



## City Council Staff Report

Date: March 2, 2016 CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,185 TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. A6401 WITH NEWCOMB/ANDERSON/MCCORMICK, INC. FOR THE CITYWIDE SOLAR PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 15-03

From: David H. Ready, City Manager

Initiated by: Marcus L. Fuller, Assistant City Manager/City Engineer

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### SUMMARY

Approval of Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 6401 with Newcomb/Anderson/McCormick adds Phase 4 "Construction Management Services for SolarCity Sites" to provide construction inspection and management services for new solar systems to be installed at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and at Sunrise Plaza, at an added cost of \$97,185.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 6401, increasing the contract amount by \$97,185, for a total not to exceed amount of \$343,398, with Newcomb/Anderson/McCormick, Inc., for construction inspection and management services; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

### BACKGROUND:

On September 18, 2013, the City Council approved an agreement with Newcomb/Anderson/McCormick, Inc., ("NAM"), with an initial scope to perform photovoltaic feasibility analysis related to potential development of photovoltaic ("PV") systems at various City facilities. Also on September 18, 2013, the City Council approved a funding agreement in the amount of \$1,175,225 with South Coast Air Quality Management District ("AQMD") for funding to install PV systems at four City facilities, as follows:

- 1) \$284,915 for the Palm Springs Visitors Center
- 2) \$311,680 for Fire Station #3
- 3) \$190,365 for Train Station
- 4) \$388,265 for the James O' Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center

The AQMD funds were awarded to the City through its application in May 2012 under the AB 1318 Mitigation funds associated with the construction and operation of the Sentinel Energy Project Power Plant near Desert Hot Springs.

Subsequently, NAM performed the feasibility analysis and on June 4, 2014, the City Council received a presentation on the results of their analysis of 11 various City facilities. At that time, the City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with NAM, in the amount of \$85,000, for development of a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to solicit proposals from the solar industry for design-build of PV systems at the 11 City facilities originally included in NAM's scope of services.

On November 19, 2014, the City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with NAM, in the amount of \$12,088, to include the four additional sites funded by the AQMD grant as part of the comprehensive RFP being prepared for PV systems Citywide. The full list of 14 City facilities included in the City's RFP for PV systems included:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ❖ Animal Shelter             | ❖ Fire Station #4            |
| ❖ Convention Center          | ❖ Sunrise Plaza              |
| ❖ Community Center           | ❖ Tahquitz Creek Golf Course |
| ❖ Demuth Park                | ❖ Train Station              |
| ❖ Downtown Parking Structure | ❖ Visitor's Center           |
| ❖ Fire Station #1            | ❖ Wastewater Treatment Plant |
| ❖ Fire Station #3            | ❖ Unity Center               |

On January 21, 2015, the City Council received a presentation on the status of the project, and approved the City's release of the RFP, identified as RFP 03-15, Design-Build of Solar Electric Systems, which was officially released the next day.

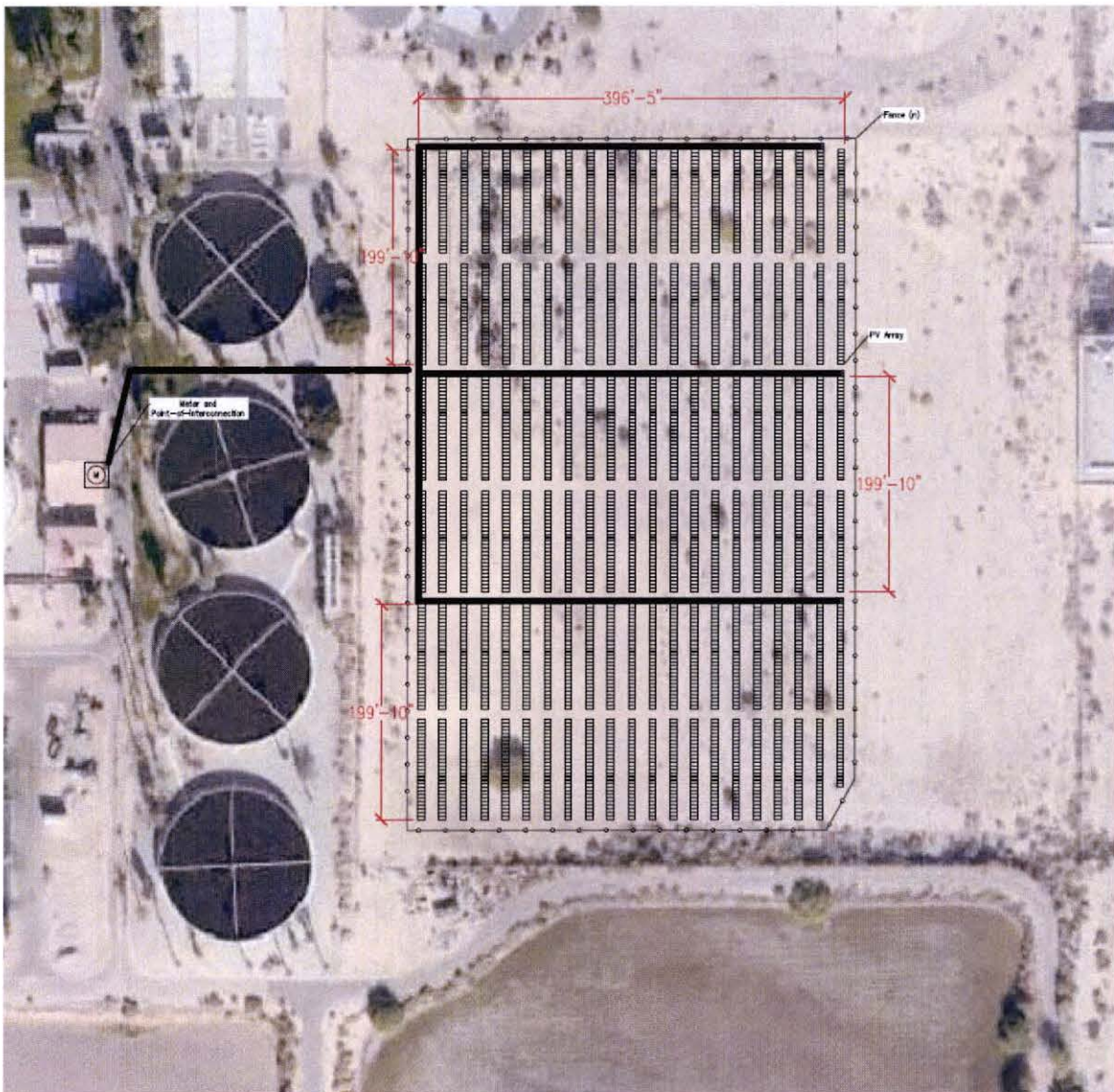
On March 19, 2015, the City received 10 formal proposals various solar firms in response to the RFP. On September 2, 2015, the City Council received an update and report on the final selection of solar firms as evaluated by City staff, and authorized staff to proceed with final contract negotiations with SunEdison and SolarCity for design-build services for PV systems at various City facilities. At that time, the City Council approved Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with NAM, in the amount of \$30,625, for contract negotiation and coordination services.

On October 7, 2015, the City Council adopted a Resolution making certain findings and authorizing the City Manager to enter into Design-Build contracts with SolarCity for PV systems at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sunrise Plaza, as further detailed herein.

### **WWTP Solar PV System**

The Design-Build contract was approved for a 1,110.42 kW solar PV system capable of initially producing (beginning in Year 1) a total of 2,442,616 kWh, which offsets 88% of the typical annual electric load at the WWTP of 2,773,670 kWh. The Design-Build contract provides for a 25-year product warranty on the solar PV modules, a 20-year minimum product warranty on power conditioning equipment, and a 10-year “no-cost repair and component replacement” SolarCity guarantee for repairs and replacement not covered by manufacturer’s warranties. The capital cost for the WWTP Solar PV System was approved at \$2,178,848 (or \$1,962 per Watt).

The conceptual layout for the WWTP Solar PV System is an array of ground-mount solar PV modules as shown here:



### ***Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System***

The City Council approved an agreement with SolarCity to design, install, operate, and maintain the Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System pursuant to a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") for a 334.8 kW solar PV system capable of initially producing (beginning in Year 1) a total of 518,510 kWh, which offsets 71% of the typical annual electric load at Sunrise Plaza of 731,495 kWh. The PPA is a turn-key contract where SolarCity agrees to fund all costs to design, construct, operate, and maintain the solar PV system for a 20-year period, and where the City agrees to purchase electricity produced by the solar PV system at the fixed rate of \$0.075 per kWh<sup>1</sup>. The conceptual layout for the Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System is roof-mount solar PV modules on the Library, Leisure Center, and Pavilion as shown here:



<sup>1</sup> As a comparison, the City currently pays SCE an average rate of \$0.225 per kWh at Sunrise Plaza; the PPA will lock in a rate of \$0.075 per kWh (67% less than we currently pay) fixed for the 20-year term of the PPA.

### ***Construction Phase Support***

At that time, on October 7, 2015, the City Council approved Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with NAM, adding construction phase services at an additional cost of \$69,650. However, these construction phase services did not include construction inspection and management services which were anticipated to be negotiated at a later date after receipt of preliminary design details from SolarCity on the two PV systems approved by City Council.

On the basis of the scope and complexity of the solar PV systems to be installed, staff recommends that construction inspection and management services be directly coordinated by NAM to ensure the system to be installed and owned or leased by the City are installed in accordance with the approved designs. NAM has provided a proposal to the City to provide construction inspection services through an independent sub-consultant (Knowland Construction) who specializes in solar PV system installation. The proposal includes 832 inspection hours providing up to 32 hours of inspection over a 6-month construction period billed at \$80 per hour with 175 hours of management oversight to be provided by NAM. Staff has prepared Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with NAM, which will add the construction management services at an additional cost of \$97,185. A copy of Amendment No. 5 is included as **Attachment 1**.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Construction of the WWTP Solar PV System and Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System are considered "Projects" as defined by California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). Pursuant to Section 15378(a) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, (the "CEQA Guidelines"), a "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and that is (1) an activity directly undertaken by any public agency including but not limited to public works construction and related activities, clearing or grading of land, improvements to existing public structures, etc.

Section 21084 of the California Public Resources Code requires Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA. The Guidelines are required to include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which are exempt from the provisions of CEQA. In response to that mandate, the Secretary for Resources identified classes of projects that do not have a significant effect on the environment, and are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents.

With respect to the WWTP Solar PV System, it is proposed to be installed on 5 acres of currently vacant land surrounding by urban uses located within the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies, applicable zoning designation and regulations, on a

project site that has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, and would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality. Pursuant to California Public Resources Code 21084, and Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines, the WWTP Solar PV System is considered an "In-Fill Development Project," defined as a Class 32 Categorical Exemption, and construction of the WWTP Solar PV System is considered Categorically Exempt from CEQA. On October 7, 2015, the City Council approved and ordered the filing of a Notice of Exemption for the WWTP Solar PV System; a copy of the Notice of Exemption is included as **Attachment 2**.

With respect to the Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System, it is proposed to be installed on the roof of existing buildings located at Sunrise Park, including the Library, Leisure Center, and Pavilion. Senate Bill 226, effective January 1, 2012, enacted California Public Resources Code 21080.35, which created a new Categorical Exemption under CEQA for the installation of solar energy systems, including associated equipment, on the roof of an existing building or at an existing parking lot. Therefore, the Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System is considered categorically exempt from CEQA, and a Notice of Exemption has been prepared and was filed with the Riverside County Clerk. A copy of the Notice of Exemption is included as **Attachment 3**.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The utility savings to be realized by the City with installation of the Solar PV Systems at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sunrise Plaza was identified to the City Council on October 7, 2015, forming the basis for staff's recommendation to proceed with award of design-build contracts with SolarCity for those two sites. Generally, the financial benefits of these systems are described again in this report.

#### ***WWTP Solar PV System***

The City currently incurs an annual cost of \$332,409 for electricity purchased for operation of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. This cost is anticipated to escalate to \$639,057 over the next 20 years as a result of continued utility rate increases by SCE, resulting in a total energy cost of \$9,400,422. The WWTP Solar PV System will construct a 1,110.42 kW solar PV system capable of initially producing (beginning in Year 1) a total of 2,442,616 kWh, which offsets 88% of the typical annual electric load at the WWTP of 2,773,670 kWh.

Thus, the anticipated cost to purchase electricity from SCE in Year 1 will reduce from \$332,409 to \$20,794 as a result of the power generated by the WWTP Solar PV System. The electrical production from the WWTP Solar PV System will result in an immediate offset (bill savings) of \$311,615 in Year 1, with utility bill savings escalating commensurate with anticipated utility rate increases, to an estimated \$544,969 in Year 20, resulting in a total utility bill savings of \$8,360,922 over the 20-year life of the PV System.

***Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System***

The City currently incurs an annual cost of \$164,400 for electricity purchased for operation of various City facilities at Sunrise Park (via the Sunrise Plaza electrical plant). This cost is anticipated to escalate to \$316,060 over the next 20 years as a result of continued utility rate increases by SCE, resulting in a total energy cost of \$4,649,186 over that 20 year period. The Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System will construct a 334.80 kW solar PV system capable of initially producing (beginning in Year 1) a total of 518,510 kWh, which offsets 71% of the typical annual electric load at Sunrise Park of 731,495 kWh. The PPA for the Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System is a turn-key contract where SolarCity agrees to fund all costs to design, construct, operate, and maintain the solar PV system for a 20-year period, and where the City agrees to purchase electricity produced by the solar PV system at the fixed rate of \$0.075 per kWh.

Thus, the anticipated cost to purchase electricity from SCE in Year 1 will reduce from \$164,400 to \$60,548 as a result of the power generated by the Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System. The electrical production from the Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System will result in an immediate offset (bill savings) of \$103,853 in Year 1, with utility bill savings escalating commensurate with anticipated utility rate increases, to an estimated \$188,828 in Year 20, resulting in a total utility bill savings of \$2,846,574 over the 20-year term of the PPA.

However, the avoided SCE utility costs occur through the purchase of electricity from SolarCity at the fixed rate of \$0.075 per kWh, which is anticipated to cost \$38,888 in Year 1, and reduces (due to reduced electricity production given degradation of the solar PV modules over time) to an estimated cost of \$35,356 in Year 20, for a total estimated electricity cost of \$741,906 over the 20-year term of the PPA.

The net positive cash flow over the 20-year term of the PPA is \$2,104,668.

***NAM Agreement***

The City Council originally approved an agreement with NAM for \$48,850 on September 18, 2013, for feasibility analysis of solar PV systems Citywide. The agreement and its amendments are identified in the following Table:

<b>Table of Agreement Costs</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Original Agreement (Feasibility Analysis)	\$48,850
Amendment No. 1 (Develop RFP)	\$85,000
Amendment No. 2 (Add 4 AQMD Grant Sites)	\$12,088
Amendment No. 3 (Contract Negotiations)	\$30,625
Amendment No. 4 (Construction Phase – SolarCity)	\$69,650
Amendment No. 5 (Construction Management Services)	\$97,185
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$343,398</b>

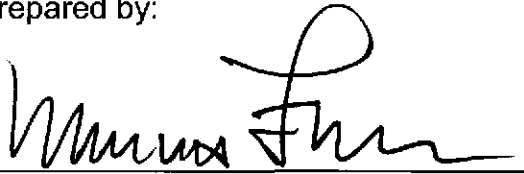
The costs for construction inspection and management services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant solar PV System and the Sunrise Plaza solar PV System are being allocated based on the size of each system, as follows:

WWTP Solar PV System: 1,110.42 kW solar PV system  
Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System: 334.80 kW solar PV system  
Total Solar PV System Size: 1,454.22 kW  
WWTP Solar PV System share: 76%  
Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System share: 24%

Therefore, to ensure the Wastewater Fund is allocated its appropriate share of cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant solar PV system from the appropriate share of cost allocated to the Facility Maintenance Fund for the Sunrise Plaza solar PV system, the cost for Amendment No. 5 to the NAM Agreement in the amount of \$97,185 will be allocated as follows:

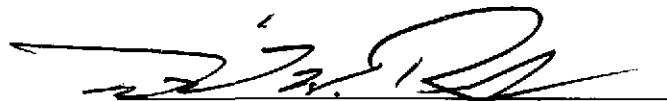
- 420-6800-43240; \$74,209
- 520-5641-43200; \$22,976

Prepared by:



Marcus L. Fuller, MPA, P.E., P.L.S.  
Assistant City Manager/City Engineer

Approved by:



David H. Ready, Esq., Ph.D.  
City Manager

Attachments:

1. NAM Amendment No. 5
2. WWTP Solar PV System Notice of Exemption
3. Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System Notice of Exemption



# ATTACHMENT 1

**AMENDMENT NO. 5  
TO AGREEMENT NO. A6401  
PHOTOVOLTAIC FEASIBILITY/RFP DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT TO Agreement No. 6401 for consulting services, (herein "Amendment") made and entered into on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by and between CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, a California charter City and municipal corporation, (herein "City"), and NEWCOMB/ANDERSON/MCCORMICK, INC., (herein "Consultant"), is hereby amended as follows:

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, City and Consultant entered into that certain Photovoltaic Feasibility Services (PV) Agreement No. A6401 for a feasibility study of installing PV at various City facilities ("Agreement"), as dully amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the Agreement to add additional services associated with Phase 4, "Construction Management Services for SolarCity Sites," as described on Exhibit "A", incorporated herein, whereby Consultant shall provide construction management and inspection services as part of its assignment as the City's "Owner's Representative" on the installation of PV systems by SolarCity Corporation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sunrise Plaza, as part of the Citywide Solar Project, City Project No. 15-03.

Section 1. Scope of Services, Exhibit "A", is hereby amended by adding those services identified as Phase 4, "Construction Management Services for SolarCity Sites," as identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Section 2. Section 3.2, Compensation of Consultant, is hereby revised to reflect the total amended contract amount as herein specified by this Amendment. The Schedule of Fees, Exhibit "A", is hereby amended and increased by \$97,185 to add Phase 4, "Construction Management Services for SolarCity Sites," scope of work and is hereby revised as follows:

<u>Tasks from Proposal</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Initial Phase, Data Collection	\$8,400
Initial Phase, Site Visits/Analysis	\$8,400
Initial Phase, Feasibility Analysis	\$23,450
Initial Phase, Finalize Analysis	\$7,000
Initial Phase, Direct Costs	\$1,600
<b>Total Initial Phase Cost</b>	<b>\$48,850</b>

<u>Tasks from Proposal</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Phase 1, Develop RFP	\$44,841
Phase 1, Solicitation Support	\$22,421
Phase 1, Proposal Evaluation	\$28,826
Phase 1, Direct Costs	\$1,000
<b>Total Phase 1 Cost</b>	<b>\$97,088</b>

<u>Tasks from Proposal</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Phase 2, Contract Negotiations	\$30,625

<u>Tasks from Proposal</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Phase 3, Construction Period	
Services for SolarCity Sites	\$69,650
<u>Tasks from Proposal</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Phase 4, Construction Management	
Services for SolarCity Sites	\$97,185
Total maximum contract amount	\$343,398

Section 3. Time for Completion, Consultant shall provide the services provided herein by this Amendment as directed by City. Section 4.4 "Term" is hereby revised to reflect a new term extending through June 30, 2017, unless otherwise extended by mutual written agreement of the parties, and subject to termination pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Agreement.

Section 4. Full force and effect: Except as otherwise previously modified herein, all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and entered into this Amendment as of the date first written above.

ATTEST:

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS,  
a California charter city and municipal  
corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Thompson  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Ready  
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Holland  
City Attorney

NEWCOMB/ANDERSEN/MCCORMICK, INC.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name/Title

# **EXHIBIT “A”**



2/23/2016

City of Palm Springs Solar Project Construction Management Services for SolarCity Sites

Newcomb Anderson McCormick proposes the following tasks to support the City of Palm Springs with construction management services. This effort included 832 inspection hours from Knowland Construction and 175 oversight hours from NAM. These hours are in addition to previously contracted scope and provide construction management services that were previously not scoped.

Task	Activity	Task Owner*		NAM Effort	
		NAM	COPS	Hours	Est. Cost
Construction Management Oversight	Weekly construction coordination	1	2	175	\$30,625
	Document organization (RFI, Inspector Forms, Material Invoices, etc.)	1	2		
	Inspector/vendor coordination	1	2		
	Ensure Inspector contract requirements are met	1	2		
Construction Management (Performed by Knowland Construction at \$80/hr)	Oversight of construction work in the field	1	2	832	\$66,560
	Coordination of construction-related issues (delivery and storage of materials, work crew logistics)	1	2		
	Regular communications with City stakeholders (school administration, faculty, students other affected parties)	1	2		
	Inspection and acceptance of sign-off of construction work	1	2		
	Creation of project schedules and progress reports	1	2		
	Ensure that campus operational impacts from construction are minimized and comply with contract requirements	1	2		
<b>TOTAL*</b>				<b>1,007</b>	<b>\$97,185</b>

\*1 = lead role; 2 = support role  
\*Includes NAM sub consultants

# ATTACHMENT 2

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

Receipt #: 15-205903

State Clearinghouse # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: CITY OF PALM SPRINGS Date: 11/03/2015

County Agency of Filing: RIVERSIDE Document No: E-201501112

Project Title: WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PV SYSTEM, CITY PROJECT NO. 15-03

Project Applicant Name: CITY OF PALM SPRINGS Phone Number: (760) 323-8253

Project Applicant Address: 3200 E TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

Project Applicant: LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report \_\_\_\_\_
  - Negative Declaration \_\_\_\_\_
  - Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Project Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs \_\_\_\_\_
  - County Administration Fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
  - Project that is exempt from fees (DFG No Effect Determination (Form Attached)) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Project that is exempt from fees (Notice of Exemption) \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Received** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$50.00**

Signature and title of person receiving payment

B. Kennamer Deputy

Notes:

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92502-0751

From: (Public Agency): City of Palm Springs
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262
(Address)

Project Title: Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar PV System, City Project No. 15-03

Project Applicant: City of Palm Springs

Project Location - Specific:

City of Palm Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant, APN 680-020-010

Project Location - City: Palm Springs Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes the construction of a 1,110 kW ground-mounted solar array on 5-acres of vacant land located within the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including solar PV modules, electrical equipment, conduits, electrical wiring, and associated improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Palm Springs

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Palm Springs

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15332, Class 32 - In Fill Development
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will be installed on 5 acres of vacant land surrounded by urban uses, consistent with applicable general plan and zoning regulations, on a site that has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, and will not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Marcus L. Fuller Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 323-8253

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/01/2015 Title: City Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21106, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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County of Riverside
Peter Aldana
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

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# ATTACHMENT 3

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

Receipt #: 15-205903

State Clearinghouse # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: CITY OF PALM SPRINGS Date: 11/03/2015

County Agency of Filing: RIVERSIDE Document No: E-201501113

Project Title: SUNRISE PLAZA SOLAR PV SYSTEM, CITY PROJECT NO. 15-03

Project Applicant Name: CITY OF PALM SPRINGS Phone Number: (760) 323-8253

Project Applicant Address: 3200 E TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

Project Applicant: LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report \_\_\_\_\_
  - Negative Declaration \_\_\_\_\_
  - Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Project Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs \_\_\_\_\_
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Signature and title of person receiving payment

B. Kennerly Deputy

Notes:

Notice of Exemption

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County of: Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92502-0751

From: (Public Agency): City of Palm Springs
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262
(Address)

Project Title: Sunrise Plaza Solar PV System, City Project No. 15-03

Project Applicant: City of Palm Springs

Project Location - Specific:
City of Palm Springs Sunrise Park, APN 502-200-001, 502-200-002

Project Location - City: Palm Springs Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project includes the construction of a total of 335 kW roof-mounted solar arrays on the roof of existing buildings located within Sunrise Park, including solar PV modules, electrical equipment, conduits, electrical wiring, and associated improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Palm Springs

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Palm Springs

- Exempt Status: (check one):
[ ] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[ ] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.35

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project will be installed on the roof of existing buildings, and pursuant to Public Resources Code 21080.35, it considered categorically exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Marcus L. Fuller Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 323-8253

- If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/01/2015 Title: City Engineer

[ ] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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County of Riverside
Peter Aldana
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
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11/03/2015 04:39 PM Fee: \$ 50.00
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