

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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### RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4217.12 AND AUTHORIZING A SOLAR ENERGY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND FFP BTM SOLAR, LLC FOR DESIGN, INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM ON THE CORDILLERAS HEALTH CAMPUS SITE

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo (County) is committed to the adoption and implementation of energy conservation measures defined in Government Code Section 4217.11 at County facilities including clean and efficient energy system such as photovoltaic systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 4217.12 (a) authorizes a public agency to enter into an energy services contract if the determination is made at a regularly scheduled public hearing, public notice of which is given at least two weeks in advance, that the anticipated cost to the public agency for thermal or electrical energy or conservation services provided by the energy conservation facility under the contract will be less than the anticipated marginal cost to the public agency of thermal, electrical, or other energy that would have been consumed by the public agency in the absence of those purchases; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2020, the County, through the Project Development Unit (PDU), issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) for the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of solar photovoltaic systems (Energy Conservation Measures); and

**WHEREAS**, the County received and evaluated proposals and selected FFP BTM Solar, LLC (Forefront) as the best value provider; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the analysis provided by County staff and its consultants, the cost to the County for Forefront to design, install, construct, and maintain the Energy Conservation Measures will be less than the anticipated marginal

cost to the County of thermal, electric, or other energy that would have been consumed by the County in the absence of the Energy Conservation Measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cordilleras project is subject to a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and the agreement with Forefront requires compliance with the PLA; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is a public agency and the Board its governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, on this date, pursuant to Government Code section 4217.10 *et seq.*, this Governing Board held a public hearing with respect to the County entering into an agreement with Forefront and the determination of this Resolution is based on the information and findings from that hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the draft form of Power Purchase Agreement, which includes a performance guarantee from Forefront, is attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein and the final form of agreement will be substantially similar to the attached draft after PDU finalizes any remaining details; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to retain Forefront to provide, install, and construct the Energy Conservation Measures pursuant to the terms and conditions of the draft PPA as attached as Attachment A; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Cordilleras Health Campus and the Director of the Project Development Unit has reviewed the Energy Conservation Measures and determined that they are also each independently categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board makes the following findings:

1. That County held a public hearing at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.
2. Based upon reports of staff, reviewed by this Board in connection herewith, and pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.12, this Board finds the anticipated cost to the County for Energy Conservation Measures provided pursuant to the terms of the draft PPA attached as Attachment A will be less than the anticipated marginal costs to the County of thermal, electrical or

other energy that would have been consumed by the County in the absence of such purchase.

3. It is in the best interests of the County to enter into a PPA in form substantially similar to the draft set forth in Attachment A, subject to revisions approved by staff and counsel consistent with the intents and interests of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

1. The President of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the PPA with Forefront, subject to revisions approved by staff and legal counsel consistent with the intents and interests approved in this Resolution, and the Clerk of this Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.
2. The Director of the Project Development Unit or designee is authorized to take such actions as are necessary, including the execution of any additional agreements to carry out the intent of these resolutions and to execute amendments to the PPA which modify the contract terms and/or services.
3. The Director of the Project Development Unit is authorized, should the Director determine it necessary or convenient, to file a Notice of Exemption from CEQA.

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