



California
ENERGY COMMISSION



**California Energy Commission
August 17, 2026 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for Visalia Unified School District**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available in this PDF packet as listed below:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Loan Request Form
3. Budget Detail/Project Cost Savings

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Visalia Unified School District

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0817-XX

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 002-26-ECG with Visalia Unified School District for a \$2,377,718 zero-percent interest loan. The loan will finance LED lighting replacements at 11 school sites in Tulare County. The project is estimated to reduce 608,878 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity consumption, reduce 121 metric tons of GHG emissions, and save \$185,020 in utility costs per year; and

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

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of August 2026, by the following vote:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 approved and adopted by affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on August 17, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat



LOAN REQUEST FORM (LRF)

A. New Agreement Number

IMPORTANT: New Agreement # to be completed by Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office.

B. **New Agreement Number:** 002-26-ECG

C. Division Information

1. Division Name: Reliability, Renewable Energy and Decarbonization Incentives

A. Agreement Manager: Stephen Banister

B. MS-:45

C. Phone Number: (279) 250-8804

D. Recipient's Information

1. Recipient's Legal Name: Visalia Unified School District

2. Federal ID Number: 770531549

E. Title of Project

Title of Project: Visalia Unified School District ECAA-Ed Loan

F. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 8/18/2026

2. End Date: 12/31/2027

3. Amount: \$2,377,718

G. Business Meeting Information

1. Are the ARFVTP agreements \$75K and under delegated to Executive Director? No

2. The Proposed Business Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

3. Consent or Discussion? Consent

4. Business Meeting Presenter Name: Jonathan Fong

5. Time Needed for Business Meeting: N/A

6. The email subscription topic is: ECAA, Energy Efficiency Financing, Efficiency Topics, Decarbonization Topics

Project Description:

Visalia Unified School District: Proposed resolution approving agreement 002-26-ECG with the Visalia Unified School District for a \$2,377,718 zero-percent interest loan and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The loan will finance LED lighting replacement projects at 11 school sites in Tulare County. The project is estimated to reduce 608,878 kWh of electricity consumption, reduce 121 MT of GHG emissions, and save \$185,020 in utility costs per year. (ECAA-Ed funding) Contact: Stephen Banister

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

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

Yes

If yes, skip to question 2.

If no, complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378) and 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: If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA skip to question 2. Otherwise, provide explanation.

2. If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA answer the following questions.

a) Agreement **IS** exempt? Yes

Statutory Exemption? No

If yes, list PRC and/or CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter "None" and go to the next question.

PRC section number:

CCR section number:

Categorical Exemption? Yes

If yes, list CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter "None" and go to the next question.

CCR section number: Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §§ 15301, 15303

Common Sense Exemption? No

If yes, explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section. If no, enter "Not applicable" and go to the next section.

This project will fund a comprehensive lighting upgrade across 11 Visalia Unified School district schools. Existing interior and exterior lighting will be retrofitted with high efficiency light fixtures.

This project is therefore categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as minor alterations to existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use at the sites. The project is also exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 as the installation of small new equipment in small structures.

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not 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 categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

b) Agreement **IS NOT** exempt.

IMPORTANT: consult with the legal office to determine next steps.

Enter Yes or No

If yes, answer yes or no to all that applies. If no, list all as "no" and "None" as "yes".

Additional Documents	Applies
Initial Study	No
Negative Declaration	No



Mitigated Negative Declaration	No
Environmental Impact Report	No
Statement of Overriding Considerations	No
Notice of Exemption	No

H. Subcontractors

List all Subcontractors listed in the Budget (s) (major and minor). Insert additional rows if needed. If no subcontractors to report, enter "No subcontractors to report" and "0" to funds. **Delete** any unused rows from the table

Subcontractor Legal Company Name	Budget
SitelogIQ Inc.	\$2,377,718

I. Key Partners

List all key partner(s). Insert additional rows if needed. If no key partners to report, enter "No key partners to report." **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Key Partner Legal Company Name
No Key Partner Legal Company to report

J. Budget Information

Include all budget information. Insert additional rows if needed. If no budget information to report, enter "N/A" for "Not Applicable" and "0" to Amount. **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List Number	Amount
ECAA-Ed	2026-2027	401.039	\$2,377,718

ECAA Program Area: ECAA Education

K. Recipient's Contact Information

1. Recipient's Administrator/Officer

Name: Nathan Hernandez

Address: 5000 West Cypress Ave.

Visalia, CA 9377

Phone: 530-283-7952

E-Mail: cjohnson@pdh.org

2. Recipient's Project Manager

Name: Manuel Aguirre, SitelogIQ Inc.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Loan Request Form
CEC-271 (Revised 6/2024)

Address: 1651 Response Road, Suite 300
Phone: 916-642-6470
E-Mail: manuel.aguirre@sitelogiq.com

L. Miscellaneous Agreement Information

Annual Energy Bill Dollar Savings: \$185,020
Number of Repay Periods: Leave Blank if Repay is Based on Energy Savings:

M. Selection Process Used

There are three types of selection process. List the one used for this GRF.

Selection Process	Additional Information
Competitive Solicitation #	N/A
First Come First Served Solicitation #	PON-22-001
Other	N/A

N. Attached Items

1. List all items that should be attached to this LRF by entering “Yes” or “No”.

Item Number	Item Name	Attached
1	Loan Application	Yes
2	Budget Detail	Yes
3	CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts	Yes
4	Recipient Resolution	Yes
5	CEQA Documentation	Yes

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

This loan is made to the Visalia Unified School District (“Visalia or Borrower”) for an energy savings project. The project consists of the energy efficiency measures listed in Table 1 below to be installed at 11 different sites through the Visalia school district.

Table 1. below summarizes the estimated cost(s), saving(s), simple payback(s), and greenhouse gas emission reductions for the project.

TABLE 1: Summary of Project Cost and Savings:

Project Measure / Location	Estimated Project Cost	Energy Commission Loan	Measure Annual Cost Savings (\$)	Measure Cost Savings over EUL (\$)	Measure Payback (years)	Annual GHG Emissions Reduction (Metric Tons)
Annie Mitchell Elementary School: Lighting Retrofit	\$363,195	\$363,195	\$23,076	\$346,141	15.7	22.8
Crowley Elementary School: Lighting Retrofit	\$214,682	\$214,682	\$12,749	\$191,235	16.8	8.7
Global Learning Charter School: Lighting Retrofit	\$226,017	\$226,017	\$17,872	\$268,077	12.6	11.6
Highland Elementary School: Lighting Retrofit	\$257,689	\$257,689	\$16,173	\$242,592	15.9	10.1
Ridgeview Middle School: Lighting Retrofit	\$320,215	\$320,215	\$31,582	\$473,723	10.1	19.5
Creekside Community Day School: Lighting Retrofit	\$65,630	\$65,630	\$2,619	\$39,283	25.1	3.6
Shannon Ranch Elementary School: Lighting Retrofit	\$387,603	\$387,603	\$37,327	\$559,909	10.4	24.3

Veva Blunt Elementary School: Lighting Retrofit	\$219,715	\$219,715	\$15,452	\$231,780	9.4	9.4
Visalia Technical Early College: Lighting Retrofit	\$74,383	\$74,383	\$18,199	\$272,985	6.5	6.5
Washington Elementary School: Lighting Retrofit	\$44,551	\$44,551	\$5,547	\$83,205	2.6	2.6
Willow Glen Elementary School: Lighting Retrofit	\$204,038	\$204,038	\$4,425	\$66,375	1.8	1.8
TOTAL	\$2,377,718	\$2,377,718	\$185,020	\$2,775,306	12.9	121

*The simple payback is based on the Loan amount.

The Borrower shall implement each measure listed in Table

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.