment, alternatives for property owners to finance renewable energy/energy efficiency/water efficiency

improvements or electric vehicle charging infrastructure may not be available. As such many property owners do not have options available to them to lower their utility bills.

- *Savings:* Energy prices continue to rise and selecting in energy efficient, water efficient and renewable energy models lower utility bills.
- *100% voluntary:* Property owners can choose to participate in the Program at their discretion.
- *Payment obligation stays with the property:* Under Chapter 29, a voluntary contractual assessment stays with the property upon transfer of ownership. Even if there were private enterprise alternatives, most private loans are due on sale of the benefited property, which makes it difficult for property owners to match the life of the repayment obligation with the useful life of the financed improvements. Certain mortgage providers will, however, require the assessment be paid off at the time the property is refinanced or sold.
- *Prepayment option:* The property owner can choose to pay off the assessments at any time, subject to applicable prepayment penalties.

The purported benefits to the City include:

- Increase local jobs.
- An increase in housing prices (higher efficient homes are worth more money).
- An increase in sales, payroll and property tax revenue
- As in conventional assessment financing, the City is not obligated to repay the bonds or to pay the assessments levied on the participating properties.
- All California HERO Program and assessment administration, bond issuance and bond administration functions are handled by California HERO. Little, if any, City staff time is needed to participate in the California HERO Program.
- Residents have accesses to the California HERO Program without the higher staff costs that an independent program established by the City would require.

More information regarding the California HERO Program is available at: <https://www.heroprogram.com/>

The proposed resolution enables the California HERO Program to be available to owners of property within Oakley and approves an Amendment to the Western Riverside Council of Governments Joint Powers Agreement to add the City as an Associate Member.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Adopt the resolutions authorizing the City of Oakley to join the CaliforniaFirst Program, the Figtree PACE Program, the California HERO PROGRAM, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary agreements for membership in the California Enterprise Development Authority and the Western Riverside County Council of Governments through an amendment to its joint powers agreement.

Attachment

1. Resolution Authorizing Membership in CaliforniaFIRST Program
2. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Figtree PACE Program
3. Resolution Approving Membership in the California Enterprise Development Authority
4. Resolution Authorizing Membership in the California HERO Program and Approving the Amendment to the Western Riverside County Council of Governments joint powers agreement

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority ("California Communities") 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 Oakley (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, California Communities has established the CaliforniaFIRST program (the "CaliforniaFIRST Program") and will provide financing for certain improvements authorized by Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code ("Chapter 29"), including, but not limited to, renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements and seismic strengthening 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 ("Participating Property Owners") within the incorporated territory of the City to participate in the CaliforniaFIRST Program and to allow California Communities to conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 within the incorporated territory of the City and to issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance the Improvements; and

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

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 Oakley as follows:

Section 1. This City Council hereby finds and declares that properties in the City's incorporated area will benefit from the availability of the CaliforniaFIRST Program within the incorporated territory of the City and, pursuant thereto, the conduct of special assessment proceedings by California Communities pursuant to Chapter 29 and the issuance of Bonds under the 1915 Act.

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

(1) 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

(2) 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.

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

Section 3. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 29, California Communities has prepared and will update from time to time the "Program Report" for the CaliforniaFIRST Program (the "Program Report"), and California Communities 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 California Communities 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 California Communities in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program: Ken Strelo, Sr. Planner.

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 California Communities 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 Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of California Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oakley hereby authorizes the City participation in the CaliforniaFIRST Program as set forth herein.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Oakley held on the 18th day of November 2014 by Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember _____ was upon voice vote carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Randy Pope, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OAKLEY TO JOIN THE
FIGTREE PACE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT
CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY
CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE
CITY OF OAKLEY; 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 Oakley (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 by the City Council of the City of Oakley, as follows:

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: Ken Strelo, Sr. Planner.

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.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Oakley held on the 18th day of November 2014 by Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember _____ was upon voice vote carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Randy Pope, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date: _____

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 _____**

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 _____ (the “City”) located in the County of _____ (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.
 - (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.
- 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 OAKLEY, CALIFORNIA AND
FIGTREE COMPANY, INC.**

This Indemnification Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Oakley, California, 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:

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| If to the Administrator | Figtree Company, Inc. 9915 Mira Mesa Blvd., Suite 130 San Diego, California 92131 Attn: Chief Executive Officer |
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| If to the Public Entity: | City of Oakley, CA 3231 Main Street Oakley, CA 94561 Attn: City Manager |
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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 OAKLEY, CA

William R. Galstan, Special Counsel

By _____
Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

Date: _____

Figtree Company, Inc., a California corp.

By _____
Name: Mahesh Shah
Title: CEO

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP BY THE CITY OF OAKLEY IN THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT RELATING TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY IN THE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the City of Oakley, California (the "City"), a municipal corporation, duly organized and existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City, upon authorization of the City Council, may pursuant to Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California, commencing with Section 6500 (the "JPA Law") enter into a joint exercise of powers agreement with one or more other public agencies pursuant to which such contracting parties may jointly exercise any power common to them; and

WHEREAS, the City and other public agencies wish to jointly participate in economic development financing programs for the benefit of businesses and nonprofit entities within their jurisdictions offered by membership in the California Enterprise Development Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to an associate membership agreement and Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to the California Enterprise Development Authority (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, under the JPA Law and the Agreement, the Authority is a public entity separate and apart from the parties to the Agreement and the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Authority will not be the debts, liabilities or obligations of the City or the other members of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the form of Associate Membership Agreement (the "Associate Membership Agreement") between the City and the Authority is attached; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to become an Associate Member of the Authority subject to the provisions of the Associate Membership Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakley, hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby specifically finds and declares that the actions authorized hereby constitute public affairs of the City. The City Council further finds that the statements, findings and determinations of the City set forth in the preambles above are true and correct.

Section 2. The Associate Membership Agreement presented to this meeting and on file with the City Clerk is hereby approved. The Mayor of the City, the City Manager, the City Clerk and other officials of the City are each hereby authorized and

directed, for and on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Associate Membership Agreement in substantially said form, with such changes therein as such officer may require or approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 3. The officers and officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents which they may deem necessary or advisable in order to consummate, carry out, give effect to and comply with the terms and intent of this resolution and the Associate Membership Agreement. All such actions heretofore taken by such officers and officials are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Oakley held on the 18th day of November 2014 by Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember _____ was upon voice vote carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Randy Pope, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF _____

I, _____, Clerk of the City of _____, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at the meeting of the City Council of the City of _____ duly and regularly held in the Council Chambers, _____, on ____ ____, 201_, of which meeting all of the members of said City Council had due notice.

I further certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing copy with the original minutes of said meeting on file and of record in my office; that said copy is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at said meeting and entered in said minutes; and that said resolution has not been amended, modified, rescinded or revoked in any manner since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certificate this ____ day of _____, 201_.

City Clerk
City of _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT
by and between the
CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
and the
CITY OAKLEY, CALIFORNIA

THIS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT (this "Associate Membership Agreement"), dated as of February 16, 2010, by and between CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, a public entity of the State of California (the "Authority"), and the CITY OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, a municipal corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (the "City");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Cities of Selma, Lancaster and Eureka (individually, a "Member" and collectively, the "Members"), have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2006 (the "Agreement"), establishing the Authority and prescribing its purposes and powers; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement designates the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and the President of the California Association for Local Economic Development as the initial Board of Directors of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has been formed for the purpose, among others, to assist for profit and nonprofit corporations and other entities to obtain financing for projects and purposes serving the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement permits any other local agency in the State of California to join the Authority as an associate member (an "Associate Member"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to become an Associate Member of the Authority;

WHEREAS, City Council of the City has adopted a resolution approving this Associate Membership Agreement and the execution and delivery hereof;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Authority has determined that the City should become an Associate Member of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises and of the mutual promises herein contained, the Authority and the City do hereby agree as follows:4824-9122-4323.1 2

Section 1. Associate Member Status. The City is hereby made an Associate Member of the Authority for all purposes of the Agreement and the Bylaws of the Authority, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. From and after the date of execution and delivery of this Associate Membership Agreement by the City and the Authority, the City shall be and remain an Associate Member of the Authority.

Section 2. Restrictions and Rights of Associate Members. The City shall not have the right, as an Associate Member of the Authority, to vote on any action taken by the Board of Directors or by the Voting Members of the Authority. In addition, no officer, employee or representative of the City shall have any right to become an officer or director of the Authority.

Section 3. Effect of Prior Authority Actions. The City hereby agrees to be subject to and bound by all actions previously taken by the Members and the Board of Directors of the Authority to the same extent as the Members of the Authority are subject to and bound by such actions.

Section 4. No Obligations of Associate Members. The debts, liabilities and obligations of the Authority shall not be the debts, liabilities and obligations of the City.

Section 5. Execution of the Agreement. Execution of this Associate Membership Agreement and the Agreement shall satisfy the requirements of the Agreement and Article XII of the Bylaws of the Authority for participation by the City in all programs and other undertakings of the Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Associate Membership Agreement to be executed and attested by their proper officers thereunto duly authorized, on the day and year first set forth above.

CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: _____
Wayne Schell, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Attest:

By: _____
Gurbax Sahota, Assistant Secretary

CITY OF OAKLEY, CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

Attest:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

William R. Galstan, Special Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF OAKLEY 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 Oakley (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 Oakley 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, 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.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Oakley held on the 18th day of November 2014 by Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember _____ was upon voice vote carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Randy Pope, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date: _____

**AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
ADDING CITY OF OAKLEY 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 Oakley (“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. The provisions of Section 6.2 of the Authority JPA shall not apply to City under this JPA Amendment. City may withdraw approval for conduct of the HERO Program within the jurisdictional limits of City upon thirty (30) written notice to WRCOG without liability to the Authority or any affiliated entity. City withdrawal shall not affect the validity of any voluntary assessment contracts (a) entered prior to the date of such withdrawal or (b) entered into after the date of such withdrawal so long as the applications for such voluntary assessment contracts were submitted to and approved by WRCOG prior to the date of City's notice of withdrawal.

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
Attn: Executive Director

City:

City of Oakley, CA
3231 Main Street
Oakley, CA 94561
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.

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By: _____
Executive Committee Chair
Western Riverside Council of Governments

Date: _____

CITY OF OAKLEY, CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William R. Galstan, Special Counsel