



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 15, 2024 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Category	2. Public Hearing
Subject	2.01 Public Hearing Regarding Award of Power Purchase Agreement for Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of a 4.18MW Solar Photovoltaic System at Golden West College; Adoption of Resolution #24-14 Approving Energy Services Agreement - Solar with FFP BTM SOLAR, LLC ("Provider") and Demand Assurance Guarantee Agreement with ForeFront Power
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- A. Opening of Public Hearing
(In compliance with law, the Public Hearing Notice was posted on May 1, 2024.)
- B. Staff Report

In September of 2019 the District sought proposals for the design, installation, and operation of a solar photovoltaic installation under a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA"). After reviewing the proposals and conducting interviews, Golden West College entered into a Letter of Intent with FFP BTM SOLAR, LLC ("Provider") in December of 2022 to ensure the campus received the most valuable energy incentives available at that time. Staff is now recommending the Board approve a PPA (AKA Energy Services Agreement - Solar) with FFP BTM SOLAR, LLC ("Provider") for this project.

Provider's proposal provides efficient system components and best value pricing which will yield guaranteed power production and significant anticipated utility bill savings over the life of the system. By partnering with Provider, the District is able to utilize the Renewable Energy Aggregated Procurement (REAP) Program, a streamlined and vetted procurement process offered by the School Project for Utility Rate Reduction (SPURR), a joint powers authority made up of hundreds of California schools and community college districts. The REAP Program has been utilized by over 75 public agencies across the state including over a dozen community college districts. Provider will enter into an Energy Services Agreement - Solar with the District, pursuant to which Provider will install, finance, operate, and maintain a solar photovoltaic system.

Under this proposed agreement, the District will not incur any "up front" costs for the installation of the system, but rather, agrees to purchase the power that is produced by the system at a fixed flat rate for the next 20 years. Through this arrangement, the District is projected to save over \$10 million dollars in utility bill costs over the 20 year contract term. Additionally, the PPA provides opportunities to buy-out the system in the future at which time Golden West College could reduce its annual utility expenses even further. At the end of the 20-year term, the District will have the option to purchase the system at fair market value, extend the PPA term, or have Provider remove

the system and restore the premises to its original condition at no cost to the District. General Counsel has concerns with Section 12.1 and 12.2 of the General Conditions. Although edits were made to improve the language, concerns remain unresolved. The district wishes to proceed with the Agreement notwithstanding General Counsel's concerns.

Also included in the PPA:

- Provider will provide a 95% annual performance guarantee on the system.
- The District will retain all of the solar project's environmental attributes (RECs)
- All operations/maintenance of the system will be provided by Provider at no cost to the District.

- C. Public Testimony
- D. Board of Trustees' Comments
- E. Adoption of Resolution #24-14 (**Attachment #1**)
- F. Closing of Public Hearing

[Resolution 24-14 Golden West College Solar Project.pdf \(2,205 KB\)](#)