

*"Placerville, a Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future"*



**City Manager's Report**  
**May 26, 2015 City Council Meeting**  
**Prepared by: Cleve Morris**  
**Item #: 12.2**

**Subject:** Consider adoption of the following resolutions consenting to the inclusion of Placerville in the HERO and YGreene PACE Programs:

1. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Placerville, 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.
2. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Placerville, California Consenting to Inclusion of Properties within the City's Jurisdiction in the California Home Finance Authority Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) to Finance Renewable Energy Improvements, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Approving Associate Membership in the Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Related Thereto.
3. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Placerville, California, Consenting to Inclusion of Properties within the City's Jurisdiction in the California Home Finance Authority Program to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Approving Associate Membership in the Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Related Thereto.

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**Background:** On April 14, 2015, the City Council approved including the City of Placerville in the California Statewide Communities Development Authority<sup>1</sup> (CSCDA). At that meeting, Council also heard from representatives of other Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") Programs and directed staff to further research and bring back consideration for two other PACE Programs, HERO and Ygreene. Staff has researched these programs and has the following information and recommendations.

**HERO Program:**

The HERO Program (for PACE financing) has been very successful in Western Riverside County, since its launch in late 2011; the Program has approved over \$2.9 billion in applications and has funded over \$621 million in projects. Because of its success, the California HERO Program is now being offered to provide additional California cities and counties with a turnkey program that saves significant time, cost and local resources that would otherwise be needed to develop a new local program. Jurisdictions only need to adopt the form of resolution

accompanying this staff report and approve an amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, related to the California HERO Program, and provided as an attachment to the resolution.

The California HERO Program is being offered to allow property owners in participating cities and counties to finance renewable energy, energy and water efficiency improvements, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure on their property. If a property owner chooses to participate, the installed improvements will be financed by the issuance of bonds by a joint powers authority, Western Riverside Council of Governments (“WRCOG”). 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. This financing is available for eligible improvements on both residential and non-residential properties.

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 financing options available that would provide funding for improvements that lower their utility bills.
- Savings. Energy prices continue to rise, and selecting energy efficient, water efficient and renewable energy improvements reduces utility bills.
- 100% voluntary. Property owners can choose to participate in the Program at their discretion. Improvements and properties must meet eligibility criteria in order to qualify for financing.
- Payment obligation stays with the property. Under Chapter 29, a voluntary contractual assessment stays with the property upon transfer of ownership. Certain residential conforming 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.
- Customer oriented program. Part of the success of the Program is the prompt customer service. Committed funding partners provide funding promptly upon project completion, resulting in both property owner and contactor satisfaction.

The benefits to the City include:

- Increase local jobs.

- An increase in property values (energy efficient homes and buildings 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 any delinquent 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.
- By leveraging the already successful HERO Program, the City can offer financing to property owners more quickly, easily and much less inexpensively than establishment of a new local program.

The proposed resolution enables the California HERO Program to be available to owners of property within our city to finance renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The resolution approves an Amendment to the WRCOG Joint Powers Agreement to add the City as an Associate Member in order to enable the California HERO Program to be offered to the owners of property located within the City who wish to participate in the California HERO Program.

The HERO Program process requires court validation in order to join the Program. For the previous program the Council adopted, CSCDA, the court validation process was already completed statewide. HERO has a different process in that they complete a court validation process periodically based on new members joining the Program. The next validation process for the HERO Program is on June 5, 2015. In order to be part of that validation process, the City must have the resolution to WRCOG by June 1, 2015. The validation process normally takes 2 – 3 months. This means that the Program could start in Placerville in late July or August.

**Ygrene Program:**

California Home Finance Authority ("CHF"), which is in the process of formally changing its name to Golden State Finance 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 Powers Agreement entered into on July 1, 1993, as amended from time to time (the "Authority JPA").

CHF has established two PACE financing programs for residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural properties to address high upfront costs for property owners who wish to improve their properties through installation of measures that will generate renewable energy or reduce their energy and water use. By offering low cost financing, CHF's PACE Programs allow construction of these projects to proceed, and, in the process, stimulate building activity and the overall local economy, reduce peak energy demand, increase property values, and generate savings on utility bills for property owners.

CHF contracts with Ygrene Energy Fund CA LLC (Ygrene) to serve as the program administrator and to operate the Ygrene Works for California PACE financing program.

CHF has established two PACE Programs under the legislative authority of two separate California PACE laws:

**SB 555 PACE Community Facilities District:** Senate Bill 555 amended the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act, set forth in Sections 53311 through 53368.3 of the California Government Code and particularly in accordance with Sections 53313.5(1) and 53328.1(a) (“Mello-Roos Act”), to allow for the creation of Community Facilities Districts (“CFDs”) for the purpose of financing or refinancing the acquisition, installation, and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy and electric vehicle charging infrastructure improvements permanently affixed to private or publicly-owned real property.

Individual properties can be annexed into the district and be subject to the special tax that is imposed to repay project financing only if: (1) the Council adopts a resolution consenting to the inclusion of parcels in the incorporated areas of the City within the CFD; and (2) each participating owner provides its unanimous written approval for annexation of its property into the PACE CFD.

**AB 811 PACE Contractual Assessment Program:** By the passage of Assembly Bill 811, the California State Legislature added Chapter 29 to the Improvement Bond Act of 1911, being Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code. This legislation authorized cities and counties to establish voluntary contractual assessment programs for the purpose of financing private property improvements that promote renewable energy generation, energy and water efficiency and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

As with the SB 555 CFD, properties can be annexed into the AB 811 PACE Program and be subject to the property tax assessment that is imposed to repay project financing only if: (1) the Council adopts a resolution consenting to the inclusion of parcels in the incorporated areas of the City within the Program; and (2) each participating owner consents in writing to the annexation of its property into the PACE Program.

To participate in the PACE Programs, the City must become an Associate Member of CHF. Associate Membership requires no dues or other costs to the City, but permits participation in all CHF Programs, including the PACE Program. The attached resolutions approve joining the JPA as an Associate Member. Pursuant to the JPA Agreement and CHF Board Resolution 15-01, the Executive Director has the authority to approve the addition of new Associate Members to the JPA.

The benefits to the Ygrene Program are similar to those noted previously and therefore are not listed here again.

### **Program Authorization Being Sought**

CHF is in the process of seeking validation judgments for both the SB 555 and the AB 811 programs from the Superior Court for the County of Sacramento. However, CHF intends to only implement one of the above PACE Programs. Once the court enters the validation judgments,

CHF will select the PACE Program it believes will provide property owners with the greatest flexibility. The other PACE Program will not be implemented unless changes in the PACE laws warrant changing or adding that option.

In support of CHF's approach, the Council is being asked to pass two resolutions that would approve the following actions:

The first resolution authorizes the City to join the JPA as an Associate Member and permits property owners within the incorporated areas of the City to participate in the CHF SB 555 Community Facilities District.

The second resolution authorizes the City to join the JPA as an Associate Member and permits property owners within the incorporated areas of the City to participate in the CHF AB 811 Authority PACE Program.

Each resolution also authorizes CHF to: (1) accept applications from property owners within the City's incorporated area to finance authorized improvements; and (2) conduct proceedings and levy special taxes or contractual assessments, as applicable, on the property of participating owners.

In addition, each resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute the amended JPA Agreement with CHF.

As noted above, CHF is and has been in the validation process for some time. In fact, when they first approached the City in late January 2015 they were in the validation process with an expected approval date of May 1, 2015. As of the writing of this report they are still in the validation process with no estimated approval date. However, they plan to launch the Program on June 15, 2015, which would require the validation process to be complete. Representatives of Ygrene have requested that we move forward so they can begin contractor training and be prepared to start the Program immediately once the validation process is complete.

At the previous meeting we discussed the concerns that have been raised by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), due to the lien position of PACE loans. The following explanation provided by HERO further explains the issues and the remedies in place.

### **Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac**

PACE-enabling legislation was adopted by the State of California to encourage the adoption of energy efficiency, renewable energy and water efficiency measures on homes and businesses. When the legislation was enacted, many people believed PACE was an attractive financing option due to its ability to automatically transfer payments to a new owner if the property sold.

In response to the Directive issued by the FHFA on July 6, 2010, and implemented, in part, by Fannie and Freddie (Government Sponsored Entities, GSEs) on August 31, 2010, mortgage originators were informed that the GSEs would not be purchasing any mortgages with PACE liens.

In response to this, the State of California and other entities filed lawsuits against FHFA. The original intent of the lawsuit was to amend or dismiss the Directive by requiring that FHFA follow the rulemaking procedures as set forth under the Administrative Procedure Act. On October 16, 2010, the District Court issued a judgment which required FHFA to go through the rulemaking procedures. However, the trial court ruled that the FHFA's Directive would continue in effect. FHFA filed an appeal with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, seeking to overturn the judgment requiring the FHFA to go through the rulemaking procedures. On March 19, 2013, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the FHFA did not have to follow the rulemaking procedures in order to issue the Directive, and dismissed the case. Thus, the FHFA does not need to go through the rulemaking procedures.

In the July 6, 2010 statement issuing the Directive, FHFA supported PACE Programs whose assessments are junior/subordinate to Fannie/Freddie's mortgage interests. The statement also directed Fannie/Freddie to implement the following additional actions:

- Adjusting loan-to-value ratios to reflect the maximum permissible PACE loan amount available to borrowers in PACE jurisdictions;
- Ensuring that loan covenants require approval/consent for any PACE loan;
- Tightening borrower debt-to-income ratios to account for additional obligations associated with possible future PACE loans; and
- Ensuring that mortgages on properties in a jurisdiction offering PACE-like programs satisfy all applicable federal and state lending regulations and guidance.

FHFA stated that "Nothing in this Statement affects the normal underwriting programs of the regulated entities or their dealings with PACE programs that do not have a senior lien priority." To date neither Fannie nor Freddie has taken action to implement any of the additional actions contained in the Directive.

The PACE-enabling legislation in California provides that PACE assessments, like traditional assessments levied by public agencies in California, are equal in priority as general property taxes and as such are senior to private debt on the property and thus have first liens/senior liens priority. However, under federal law, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, which includes California, in *Rust v. Johnson* (9<sup>th</sup> Circuit) (1979) 597 F.2d 174, ruled that local government cannot collect payment of assessments if they impair loans insured or owned by Freddie/Fannie ("Conforming Loans"). The court ruled that if a federal government entity has a mortgage interest on a parcel subject to assessments or special taxes, the property cannot be sold at a foreclosure sale unless it can be sold for an amount sufficient to preserve the federal government mortgage interest. Thus under federal law as set forth in the opinion under *Rust v. Johnson*, assessments, including PACE assessments, placed on the property are not "first liens" or "senior liens" with respect to Conforming Loans. Disclosure of *Rust v. Johnson* has been provided for in Official Statements of Municipal Bond issuances for traditional assessment district and community facilities district bond issues since 1979, in a form similar to the following:

Portions of the property within the Assessment District may now or in the future secure loans. Any such loan is subordinate to the lien of the

Assessments. However, (a) in the event that any of the financial institutions making the loan that is secured by real property within the Assessment District is taken by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”), (B) the FDIC or another federal entity acquires a parcel subject to the Assessment lien, (C) the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or similar federal agency or instrumentality has a mortgage interest in a loan on property subject to the Assessment lien, and, prior thereto or thereafter, the loan or loans go into default, the ability of the City to collect the interest and penalties specified by state law and to foreclose the lien of a delinquent unpaid assessment may be limited.

Additionally, under federal law, subordinate liens to mortgages are permitted and cannot be blocked (See U.S. Code Title 12, Banks and Banking, Section 1701j-3). Thus, the impact of a PACE assessment being subordinate in effect to the interests of Fannie/Freddie by virtue of the ruling in *Rust v. Johnson* and the inability to prevent a person from putting a subordinate lien on their property may make it difficult for FHFA/Fannie/Freddie to impose additional Directives adversely affecting the property owner’s mortgage.

The Governor of the State of California created a PACE Loss Reserve Program. The PACE Loss Reserve Program, authorized by Senate Bill 96 (2013), is designed to address FHFA’s financial concerns by making first mortgage lenders whole for any losses in a foreclosure or a forced sale that are attributable to a PACE loan. If a mortgage lender forecloses on a home that has a PACE lien, the reserve can be used to cover PACE payments during the foreclosure period. Alternatively, if a local government sells a home for unpaid taxes and the sale price falls short of the outstanding tax and first mortgage amounts, the reserve can be used to cover the shortfall (up to the amount of outstanding PACE payments). By covering these types of losses, the Program puts the first mortgage lender in the same position it would be in without a PACE lien.

The \$10 million Loss Reserve will be available for all PACE loans issued by enrolled PACE Programs and reported to the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) for the length of their terms. PACE Programs will report to CAEATFA semi-annually and pay a small administrative fee based on the principal amount of new loans they issue.

As of the writing of this report, the HERO Program is a member of the State Loss Reserve program; however, the Ygrene Program is not yet a member.

### **Summary**

Staff has reviewed both programs and are now comfortable with the PACE Program and administration. We feel the risk to the City is limited, if any, and is mitigated through the JPA process. The HERO Program is clear in its process and staff does not have any objections to this program.

The Ygrene Program seems to be similar to other programs; however, staff wants to point out the following concerns identified in the process:

1. The validation process has been going on for some time with no clear answer of when it will be complete. This may not be a major concern as it simply means we cannot participate in the Program until the validation process is complete. However, it does raise a question as to what is holding up the validation process.
2. The Ygrene Program proposes two different programs under two separate state laws. By adopting both resolutions, we would be eligible for either program, but in fact Ygrene intends to only implement one of the programs based on which they feel is the best program. One question may be, why not wait to see which program they adopt and then adopt the resolution for that program?

**Options:**

1. Adopt the three resolutions provided to join both the HERO and Ygrene Programs and become Associate Members of WRCOG and CHF.
2. Adopt the resolution for the HERO Program only.
3. Adopt the two resolutions for the Ygrene Program only.
4. Direct staff to bring back the Ygrene Program for adoption once the validation process and the determination of which program to implement has been decided.
5. Do not join either program at this time.

**Cost:** There is no cost to implementing this program other than staff time in investigating the program and preparing this report. All costs of administering the program are born by the Administrators and CSCDA as part of the program.

**Budget Impact:** None anticipated.

**Recommendation:** Consider adoption of the following resolutions consenting to the inclusion of Placerville in the HERO and YGrene PACE Programs:

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M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

*Attachments:*

1. *Resolution (HERO Program) including Amendment to JPA Agreement*
2. *Resolution (Ygrene, SB 555) including JPA Agreement*
3. *Resolution (Ygrene, AB 811). See JPA Agreement included with Resolution No. 2 above.*

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<sup>i</sup> The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) was created in 1988, under California's Joint Exercise of Powers Act, to provide California's local governments with an effective tool for the timely financing of community-based public benefit projects. CSCDA has over 500 member agencies and is the Joint Powers Authority and conduit bond issuer sponsored by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. More information about CSCDA is available at [www.cscda.org](http://www.cscda.org)

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE, 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 Powers 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 Placerville (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 of 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 Placerville 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 the City Manager.

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 City Council of the City of Placerville held on May 26, 2015, by \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. A poll vote was taken which stood as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Mayor Patricia Borelli

ATTEST:

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Susan Zito, MMC, City Clerk

**AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT  
ADDING CITY OF PLACERVILLE 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 May, 2015, by City of Placerville (“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 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; provided, however, there is no outstanding indebtedness of Authority within City. 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) days 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 attorney's 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 Placerville  
Attn: City Manager  
3101 Center Street  
Placerville, CA 95667

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.

**[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]**

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Committee Chair  
Western Riverside Council of Governments

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF PLACERVILLE

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: City Manager

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION IN THE CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2014-1 (CLEAN ENERGY) TO FINANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROVING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AUTHORITY RELATED THERETO**

Recitals

WHEREAS, the California Home Finance Authority, a California joint powers authority, (the "Authority") has established the Community Facilities District No. 2014-1(Clean Energy) in accordance with the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act, set forth in sections 53311 through 53368.3 of the California Government Code (the "Act") and particularly in accordance with sections 53313.5(l) and 53328.1(a) (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the District is to finance or refinance (including the payment of interest) the acquisition, installation, and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy and electric vehicle charging infrastructure improvements permanently affixed to private or publicly-owned real property (the "Authorized Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is in the process of amending the Authority Joint Powers Agreement (the "Authority JPA") to formally change its name to the Golden State Finance Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville is committed to development of renewable energy generation and energy efficiency improvements, reduction of greenhouse gases, and protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, in the Act, the Legislature has authorized a parcel within the territory of the District to annex to the District and be subject to the special tax levy of the District only (i) if the city or county within which the parcel is located has consented, by the adoption of a resolution by the applicable city council or county board of supervisors, to the inclusion of parcels within its boundaries in the District and (ii) with the unanimous written approval of the owner or owners of the parcel when it is annexed (the "Unanimous Approval Agreement"), which, as provided in section 53329.6 of the Act, shall constitute the election required by the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide innovative solutions to its property owners to achieve energy efficiency and water conservation and in doing so cooperate with Authority in order to efficiently and economically assist property owners the City in financing such Authorized Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established the District, as permitted by the Act, the Authority JPA, originally made and entered into July 1, 1993, as amended to date, and the City, desires to become an Associate Member of the JPA by execution of the JPA Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" hereto, to participate in the programs of the JPA and to assist property owners within the incorporated area of the City in financing the cost of installing Authorized Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any special tax proceedings; the levy and collection of special taxes or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in the payment of any special taxes in connection with the District.

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 Authority CFD No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) to finance the installation of the Authorized Improvements.

2. This City Council consents to inclusion in the Authority CFD No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) of all of the properties in the incorporated area within the City and to the Authorized Improvements, upon the request of and execution of the Unanimous Approval Agreement by the owners of such properties when such properties are annexed, 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 Authority CFD No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) 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 Authorized Improvements.

4. This City Council hereby approves joining the JPA as an Associate Member and authorizes the execution by the City Manager of any necessary documents to effectuate such membership.

5. City staff is authorized and directed to coordinate with Authority staff to facilitate operation of the Authority CFD No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) 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.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on May 26, 2015, by \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. A poll vote was taken which stood as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Patricia Borelli

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Zito, MMC, City Clerk

## CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY

### AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT

(Original date July 1, 1993 and as last amended and restated December 10, 2014)

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and among the counties listed on Attachment 1 hereof and incorporated herein by reference. All such counties are referred to herein as "Members" with the respective powers, privileges and restrictions provided herein.

#### RECITALS

A. WHEREAS, the California Rural Home Mortgage Finance Authority ("CRHMFA") was created by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated July 1, 1993 pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (commencing with Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California (the "Act"). By Resolution 2003-02, adopted on January 15, 2003, the name of the authority was changed to CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund. The most recent amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was on January 28, 2004.

B. WHEREAS, the Members of CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund desire to update, reaffirm, clarify and revise certain provisions of the joint powers agreement, including the renaming of the joint powers authority, as set forth herein.

C. WHEREAS, the Members are each empowered by law to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement and rehabilitation of real property.

D. WHEREAS, by this Agreement, the Members desire to create and establish a joint powers authority to exercise their respective powers for the purpose of financing the construction, acquisition, improvement and rehabilitation of real property within the jurisdiction of the Authority as authorized by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Members individually and collectively agree as follows:

#### 1. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall for purposes of this Agreement have the meanings specified below:

"Act" means the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, commencing with Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California, including the Marks-Roos Local Bond Pooling Act of 1985, as amended.

"Agreement" means this Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, as the same now exists or as it may from time to time be amended as provided herein.

**"Associate Member"** means a county, city or other public agency which is not a voting member of the Rural County Representatives of California, a California nonprofit corporation ("RCRC"), with legal power and authority similar to that of the Members, admitted pursuant to paragraph 4.d. below to associate membership herein by vote of the Board.

**"Audit Committee"** means a committee made up of the nine-member Executive Committee.

**"Authority"** means California Home Finance Authority ("CHF"), formerly known as CRHMF Homebuyers Fund or California Rural Home Mortgage Finance Authority.

**"Board"** means the governing board of the Authority as described in Section 7 below.

**"Bonds"** means bonds, notes, warrants, leases, certificates of participation, installment purchase agreements, loan agreements and other securities or obligations issued by the Authority, or financing agreements entered into by the Authority pursuant to the Act and any other obligation within the meaning of the term "Bonds" under the Act.

**"Delegate"** means the Supervisor designated by the governing board of each Member to serve on the Board of the Authority.

**"Executive Committee"** means the nine-member Executive Committee of the Board established pursuant to Section 10 hereof.

**"Member"** means any county which is a member of RCRC, has executed this Agreement and has become a member of the Authority.

**"Obligations"** means bonds, notes, warrants, leases, certificates of participation, installment purchase agreements, loan agreements and other securities or obligations issued by the Authority, or financing agreements entered into by the Authority pursuant to the Act and any other financial or legal obligation of the Authority under the Act.

**"Program" or "Project"** means any work, improvement, program, project or service undertaken by the Authority.

**"Rural County Representatives of California" or "RCRC"** means the nonprofit entity incorporated under that name in the State of California.

**"Supervisor"** means an elected County Supervisor from an RCRC member county.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Authority is to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, , improvement and rehabilitation of real property in accordance with applicable provisions of law for the benefit of residents and communities. In pursuit of this purpose, this Agreement provides for the joint exercise of powers common to any of its Members and Associate Members as provided herein, or otherwise authorized by the Act and other applicable laws, including assisting

in financing as authorized herein, jointly exercised in the manner set forth herein.

**3. Principal Place of Business**

The principal office of the Authority shall be 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, California 95814.

**4. Creation of Authority; Addition of Members or Associate Members**

a. The Authority is hereby created pursuant to the Act. As provided in the Act, the Authority shall be a public entity separate and distinct from the Members or Associate Members.

b. The Authority will cause a notice of this Agreement or any amendment hereto to be prepared and filed with the office of the Secretary of State of California in a timely fashion in the manner set forth in Section 6503.3 of the Act.

c. A county that is a member of RCRC may petition to become a member of the Authority by submitting to the Board a resolution or evidence of other formal action taken by its governing body adopting this Agreement. The Board shall review the petition for membership and shall vote to approve or disapprove the petition. If the petition is approved by a majority of the Board, such county shall immediately become a Member of the Authority.

d. An Associate Member may be added to the Authority upon the affirmative approval of its respective governing board and pursuant to action by the Authority Board upon such terms and conditions, and with such rights, privileges and responsibilities, as may be established from time to time by the Board. Such terms and conditions, and rights, privileges and responsibilities may vary among the Associate Members. Associate Members shall be entitled to participate in one or more programs of the Authority as determined by the Board, but shall not be voting members of the Board. The Executive Director of the Authority shall enforce the terms and conditions for prospective Associate Members to the Authority as provided by resolution of the Board and as amended from time to time by the Board. Changes in the terms and conditions for Associate Membership by the Board will not constitute an amendment of this Agreement.

**5. Term and Termination of Powers**

This Agreement shall become effective from the date hereof until the earlier of the time when all Bonds and any interest thereon shall have been paid in full, or provision for such payment shall have been made, or when the Authority shall no longer own or hold any interest in a public capital improvement or program. The Authority shall continue to exercise the powers herein conferred upon it until termination of this Agreement, except that if any Bonds are issued and delivered, in no event shall the exercise of the powers herein granted be terminated until all Bonds so issued and delivered and the interest thereon shall have been paid or provision for such payment shall have been made and any other debt incurred with respect to any other financing program established or administered by the Authority has been repaid in full and is no longer outstanding.

**6. Powers; Restriction upon Exercise**

a. To effectuate its purpose, the Authority shall have the power to exercise any and all powers of the Members or of a joint powers authority under the Act and other applicable provisions of law, subject, however, to the conditions and restrictions herein contained. Each Member or Associate Member may also separately exercise any and all such powers. The powers of the Authority are limited to those of a general law county.

b. The Authority may adopt, from time to time, such resolutions, guidelines, rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the activities of the Authority as it deems necessary or desirable to accomplish its purpose.

c. The Authority shall have the power to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement and rehabilitation of real property, including the power to purchase, with the amounts received or to be received by it pursuant to a bond purchase agreement, bonds issued by any of its Members or Associate Members and other local agencies at public or negotiated sale, for the purpose set forth herein and in accordance with the Act. All or any part of such bonds so purchased may be held by the Authority or resold to public or private purchasers at public or negotiated sale. The Authority shall set any other terms and conditions of any purchase or sale contemplated herein as it deems necessary or convenient and in furtherance of the Act. The Authority may issue or cause to be issued Bonds or other indebtedness, and pledge any of its property or revenues as security to the extent permitted by resolution of the Board under any applicable provision of law. The Authority may issue Bonds in accordance with the Act in order to raise funds necessary to effectuate its purpose hereunder and may enter into agreements to secure such Bonds. The Authority may issue other forms of indebtedness authorized by the Act, and to secure such debt, to further such purpose. The Authority may utilize other forms of capital, including, but not limited to, the Authority's internal resources, capital markets and other forms of private capital investment authorized by the Act..

d. The Authority is hereby authorized to do all acts necessary for the exercise of its powers, including, but not limited to:

- (1) executing contracts,
- (2) employing agents, consultants and employees,
- (3) acquiring, constructing or providing for maintenance and operation of any building, work or improvement,
- (4) acquiring, holding or disposing of real or personal property wherever located, including property subject to mortgage,
- (5) incurring debts, liabilities or obligations,
- (6) receiving gifts, contributions and donations of property, funds, services and any other forms of assistance from persons, firms, corporations or governmental entities,
- (7) suing and being sued in its own name, and litigating or settling any suits or claims,
- (8) doing any and all things necessary or convenient to the exercise of its specific powers and to accomplishing its purpose
- (9) establishing and/or administering districts to finance and refinance the acquisition, installation and improvement of energy efficiency, water

conservation and renewable energy improvements to or on real property and in buildings. The Authority may enter into one or more agreements, including without limitation, participation agreements and implementation agreements to implement such programs.

e. Subject to the applicable provisions of any indenture or resolution providing for the investment of monies held thereunder, the Authority shall have the power to invest any of its funds as the Board deems advisable, in the same manner and upon the same conditions as local agencies pursuant to Section 53601 of the Government Code of the State of California.

f. All property, equipment, supplies, funds and records of the Authority shall be owned by the Authority, except as may be provided otherwise herein or by resolution of the Board.

g. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6508.1 of the Act, the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Authority shall not be debts, liabilities and obligations of the Members or Associate Members. Any Bonds, together with any interest and premium thereon, shall not constitute debts, liabilities or obligations of any Member. The Members or Associate Members hereby agree that any such Bonds issued by the Authority shall not constitute general obligations of the Authority but shall be payable solely from the moneys pledged to the repayment of principal or interest on such Bonds under the terms of the resolution, indenture, trust, agreement or other instrument pursuant to which such Bonds are issued. Neither the Members or Associate Members nor the Authority shall be obligated to pay the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, or other costs incidental thereto, except from the revenues and funds pledged therefor, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Members or Associate Members or the Authority shall be pledged to the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, nor shall the Members or Associate Members of the Authority be obligated in any manner to make any appropriation for such payment. No covenant or agreement contained in any Bond shall be deemed to be a covenant or agreement of any Delegate, or any officer, agent or employee of the Authority in an individual capacity, and neither the Board nor any officer thereof executing the Bonds or any document related thereto shall be liable personally on any Bond or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of any Bonds.

## **7. Governing Board**

a. The Board shall consist of the number of Delegates equal to one representative from each Member.

b. The governing body of each Member shall appoint one of its Supervisors to serve as a Delegate on the Board. A Member's appointment of its Delegate shall be delivered in writing (which may be by electronic mail) to the Authority and shall be effective until he or she is replaced by such governing body or no longer a Supervisor; any vacancy shall be filled by the governing body of the Member in the same manner provided in this paragraph b..

c. The governing body of each Member of the Board shall appoint a Supervisor as an alternate to serve on the Board in the absence of the Delegate; the alternate may exercise all the

rights and privileges of the Delegate, including the right to be counted in constituting a quorum, to participate in the proceedings of the Board, and to vote upon any and all matters. No alternate may have more than one vote at any meeting of the Board, and any Member's designation of an alternate shall be delivered in writing (which may be by electronic mail) to the Authority and shall be effective until such alternate is replaced by his or her governing body or is no longer a Supervisor, unless otherwise specified in such appointment. Any vacancy shall be filled by the governing body of the Member in the same manner provided in this paragraph c..

d. Any person who is not a member of the governing body of a Member and who attends a meeting on behalf of such Member may not vote or be counted toward a quorum but may, at the discretion of the Chair, participate in open meetings he or she attends.

e. Each Associate Member may designate a non-voting representative to the Board who may not be counted toward a quorum but who may attend open meetings, propose agenda items and otherwise participate in Board Meetings.

f. Delegates shall not receive compensation for serving as Delegates, but may claim and receive reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in connection with such service pursuant to rules approved by the Board and subject to the availability of funds.

g. The Board shall have the power, by resolution, to the extent permitted by the Act or any other applicable law, to exercise any powers of the Authority and to delegate any of its functions to the Executive Committee or one or more Delegates, officers or agents of the Authority, and to cause any authorized Delegate, officer or agent to take any actions and execute any documents for and in the name and on behalf of the Board or the Authority.

h. The Board may establish such committees as it deems necessary for any lawful purpose; such committees are advisory only and may not act or purport to act on behalf of the Board or the Authority.

i. The Board shall develop, or cause to be developed, and review, modify as necessary, and adopt each Program.

## **8. Meetings of the Board**

a. The Board shall meet at least once annually, but may meet more frequently upon call of any officer or as provided by resolution of the Board.

b. Meetings of the Board shall be called, noticed, held and conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part I of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California.

c. The Secretary of the Authority shall cause minutes of all meetings of the Board to be taken and distributed to each Member as soon as possible after each meeting.

d. The lesser of twelve (12) Delegates or a majority of the number of current Delegates shall constitute a quorum for transacting business at any meeting of the Board, except

that less than a quorum may act to adjourn a meeting. Each Delegate shall have one vote.

c. Meetings may be held at any location designated in notice properly given for a meeting and may be conducted by telephonic or similar means in any manner otherwise allowed by law.

## 9. Officers; Duties; Official Bonds

a. The Board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among the Delegates at the Board's annual meeting who shall serve a term of one (1) year or until their respective successor is elected. The chair shall conduct the meetings of the Board and perform such other duties as may be specified by resolution of the Board. The vice chair shall perform such duties in the absence or in the event of the unavailability of the chair.

b. The Board shall contract annually with RCRC to administer the Agreement and to provide administrative services to the Authority, and the President and Chief Executive Officer of RCRC shall serve *ex officio* as Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor of the Authority. As chief executive of the Authority, the Executive Director is authorized to execute contracts and other obligations of the Authority, unless prior Board approval is required by a third party, by law or by Board specification, and to perform other duties specified by the Board. The Executive Director may appoint such other officers as may be required for the orderly conduct of the Authority's business and affairs who shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Director. Subject to the applicable provisions of any indenture or resolution providing for a trustee or other fiscal agent, the Executive Director, as Treasurer, is designated as the custodian of the Authority's funds, from whatever source, and, as such, shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities specified in Section 6505.5 of the Act. The Executive Director, as Auditor, shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities specified in Section 6505.5 of the Act.

c. The Legislative Advocate for the Authority shall be the Rural County Representatives of California.

d. The Treasurer and Auditor are public officers who have charge of, handle, or have access to all property of the Authority, and a bond for such officer in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be obtained at the expense of the Authority and filed with the Executive Director. Such bond may secure the faithful performance of such officer's duties with respect to another public office if such bond in at least the same amount specifically mentions the office of the Authority as required herein. The Treasurer and Auditor shall cause periodic independent audits to be made of the Authority's books by a certified public accountant, or public accountant, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Act.

e. The business of the Authority shall be conducted under the supervision of the Executive Director by RCRC personnel.

## 10. Executive Committee of the Authority

a. Composition

The Authority shall appoint nine (9) members of its Board to serve on an Executive Committee.

b. Powers and Limitations

The Executive Committee shall act in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to the Authority Board. Duties will include, but not be limited to, review of the quarterly and annual budgets, service as the Audit Committee for the Authority, periodically review this Agreement; and complete any other tasks as may be assigned by the Board. The Executive Committee shall be subject to all limitations imposed by this Agreement, other applicable law, and resolutions of the Board.

c. Quorum

A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for transacting business of the Executive Committee.

**11. Disposition of Assets**

Upon termination of this Agreement, all remaining assets and liabilities of the Authority shall be distributed to the respective Members in such manner as shall be determined by the Board and in accordance with the law.

**12. Agreement Not Exclusive; Operation in Jurisdiction of Member**

This Agreement shall not be exclusive, and each Member expressly reserves its rights to carry out other public capital improvements and programs as provided for by law and to issue other obligations for those purposes. This Agreement shall not be deemed to amend or alter the terms of other agreements among the Members or Associate Members.

**13. Conflict of Interest Code**

The Authority shall by resolution adopt a Conflict of Interest Code as required by law.

**14. Contributions and Advances**

Contributions or advances of public funds and of personnel, equipment or property may be made to the Authority by any Member, Associate Member or any other public agency to further the purpose of this Agreement. Payment of public funds may be made to defray the cost of any contribution. Any advance may be made subject to repayment, and in that case shall be repaid in the manner agreed upon by the advancing Member, Associate Member or other public agency and the Authority at the time of making the advance.

**15. Fiscal Year; Accounts; Reports; Annual Budget; Administrative Expenses**

a. The fiscal year of the Authority shall be the period from January 1 of each year to and including the following December 31, except for any partial fiscal year resulting from a change

in accounting based on a different fiscal year previously.

b. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a budget for the succeeding fiscal year.

c. The Authority shall establish and maintain such funds and accounts as may be required by generally accepted accounting principles. The books and records of the Authority are public records and shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by each Member and its representatives.

d. The Auditor shall either make, or contract with a certified public accountant or public accountant to make, an annual audit of the accounts and records of the Authority. The minimum requirements of the audit shall be those prescribed by the State Controller for special districts under Section 26909 of the Government Code of the State of California, and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards. When an audit of accounts and records is made by a certified public accountant or public accountant, a report thereof shall be filed as a public record with each Member (and also with the auditor of Sacramento County as the county in which the Authority's office is located) within 12 months after the end of the fiscal year.

e. In any year in which the annual budget of the Authority does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), the Board may, upon unanimous approval of the Board, replace the annual audit with an ensuing one-year period, but in no event for a period longer than two fiscal years.

#### **16. Duties of Members or Associate Members; Breach**

If any Member or Associate Member shall default in performing any covenant contained herein, such default shall not excuse that Member or Associate Member from fulfilling its other obligations hereunder, and such defaulting Member or Associate Member shall remain liable for the performance of all covenants hereof. Each Member or Associate Member hereby declares that this Agreement is entered into for the benefit of the Authority created hereby, and each Member or Associate Member hereby grants to the Authority the right to enforce, by whatever lawful means the Authority deems appropriate, all of the obligations of each of the parties hereunder. Each and all of the remedies given to the Authority hereunder or by any law now or hereafter enacted are cumulative, and the exercise of one right or remedy shall not impair the right of the Authority to any or all other remedies.

#### **17. Indemnification**

To the full extent permitted by law, the Board may authorize indemnification by the Authority of any person who is or was a Board Delegate, alternate, officer, consultant, employee or other agent of the Authority, and who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was such a Delegate, alternate, officer, consultant, employee or other agent of the Authority. Such indemnification may be made against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Authority and, in the case of a criminal

proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful and, in the case of an action by or in the right of the Authority, acted with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

#### **18. Immunities**

All of the privileges and immunities from liabilities, exemptions from law, ordinances and rules, all pension, relief, disability, workers' compensation and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents or employees of any of the Members or Associate Members when performing their respective functions, shall apply to them to the same degree and extent while engaged as Delegates or otherwise as an officer, agent or other representative of the Authority or while engaged in the performance of any of their functions or duties under the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **19. Amendment**

This Agreement may be amended by the adoption of the amendment by the governing bodies of a majority of the Members. The amendment shall become effective on the first day of the month following the last required member agency approval. An amendment may be initiated by the Board, upon approval by a majority of the Board. Any proposed amendment, including the text of the proposed change, shall be given by the Board to each Member's Delegate for presentation and action by each Member's board within 60 days, which time may be extended by the Board.

The list of Members, Attachment 1, may be updated to reflect new and/or withdrawn Members without requiring formal amendment of the Agreement by the Authority Board of Directors.

#### **20. Withdrawal of Member or Associate Member**

If a Member withdraws as member of RCRC, its membership in the Authority shall automatically terminate. A Member or Associate Member may withdraw from this Agreement upon written notice to the Board; provided however, that no such withdrawal shall result in the dissolution of the Authority as long as any Bonds or other obligations of the Authority remain outstanding. Any such withdrawal shall become effective thirty (30) days after a resolution adopted by the Member's governing body which authorizes withdrawal is received by the Authority. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any termination of membership or withdrawal from the Authority shall not operate to relieve any terminated or withdrawing Member or Associate Member from Obligations incurred by such terminated or withdrawing Member or Associate Member prior to the time of its termination or withdrawal.

#### **20. Miscellaneous**

a. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

b. **Construction.** The section headings herein are for convenience only and are not to

be construed as modifying or governing the language in the section referred to.

c. **Approvals.** Wherever in this Agreement any consent or approval is required, the same shall not be unreasonably withheld.

d. **Jurisdiction; Venue.** This Agreement is made in the State of California, under the Constitution and laws of such State and is to be so construed; any action to enforce or interpret its terms shall be brought in Sacramento County, California.

e. **Integration.** This Agreement is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement among the parties hereto, and it supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, and other agreements, whether oral, written, or implied in conduct, between and among the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

f. **Successors; Assignment.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors of the parties hereto. Except to the extent expressly provided herein, no Member may assign any right or obligation hereunder without the consent of the Board.

g. **Severability.** Should any part, term or provision of this Agreement be decided by the courts to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of California, or otherwise be rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining parts, terms or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

The parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and attested by their properly authorized officers.

AS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS:

Originally dated July 1, 1993  
Amended and restated December 10, 1998  
Amended and restated February 18, 1999  
Amended and restated September 18, 2002  
Amended and restated January 28, 2004  
Amended and restated December 10, 2014

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

NAME OF COUNTY OR CITY:

\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
[Clerk of the Board Supervisors or City Clerk]

**AFTER EXECUTION, PLEASE SEND TO:**

Golden State Finance Authority  
(formerly California Home Finance Authority)  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

As of December 10, 2014

Alpine County  
Amador County  
Butte County  
Calaveras County  
Colusa County  
Del Norte County  
El Dorado County  
Glenn County  
Humboldt County  
Imperial County  
Inyo County  
Lake County  
Lassen County  
Madera County  
Mariposa County  
Mendocino County  
Merced County  
Modoc County  
Mono County  
Napa County  
Nevada County  
Placer County  
Plumas County  
San Benito County  
Shasta County  
Sierra County  
Siskiyou County  
Sutter County  
Tehama County  
Trinity County  
Tuolumne County  
Yolo County  
Yuba County

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION IN THE CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY, PROGRAM TO FINANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROVING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AUTHORITY RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, the California Home Finance Authority ("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 July 1, 1993, as amended from time to time (the "Authority JPA"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is in the process of amending the Authority JPA to formally change its name to the Golden State Finance Authority; and

WHEREAS, Authority has established a property-assessed clean energy ("PACE") Program (the "Authority PACE Program") to provide for the financing of renewable energy generation, 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 Placerville (the "City") is committed to development of renewable energy generation and energy and water efficiency improvements, reduction of greenhouse gases, and protection of the environment; 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 Authority PACE 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 in doing so cooperate with Authority in order to efficiently and economically assist property owners within the City in financing such Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Authority has established the Authority PACE Program, which is such a voluntary contractual assessment program, as permitted by the Act, the Authority JPA, originally made and entered into July 1, 1993, as amended to date, and the City, desires to become an Associate Member of the JPA by execution of the JPA Agreement, a copy of which is attached

as Exhibit "A" hereto, to participate in the programs of the JPA and to assist property owners within the jurisdiction 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 Authority PACE 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 Authority PACE Program to finance the installation of the Improvements.

2. This City Council consents to inclusion in the Authority PACE Program of all of the properties in the jurisdictional boundaries of 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 Authority PACE 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 such contractual assessments.

4. This City Council hereby approves joining the JPA as an Associate Member and authorizes the execution by the City Manager of any necessary documents to effectuate such membership.

5. City staff is authorized and directed to coordinate with Authority staff to facilitate operation of the Authority PACE 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.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on May 26, 2015, by \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. A poll vote was taken which stood as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Patricia Borelli

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Zito, MMC, City Clerk