



**Resolution No. 2022/23-11 Approving Certain Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.12 and Authorizing District Staff to Execute A Power Purchase Agreement and Related Easement with Ridgway Ave DG Solar LLC (Jua Capital) for the Design, Construction, and Installation of Solar Facilities and Related Purchase of Energy**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa City Schools’ (“District”) Board of Education (“Board”) supports the goal of energy efficient and cost-effective school operations;

**WHEREAS**, the California legislature seeks to encourage the implementation of energy projects at public facilities through legislation designed to provide flexibility to public agencies in structuring agreements for alternative energy projects (Government Code sections 4217.10 *et seq.*);

**WHEREAS**, Ridgway Ave DG Solar LLC (“Ridgway”) has proposed a Solar Power Purchase Agreement and a related easement (together the “Agreement”), which is presented concurrently with this resolution;

**WHEREAS**, under the Agreement, Ridgway would design, construct, and install solar photovoltaic systems on various District sites and sell the electricity generated to the District;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4217.12, subd. (a) of the California Government Code authorizes the Board to enter into a contract for design, construction and installation of solar facilities on terms the Board concludes are in the best interests of the District, if it finds that the anticipated cost of the purchase will be less than the anticipated cost of energy that would have been purchased by the District in the absence of the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has received and reviewed information indicating that cost of the design, construction and installation of solar facilities will be less than the anticipated cost of energy that would have been purchased by the District in the absence of the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to retain Ridgway to design, construct, and install the solar photovoltaic systems and sell electricity to the District pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to authorize District staff to perform all actions necessary to execute the Agreement and perform the terms, conditions, and obligations set forth in the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the law exempts certain projects from further evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), including, without limitation projects consisting of solar photovoltaic installations on existing roofs and parking lots. The proposed project falls within one or more of these CEQA exemptions, and is thus categorically exempt from further CEQA review and the Board wishes to authorize the District to file for an exemption under CEQA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. Based on information and documentation reviewed by the Board, the Board makes the findings required by Government Code section 4217.12 that: (i) the services to be provided pursuant to the Agreement will cost less than the anticipated cost to the District of energy consumed by the District in the absence of the Agreement; and (ii) approval of the Agreement is in the best interests of the District.
3. The Board approves the Agreement, in substantially the same form as it is being presented with this resolution, and authorizes the Superintendent, or her designee, to work with counsel to make any necessary revisions to finalize, and execute the Agreement.
4. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, or her designee, to take any action necessary to effect the intent of the parties, and to perform the obligations within the final Agreement.
5. The Board authorizes staff to file a categorical exemption under CEQA to the Agreement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools, Sonoma County, California, on July 27, 2022 at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Education on July 27, 2022.

Dated: July 27, 2022

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Ed Sheffield, President, Board of Education

Certified a True Copy:

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Stephanie Manieri, Clerk, Board of Education  
Santa Rosa City Schools