



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

LOAN REQUEST FORM (LRF)

CEC-271 (Revised 12/2019)

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

A) New Agreement # 003-20-ECG (to be completed by CGL office)

B) Division	Agreement Manager:	MS-	Phone
500 Renewable Energy Division	Nelson Peña	45	916-654-4860

C) Recipient's Legal Name	Federal ID #
Buttonwillow Union Elementary School District	95-6000425

D) Title of Project
Installation of a ground-mounted solar PV array system at Buttonwillow Union Elementary School.

E) Term and Amount

Start Date	End Date	Amount
1 / 26 / 2021	07 / 30 / 2022	\$ 792,352

F) Business Meeting Information

☐ ARFVTP agreements \$75K and under delegated to Executive Director

Proposed Business Meeting Date 1 / 25 / 2021 ☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

Business Meeting Presenter Camille Remy-Obad Time Needed: 5 minutes

Please select one list serve. Financing (Energy Efficiency Financing)

Agenda Item Subject and Description:

Proposed resolution approving Agreement 003-20-ECG with the Buttonwillow Union Elementary School District for a \$792,352 zero percent interest loan to install a 132.0 kW ground-mounted solar photovoltaic shade structure at the Buttonwillow Elementary School, and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from CEQA. The proposed project is estimated to generate 275,373 kWh of electricity, resulting in an annual energy cost savings of \$60,693.(ECAA-Ed Program Funding). Contact: Nelson Peña. (Staff presentation: 5 minutes)

G) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

1. Is Agreement considered a "Project" under CEQA?

☒ Yes (skip to question 2) ☐ No (complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378)):

Explain why Agreement is not considered a "Project":

Agreement will not cause direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because .

2. If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA:

a) ☒ Agreement **IS** exempt.

☐ Statutory Exemption. List PRC and/or CCR section number:

☒ Categorical Exemption. List CCR section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15301, 15303, 15311

☐ Common Sense Exemption. 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3) Explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section: This project will install a 132 kW ground-mounted shade structure solar photovoltaic ("PV") system along with associated electrical conduits and controls at a school site in Buttonwillow, CA. The solar PV system will be located appurtenant to, and provide power to, the school. The location where the solar PV array will be installed is on previously

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disturbed playground field. The location will be cleared and lightly graded. No significant volumes of soil will be removed or added. The project will require some minor trenching and lateral boring to accommodate an approximate 500 ft. conduit run to connect the PV array to the utility meter at the site.

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301 as minor alterations to an existing facility that involves no expansion of an existing or former use at the site. The project is also categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15303 as the construction and location of a new, small structure. The project is also categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15311 as the construction of minor structures appurtenant to existing facilities. The project does not involve any unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to any scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway, none of the installation sites are included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project and the project, when considered as a whole, will not result in a cumulative impact that is significant on the environment.

- b) ☐ Agreement **IS NOT** exempt. (consult with the legal office to determine next steps)

Check all that apply

- ☐ Initial Study
☐ Negative Declaration
☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration
☐ Environmental Impact Report
☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations

H) List all subcontractors (major and minor) and equipment vendors: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Legal Company Name:	Budget
SitelogiQ	\$ 792,352.00
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00

I) List all key partners: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Legal Company Name:

J) Budget Information



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Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List Number	Amount
ECAA-Ed	2020/2021	401.039SB	\$792,352
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$

R&D Program Area: Select Program Area TOTAL: \$

Explanation for "Other" selection

Reimbursement Contract #:

Federal Agreement #:

K) Recipient's Contact Information**1. Recipient's Administrator/Officer**

Name: Stuart Packard, Superintendent

Address: 42600 Highway 58

City, State, Zip: Buttonwillow, CA
93206

Phone: (661) 764-5248

E-Mail:

spackard@buttonwillowschool.com

2. Recipient's Project Manager

Name: Stuart Packard, Superintendent

Address: 42600 Highway 58

City, State, Zip: Buttonwillow, CA
93206

Phone: (661) 764-5248

E-Mail:

spackard@buttonwillowschool.com

L) Miscellaneous Agreement Information

- ☒ Annual Energy Savings 275,373 kWhs and \$60,693
- ☐ Number of Repay Periods Leave blank if repay is based on energy savings

M) Selection Process Used

- ☒ Competitive Solicitation Solicitation #: PON-19-101
- ☐ First Come First Served Solicitation Solicitation #: - -

N) The following items should be attached to this LRF

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|---|--|
| 1. Loan Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 2. Budget Detail | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 3. CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 4. Recipient Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 5. CEQA Documentation | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Agreement Manager_____
Date_____
Office Manager_____
Date_____
Deputy Director_____
Date

EXHIBIT A

ENERGY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE ACT LOAN AGREEMENT

This Loan Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into as of the date it is executed by both parties hereto, between the California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (the "Energy Commission") and the Buttonwillow Union Elementary School District (the "Borrower") located in Buttonwillow, CA.

1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND LOAN

- A. Pursuant to the purposes authorized by section 25410, et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (the "Energy Conservation Assistance Act"), the Energy Commission has approved the Borrower's loan application dated August 26, 2020 which is not attached but is expressly incorporated by reference herein.
- B. Subject to the terms, covenants, conditions, and including Special Conditions (if applicable) contained herein, and the Budget Detail/Summary of Project Cost and Savings attached as Exhibit A, Attachment 1 hereto to the extent it modifies the Borrower's loan application, the Energy Commission shall make a loan to the Borrower (the "Loan") in the amount of seven hundred ninety-two thousand and three hundred fifty-two dollars (\$792,352) evidenced by a Promissory Note (the "Promissory Note") for loan number 003-20-ECG attached hereto as Exhibit B.

2. PURPOSE

The Borrower agrees to expend all funds disbursed pursuant to this Agreement only for the purposes and in the amounts set forth in Exhibit A, Attachment 1 (the "Project"). Any other use of funds disbursed hereunder shall require prior written approval by the Energy Commission.

3. LOAN DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE

- A. The Energy Commission agrees to disburse funds to the Borrower upon the Borrower's execution of the attached Promissory Note and required supplemental documents, including invoices as required in Section 3.B below.
- B. Loan funds shall be disbursed on a reimbursement basis based on invoices submitted by Borrower in a form approved by the Energy Commission. Backup documentation for actual expenditures (such as timecards, vendor invoices, etc) and proof of payment must be provided to substantiate the request. Energy Commission staff will approve invoices only after verifying

requested amounts against backup billings and determining that expenses are appropriate and used for the authorized purposes of this Loan. For executed Agreements, invoices for expenses incurred during the Agreement Term are eligible for reimbursement.

- C. All invoices must be submitted within sixty (60) days after Project completion.
- D. The final ten percent (10%) of the Loan amount will be withheld as retention until the final report is received from the Borrower and the Commission's Project Manager determines the Project has been satisfactorily completed.

4. LOAN REPAYMENT AND INTEREST

All funds disbursed hereunder, together with all interest payable thereon, shall be repaid to the Energy Commission in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note. The Loan shall bear simple interest at the annual rate set forth in the attached Promissory Note on the principal balance of Loan funds disbursed to the Borrower. Payment of said interest shall be due at the time of semiannual scheduled Loan repayment installments to the Energy Commission, and interest shall accrue from the time of disbursement of funds to the Borrower until receipt of full Loan repayment to the Energy Commission.

5. TERM

- A. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date on which it has been executed by both parties hereto. No work is authorized, or shall begin until the Energy Commission signs the Agreement.
- B. The Borrower agrees to complete performance of its obligations under this Agreement within the applicable periods stated in this Agreement.

6. PREPAYMENT

The Borrower shall have the right to prepay all or any part of the amount of this Loan at any time without penalty.

7. PROMISSORY NOTE

In order to evidence its debt to the Energy Commission hereunder, the Borrower agrees to, contemporaneously with the execution of this Agreement, execute and deliver to the Energy Commission the Promissory Note (attached as Exhibit B hereto).

8. ACCOUNTS, AUDITS, AND RECORDS

- A. The Borrower agrees to establish on its books a separate account for this Loan. This account shall be maintained as long as the Loan obligation remains unsatisfied.
- B. The Borrower further agrees to maintain records that accurately and fully show the date, amount, purpose, and payee of all expenditures drawn on said account for three (3) years after this Loan is repaid in full unless the Energy Commission requests a longer retention period.
- C. The Borrower further agrees to utilize a voucher system by which all expenditures from said account will be authorized and authenticated.
- D. The Borrower further agrees to allow the Energy Commission or any other agency of the State of California (the "State") or their designated representatives, on written request, to have reasonable access to, and the right of inspection of, all records that pertain to said account or the Project. The Borrower also agrees to submit to an independent audit, if requested by the Energy Commission, at the expense of the Borrower. Borrower agrees to maintain all such records for a minimum of three years after this Loan is repaid in full unless the Energy Commission notifies the Borrower, prior to the expiration of such three-year period, that a longer period of record retention is necessary.

9. SOURCE OF REPAYMENT; OPERATION OF PROJECT

- A. Semiannual payments due to the Energy Commission under this Agreement shall be made from savings in energy costs or other legally available funds as the Borrower chooses. If the Borrower is a county, city, town, township, board of education, or school district, the Borrower agrees that the amount of the semiannual Loan repayment shall not be raised by the levy of additional taxes and shall not be an obligation against tax revenues, but shall be obtained either from savings in energy costs resulting from the subject energy conservation projects or other legally available funds as the Borrower chooses.
- B. Energy cost savings as determined by the Energy Commission are based on energy usage and serving utility rate schedules at the time the Loan application is submitted, except as specified in Special Conditions, if any, as detailed in this Agreement, and the information and data contained in the Borrower's loan application and technical study. The following will not affect the Energy Commission's initial finding of energy cost savings, and are not a basis for claiming a lack of energy savings: a) changes in energy use and/or rate schedules which occur after submittal of the Loan application,

except as specified in Special Conditions, if any, as detailed in this Agreement, b) deviations in the Project work scope from what was approved by the Energy Commission, c) changes in the Borrower's facility and/or equipment which occur after submittal of the Loan application, including, but not limited to maintenance, operations, schedules, employees and facility alterations and expansions, d) deviations, omissions or errors found in the loan application and technical study after submittal of the Loan application. The Borrower is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information contained in its loan application and technical study. In the event annual energy cost savings resulting from the Project, as determined by the Energy Commission, fail to equal or exceed the amount due under this Agreement, this Agreement may be renegotiated to assure that the repayment amount does not exceed the actual energy savings or avoided costs resulting from the Project, and the Promissory Note will be revised accordingly. In no event, however, will the number of semiannual installments payable hereunder and under the Promissory Note exceed forty.

- C. The Borrower shall obtain and maintain in its records any and all permits and licenses required to install or operate the Project and shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws, rules and codes concerning the Project. The Borrower shall maintain the Project in good working order for the duration of the Loan and shall insure that staff members are provided appropriate training on the operation and maintenance of the Project. The Borrower shall maintain insurance on the Project and, in the event of any casualty loss covered by such insurance policy, apply the proceeds to the repair of the Project or, with the approval of the Energy Commission, may use the insurance proceeds to install alternate projects to generate alternative energy cost savings to repay the Loan.
- D. The Borrower agrees to provide the Energy Commission with the following information for three years following completion of the Project, unless the Energy Commission requests a longer period: (1) the annual computation, required by Section 25414 of the Energy Conservation Assistance Act, of energy cost savings for the most recent fiscal year, calculated in the manner and provided in the format prescribed by the Energy Commission; and (2) any information or change in assumptions or operations which might affect the Energy Commission's initial determination of energy savings.
- E. The Borrower authorizes any official or agent of the Energy Commission or the State to conduct physical inspections of the Project before the commencement; during construction, installation and implementation of the Project; and at any time prior to the complete repayment of the Loan. In each contract entered into with suppliers of goods and services to install, conduct, or operate the Project, including management services, the Borrower shall include terms which allow any officer or agent of the Energy

Commission or the State access to the Project site and to any books, documents, or records directly relevant to the Project.

- F. If, prior to final repayment of the Loan, the Borrower sells the equipment or material installed with the proceeds of the Loan or sells the building, facility or system in which the Project has been implemented, then the Borrower shall apply the sale proceeds to repay any remaining balance due under this Agreement in full at the time of such sale. The Borrower shall notify the Energy Commission within five business days of the date on which the Borrower enters into an agreement to effect such transaction. The Borrower shall repay the Energy Commission within 30 calendar days of receiving an invoice from the Energy Commission for the balance due.
- G. In accordance with Section 25415 of the Energy Conservation Assistance Act, the Borrower covenants to take such action as may be necessary to include all payments due hereunder in its annual budget and to make the necessary annual appropriations for all such payments. The obligation of the Borrower to make such payments shall be limited to the savings realized by the Borrower as a result of implementing the Project funded by the Loan.

10. **DEFAULT**

- A. The Borrower's failure to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and an event of default. In such case, the Energy Commission may declare this Agreement to have been breached and be released from any further performance hereunder.
- B. In the event of any default or breach of this Agreement by the Borrower, the Energy Commission, without limiting any of its other legal rights or remedies, may, to the extent permitted by law, declare the Promissory Note evidencing this Loan to be immediately due and payable.

11. **TERMINATION**

- A. With Cause

The Energy Commission may, at its option, terminate this Agreement with cause in whole or in part, at any time prior to the funding of the Loan, upon giving five (5) days advance notice in writing to the Borrower. "Cause" includes without limitation:

- 1) Failure to perform or breach of any of the terms or covenants at the time and in the manner provided in this Agreement; or

- 2) Significant change in Energy Commission or State policy such that the work or product being funded would not be supported by the Energy Commission; or
- 3) Reorganization to a business entity unsatisfactory to the Energy Commission.

B. Without Cause

The Energy Commission may, at its option, terminate this Agreement without cause in whole or in part, at any time prior to the funding of the Loan, upon giving thirty (30) days advance notice in writing to the Borrower.

12. REPORTING

- A. Progress reports are due each calendar quarter until Project completion. At a minimum, Borrower shall submit progress reports in accordance with the following schedule:

PROGRESS REPORT SCHEDULE

For the Period Covering	Report Due Date
January 1 through March 31	April 5 th
April 1 through June 30	July 5 th
July 1 through September 30	October 5 th
October 1 through December 31	January 5 th

- B. A final report is due no later than (sixty) 60 days after Project completion.
- C. The Energy Commission will not process an invoice unless the Borrower's report submittals are up to date.
- D. If requested by the Energy Commission, Borrower shall submit, within ten (10) days after the Energy Commission's written request, a status report on its activities to date, pursuant to this Agreement.
- E. Reports shall be in a format as determined by the Energy Commission.
- F. The Borrower shall submit reports regarding energy savings as described in Section 9.D above.

13. GENERAL TERMS

- A. Indemnification by the Borrower. The Borrower agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Energy Commission, the State, and their officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, losses, or costs (including

reasonable attorney fees) arising out of, resulting from, or in any way connected with the Loan or this Agreement, or the financing or the operation of the facilities financed with the Loan.

- B. Ownership of Equipment and Material. All equipment and material acquired under this Agreement shall become the property of the Borrower at time of purchase. The Borrower shall obtain and maintain in its records a written waiver of all claims, other than those previously made in writing and still unsettled, from each contractor who supplies goods and services, including management services, in connection with the Project.
- C. Independent Capacity. The Borrower, and the agents and employees of the Borrower, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the Energy Commission or the State of California.
- D. Assignment. Without the written consent of the Energy Commission, this Agreement is not assignable or transferable by the Borrower either in whole or in part. The Energy Commission may assign its rights under this Agreement for security purposes, and in such event the assignee of this Loan Agreement, including the bond trustee of any bonds which may be secured by repayment of this Loan, shall be entitled to enforce the provisions hereof and shall be a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.
- E. Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence in this Agreement. Borrower is required to take timely actions which, taken collectively, move to completion of the purpose for which this Loan was awarded. The Commission Project Manager will periodically evaluate the progress toward completion. If the Commission Project Manager determines that the Borrower is not progressing toward completion within one (1) year after the effective date of this Agreement, the Commission Project Manager may, without penalty or prejudice to any of the Energy Commission's other remedies, terminate this Agreement.
- F. Amendment. No amendment or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.
- G. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement have force and effect and shall not be affected thereby.

- H. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Sacramento County.
- I. Non-discrimination. During the performance of this Agreement, the Borrower and its contractors and subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and family care leave. The Borrower and its contractors and subcontractors shall insure the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. The Borrower and its contractors and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. The Borrower and its contractors and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. The Borrower and its contractors shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.
- J. Incorporation of Energy Conservation Assistance Act. The Energy Conservation Assistance Act, together with any applicable rules, regulations or procedures authorized by such statute, is incorporated by reference in this Agreement.
- K. Borrower Authorization. The Borrower certifies it has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement, and this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Borrower. The Borrower acknowledges the resolution of its governing body or other official action authorizing it to enter into this Agreement. The Borrower also authorizes such further acts as are necessary, including execution of the Promissory Note, to implement and further the intent of this Agreement.
- L. Prevailing Wage. The Borrower shall comply with Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code relating to the payment of prevailing wage for work performed on the Project financed in whole or in part with the proceeds of the Loan.

- M. Funding Eligibility. By signing this Agreement, Borrower certifies it is eligible to receive state funding under all applicable laws, including but not limited to Chapter 2.8 "Project Labor Agreements", of Part 1, of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.

14. NOTICE

Any notice required to be given to the Energy Commission hereunder shall be sent to the person and address listed under Legal Notices in Exhibit G, Contacts, or at such other address as the Energy Commission may designate in writing to the Borrower. Any notice required to be given to the Borrower hereunder shall be sent to the address shown for Borrower in this Agreement, or at such other address as the Borrower shall designate in writing to the Energy Commission. Notice to either party may be given using the following delivery methods: U.S. mail, overnight mail, or personal delivery, providing evidence of receipt, to the respective parties identified in this Agreement. Delivery by fax or e-mail is not considered notice for the purposes of this Agreement. Notice shall be effective when received, unless a legal holiday for the State commences on the date of the attempted delivery in which case the effective date shall be postponed 24 hours, or whenever the next business day occurs.

**EXHIBIT A
ATTACHMENT 1
BUDGET DETAIL/PROJECT COST AND SAVINGS**

This Loan is made to the Buttonwillow Union Elementary School District (“Borrower”) for an energy savings Project. The Project consists of the energy efficiency measures listed in Table 1 below to be installed at Buttonwillow Union Elementary School in the city of Buttonwillow and Kern County, CA.

The Table below summarizes the estimated Project cost(s), saving(s) and simple payback(s) for the Project.

TABLE 1: Summary of Project Cost and Savings:

Energy Efficiency Measures	Estimated Total Project Cost	Energy Commission Loan	Estimated Annual Energy Cost Savings	Simple Payback* (Years)
Install a 132.0 kW solar PV system at Buttonwillow Elementary School	\$792,352	\$792,352	\$60,693	13.1
TOTALS:	\$792,352	\$792,352	\$60,693	13.1

*The simple payback is based on the Loan amount.

The Borrower shall implement each measure listed in Table 1.

If Borrower does not complete one or more of the measures or deviates from the quantities and specifications listed in Table 1, the Commission Project Manager will calculate the maximum Loan amount supported by the Project. The Loan amount will be determined by the lesser of: 1) multiplying the annual energy cost savings by 20.0 years; 2) total Project costs; or 3) approved Loan amount.

Borrower shall notify the Commission Project Manager in writing if Borrower expects any information in Table 1 to change. Energy Commission staff will advise Borrower of the procedure to approve any changes. Written documentation is required for any changes to the information included in this Attachment.

If the Borrower has received disbursements exceeding the maximum Loan amount supported by the Project, the Borrower shall refund the difference to the Energy Commission within 30 days of notification.

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STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION - RE: BUTTONWILLOW UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement 003-20-ECG with the Buttonwillow Union Elementary School District for a \$792,352 zero percent interest loan to install a 132kW ground-mounted solar photovoltaic shade structure at the Buttonwillow Elementary School. The proposed project is estimated to generate 275,373 kWh of electricity, resulting in an annual energy cost savings of \$60,693; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his/her designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on January 25, 2021.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat