



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

August 26, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00754

RE: Consider recommendations regarding Solar Services Agreements for Northern Branch Jail and Foster Road Campus, as follows:

- a) Find, in accordance with Government Code Section 4217.12, that the anticipated cost to the County for electricity provided by the Solar Services Agreement will be less than the anticipated marginal cost to the County of electrical or other energy that would have been consumed in the absence of the Contract, and that the terms of the Solar Services Agreement are in the best interests of the County;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Solar Services Agreement with SBC Northern Jail Renewable Energy, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Solaris Energy, Inc.) to finance, design, construct, and maintain solar photovoltaic systems for the Northern Branch Jail, located at 2301 Black Road Santa Maria, CA 93455 (APN 113-210-024);
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Solar Services Agreement which includes a License to utilize the parking lots, with SBC Foster Rd Campus Renewable Energy, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Solaris Energy, Inc.) to finance, design, construct, and maintain solar photovoltaic systems for the Foster Road Campus, located at 812 W. Foster Road Santa Maria, CA 93455 (APN 111-231-004);
- d) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Lease Agreement with SBC Northern Jail Renewable Energy, LLC for a term of 20-years, with four five-year options to extend, allowing them access over the Northern Branch Jail solar site to install and site solar equipment in accordance with the Solar Services Agreement;
- e) Approve and authorize the Director of General Services or designee to execute a Memorandum of Lease with SBC Northern Jail Renewable Energy, LLC in a form substantially similar to that included as Exhibit A to the Solar Services Agreement, subject to review and approval of County Counsel;
- f) Approve and authorize the Director of General Services or designee to execute a Memorandum of License with SBC Foster Road Renewable Energy, LLC in a form substantially similar to that included as Exhibit A to the Solar Services Agreement, subject to review and approval of County Counsel; and
- g) Determine that the renewable energy project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

August 26, 2025

Section 21080.35 (installing solar systems on existing roofs and existing parking lots), and it is further categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA per sections 15301 (minor alterations to existing facilities) and 15303 (limited construction of small facilities) and 15304 (minor alterations of land) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and that the recommended actions are within the scope of that Notice of Exemption.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Approved;**
- b) through d) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;**
- e) and f) Approved and authorized; and**
- g) Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino