# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014

#### **MINUTE ORDER NO. 23**

#### SUBJECT: UPDATE AND EXPANSION ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)

#### **OVERVIEW:**

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Today's recommendation is to take the necessary actions to expand the County's existing PACE program participation to include residential properties; contingent on the PACE Program being enrolled in the PACE Loss Reserve Program. The PACE Program will also provide disclosures to participants of the possibility of acceleration of existing obligations or prepayment of assessments to ensure property owners are aware of the potential risks.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with today's action.

# **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** Adopt the resolutions entitled:

> A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE HERO

#### PACE PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS;

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO EXPAND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE FIGTREE PACE PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; and

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO EXPAND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIAFIRST PACE PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor D. Roberts, seconded by Supervisor R. Roberts, the Board took action as recommended, adopting the following:

Resolution No. 14-039, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE HERO PACE PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS;

Resolution No. 14-040, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO EXPAND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE FIGTREE PACE PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; and

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AYES: Cox, Jacob, D. Roberts, R. Roberts, Horn

State of California) County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

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THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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## **Fiscal Impact**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with today's action.

**Business Impact Statement** N/A

Advisory Board Statement N/A

## Background

In 2008, AB 811 was enacted in California with the hope of stimulating the increased energy efficiency and use of alternative energy sources by home, business and industrial property owners. AB 811 established parameters for financing alternative energy sources or greater energy efficiencies for property owners by enabling the County to facilitate loans to property owners for making energy efficient property improvements ("Improvements") with pay-back through an assessment attached to the annual property tax bills. It is important to note that AB 811 did not provide for any funding, nor did it offer specifics as to how local jurisdictions could fund or administer such programs. Since that time additional State legislation has been enacted to expand the scope of AB 811 programs to include water efficiency improvements in efforts to help stimulate AB 811-type programs.

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Board approved the County's participation in CaliforniaFIRST, a statewide AB 811 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program offered through California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). The CaliforniaFIRST PACE program initially stalled due to issues brought forth by the Federal Housing Finance Authority (FHFA) on the residential side of the program. CaliforniaFIRST initiated their commercial program in September 2012, in which the County of San Diego is a participant by virtue of opting into the original program.

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On May 14, 2013 (13) your Board received the staff report. On June 18, 2013 (26), your Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days with the necessary actions to expand the County's commercial PACE program. The action also requested a report back on the expansion of residential PACE with vendors under both the AB 811 and SB 555 models with specific conditions: 100% indemnification to the County of San Diego; full cost recovery for the County of San Diego; a Letter of Credit in case of default with no risk to the County of San Diego; limit residential PACE to non-Federal Housing Finance Agency loans and homes without a loan; borrowers in San Diego County will not have their loan-to-value ratios adjusted as a result of expanding the PACE program. Separate action from the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to seek clarification from the FHFA on whether or not the loan-to-value ratios would be adjusted in a jurisdiction with a non-FHFA PACE program; provide options for both a Consent and a Notification PACE program with the pros and cons of each option; draft a letter for the Chair's signature to the President of the United States encouraging modification of existing PACE policies; and to draft a letter to Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of SANDAG, asking that the SANDAG Board consider evaluating the various PACE options and explore whether there are any regional benefits to having SANDAG establish a PACE district.

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE HERO PACE PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 13-105 ("Authorizing Resolution"), which authorized the Western Riverside Council of Governments ("WRCOG") to, among other things, conduct assessment proceedings within the unincorporated area of the County of San Diego ("County") to allow certain eligible property owners to participate in the HERO PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the HERO PACE Program provides financing for certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements (Improvements) through the levy of voluntary contractual assessments under the Bond Improvement Act of 1915; and

WHEREAS, the Authorizing Resolution limited the availability of the HERO PACE Program to commercial properties due to issues raised by the Federal Housing Financing Authority ("FHFA") regarding residential Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") programs; and

WHEREAS, in September 2013, the Governor of the State of California signed Senate Bill 96, a residential PACE Loss Reserve Program ("PACE Loss Reserve Program") specifically designed to address the FHFA's and the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority ("Authority") launched the PACE Loss Reserve Program in March 2014;

WHEREAS, in light of this new development, the County deems it prudent to offer residential PACE options to eligible participants in the unincorporated areas contingent on the HERO PACE Program meeting certain programmatic requirements;

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the expansion of the HERO PACE Program to include residential properties within the unincorporated areas of the County; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego that the HERO PACE Program shall be available to all eligible property owners in the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego, including owners of residential properties

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County's participation in the HERO PACE Program is contingent on the HERO PACE Program meeting the following program requirements:

- 1. The HERO PACE Program is enrolled in the State PACE Loss Reserve Program;
- 2. The HERO PACE Program provides full disclosures to participants, including, but not limited to the disclosure that participation in the PACE Program may trigger acceleration of existing obligations of an existing mortgage and that the participant may be required to prepay the contractual assessments upon the refinancing or sale of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of WRCOG.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THOMAS E. MONTGOMERY, COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: RACHEL H. WITT, SENIOR DEPUTY

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO EXPAND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE FIGTREE PACE PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 13-106 ("Authorizing Resolution"), which authorized the California Enterprise Development Authority ("CEDA") to, among other things, conduct assessment proceedings within the unincorporated area of the County of San Diego ("County") to allow certain eligible property owners to participate in the Figtree PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the Figtree PACE Program provides financing for certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements (Improvements) through the levy of voluntary contractual assessments under the Bond Improvement Act of 1915; and

WHEREAS, the Authorizing Resolution limited the availability of the Figtree PACE Program to commercial properties due to issues raised by the Federal Housing Financing Authority ("FHFA") regarding residential Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") programs; and

WHEREAS, in September 2013, the Governor of the State of California signed Senate Bill 96, a residential PACE Loss Reserve Program ("PACE Loss Reserve Program") specifically designed to address the FHFA's and the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority ("Authority") launched the PACE Loss Reserve Program in March 2014;

WHEREAS, in light of this new development, the County deems it prudent to offer residential PACE options to eligible participants in the unincorporated areas contingent on the Figtree PACE Program meeting certain programmatic requirements;

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the expansion of the Figtree PACE Program to include residential properties within the unincorporated areas of the County; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego that the Figtree PACE Program shall be available to all eligible property owners in the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego, including owners of residential properties

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County's participation in the Figtree PACE Program is contingent on the Figtree PACE Program meeting the following program requirements:

- 1. The Figtree PACE Program is enrolled in the State PACE Loss Reserve Program;
- 2. The Figtree PACE Program provides full disclosures to participants, including, but not limited to the disclosure that participation in the PACE Program may trigger acceleration of existing obligations of an existing mortgage and that the participant may be required to prepay the contractual assessments upon the refinancing or sale of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of CEDA.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THOMAS E. MONTGOMERY, COUNTY COUNSEL

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WHEREAS, on December 8, 2009, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 09-245 ("Authorizing Resolution"), which authorized the California Statewide Communities Development Authority ("California Communities") to, among other things, conduct assessment proceedings within the unincorporated area of the County of San Diego ("County") to allow certain eligible property owners to participate in the CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program provides financing for certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements (Improvements) through the levy of voluntary contractual assessments under the Bond Improvement Act of 1915; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2010, California Communities adopted a resolution suspending the residential component of its PACE program due to issues raised by the Federal Housing Financing Authority ("FHFA") regarding residential Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") programs; and

WHEREAS, in September 2013, the Governor of the State of California signed Senate Bill 96, a residential PACE Loss Reserve Program ("PACE Loss Reserve Program") specifically designed to address the FHFA's and the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority ("Authority") launched the PACE Loss Reserve Program in March 2014;

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2014, as a result of the State's creation of the PACE Loss Reserve Program, California Communities adopted a resolution to rescind its prior resolution to suspend residential PACE and take actions to launch the residential component of its PACE program.

WHEREAS, in light of this new development, the County deems it prudent to offer residential PACE options to eligible participants in the unincorporated areas contingent on CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program meeting certain programmatic requirements;

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the expansion of the CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program to include residential properties within the unincorporated areas of the County; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego

that the CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program shall be available to all eligible property owners in the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego, including owners of residential properties

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County's participation in the CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program is contingent on the CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program meeting the following program requirements:

- 1. The CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program is enrolled in the State PACE Loss Reserve Program;
- 2. The CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program provides full disclosures to participants, including, but not limited to the disclosure that participation in the PACE Program may trigger acceleration of existing obligations of an existing mortgage and that the participant may be required to prepay the contractual assessments upon the refinancing or sale of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should CaliforniaFIRST fail to meet the program requirements required by this resolution, the County shall opt-out of the CaliforniaFIRST residential PACE Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of California Communities.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THOMAS E. MONTGOMERY, COUNTY COUNSEL

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