

EXHIBIT A

CEDA Resolution of Intention

**RESOLUTION CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY DECLARING INTENTION TO FINANCE INSTALLATION  
OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES,  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS  
IN THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, the California Enterprise Development Authority (“CEDA”) is a joint powers authority authorized and existing pursuant to Joint Powers Act (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.) and that certain Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (the “Agreement”) dated as of June 1, 2006, by and among the cities of Eureka, Lancaster and Selma; and

**WHEREAS**, CEDA is authorized under the Agreement, Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California and Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California (“Chapter 29”) to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements that are permanently fixed to real property (“Authorized Improvements”); and

**WHEREAS**, CEDA has obtained authorization from the County \_\_\_\_\_ (the “County”) to enter into contractual assessments for the financing of the installation of Authorized Improvements in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, CEDA desires to declare its intention to establish a Figtree PACE program (“Figtree PACE”) in the County, pursuant to which CEDA, subject to certain conditions set forth herein, would enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines the following:

- (a) The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- (b) Energy and water conservation efforts, including the promotion of Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of global climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the County.
- (c) The upfront cost of making residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property more energy and water efficient, along with the fact that most commercial loans for that purpose are due on the sale of the property, prevents many property owners from installing Authorized Improvements.

- (d) A public purpose will be served by establishing a contractual assessment program, to be known as Figtree PACE, pursuant to which CEDA will finance the installation of Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property in the County.

**Section 2. Determination of Public Interest.** The Board of Directors hereby determines that (a) it would be convenient, advantageous, and in the public interest to designate an area, which shall encompass the entire geographic territory within the boundaries of the County, within which CEDA and property owners within the County may enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements pursuant to Chapter 29 and (b) it is in the public interest for CEDA to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the County pursuant to Chapter 29.

**Section 3. Identification of Authorized Improvements.** CEDA hereby declares its intention to make contractual assessment financing available to property owners to finance installation of Authorized Improvements, including but not limited to those improvements detailed in the Report described in Section 8 hereof (the "Report"), as that Report may be amended from time to time.

**Section 4. Identification of Boundaries.** Contractual assessments may be entered into by property owners located within the entire geographic territory of the County including unincorporated territory within County Boundaries. A property owner located within a City within the County may enter into contractual assessments with CEDA only after such City has adopted a resolution to authorize participation in the PACE Program.

**Section 5. Proposed Financing Arrangements.** Under Chapter 29, CEDA may issue bonds, notes or other forms of indebtedness (the "Bonds") pursuant to Chapter 29 that are payable by contractual assessments. Division 10 (commencing with Section 8500) of the Streets & Highways Code of the State (the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915") shall apply to any indebtedness issued pursuant to Chapter 29, insofar as the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 is not in conflict with Chapter 29. The creditworthiness of a property owner to participate in the financing of Authorized Improvements will be based on the criteria developed by Figtree Energy Financing (the "Program Administrator") upon consultation with Figtree PACE Program underwriters or other financial representatives, CEDA general counsel and bond counsel, and as shall be approved by the Board of Directors of CEDA. In connection with indebtedness issued under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 that are payable from contractual assessments, serial and/or term improvement bonds or other indebtedness shall be issued in such series and shall mature in such principal amounts and at such times (not to exceed 20 years from the second day of September next following their date) and at such rate or rates of interest (not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law) as shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of the issuance and sale of the indebtedness. The provisions of Part 11.1 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 shall apply to the calling of the bonds. It is the intention of the Board of Directors to create a special reserve fund for the bonds under Part 16 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915. Neither CEDA, nor any of its members participating in the Figtree PACE Program, shall advance available surplus funds from its treasury to cure any deficiency in the redemption fund to be created with respect to the indebtedness; provided,

however, that this determination shall not prevent CEDA or any of its members from, in their sole discretion, so advancing funds. The Bonds may be refunded under Division 11.5 of the California Streets and Highways Code or other applicable laws permitting refunding, upon the conditions specified by and upon determination of CEDA.

CEDA hereby authorizes the Program Administrator, upon consultation with CEDA general counsel, bond counsel and the Figtree PACE underwriter, to commence preparation of documents and take necessary steps to prepare for the issuance of bonds, notes or other forms of indebtedness as authorized by Chapter 29.

In connection with the issuance of bonds payable from contractual assessments, CEDA expects to obligate itself, through a covenant with the owners of the bonds, to exercise its foreclosure rights with respect to delinquent contractual assessment installments under specified circumstances.

**Section 6. Public Hearing.** Pursuant to the Act, CEDA hereby orders that a public hearing be held before CEDA Board (the "Board"), at 550 Bercut Drive, Suite G, Sacramento, CA 95811, on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ A\_, for the purposes of allowing interested persons to object to, or inquire about, the proposed Figtree PACE Program. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by the Board for a time not exceeding a total of 180 days.

At the time of the hearing, the Report described in Section 8 hereof shall be summarized, and the Board shall afford all persons who are present an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to the proposed Figtree PACE Program, the extent of the area proposed to be included within the boundaries of the assessment district, the terms and conditions of the draft assessment contract described in Section 8 hereof (the "Contract"), or the proposed financing provisions. Following the public hearing, CEDA may adopt a resolution confirming the Report (the "Resolution Confirming Report") or may direct the Report's modification in any respect, or may abandon the proceedings.

The Board hereby orders the publication of a notice of public hearing once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or more often, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates are sufficient. The period of notice will commence upon the first day of publication and terminate at the end of the fourteenth day. The first publication shall occur not later than 20 days before the date of the public hearing.

**Section 7. Notice to Water and Electric Providers.** Pursuant to Section 5898.24 of the Streets & Highways Code, written notice of the proposed contractual assessment program within the County to all water and electric providers within the boundaries of the County has been provided.

**Section 8. Report.** The Board hereby directs the Program Administrator to prepare the Report and file said Report with the Board at or before the time of the public hearing described in Section 6 hereof containing all of the following:

- (a) A map showing the boundaries of the territory within which contractual assessments are proposed to be offered, as set forth in Section 4 hereof.
- (b) A draft contractual assessment contract (the "Contract") specifying the terms and conditions of the agreement between CEDA and a property owner.
- (c) A statement of CEDA's policies concerning contractual assessments including all of the following:
  - (1) Identification of types of Authorized Improvements that may be financed through the use of contractual assessments.
  - (2) Identification of the CEDA official authorized to enter into contractual assessments on behalf of CEDA.
  - (3) A maximum aggregate dollar amount of contractual assessments.
  - (4) A method for setting requests from property owners for financing through contractual assessments in priority order in the event that requests appear likely to exceed the authorization amount.
- (d) A plan for raising a capital amount required to pay for work performed in connection with contractual assessments. The plan may include the sale of a bond or bonds or other financing relationship pursuant to Section 5898.28 of Chapter 29. The plan (i) shall include a statement of, or method for determining, the interest rate and time period during which contracting property owners would pay any assessment, (ii) shall provide for any reserve fund or funds, and (iii) shall provide for the apportionment of all or any portion of the costs incidental to financing, administration and collection of the contractual assessment program among the consenting property owners and CEDA.

A report on the results of the discussions with the County Auditor-Controller described in Section 10 hereof, concerning the additional fees, if any, that will be charged to CEDA for inclusion of the proposed contractual assessments on the general property tax roll of the County, and a plan for financing the payment of those fees.

**Section 9. Nature of Assessments.** Assessments levied pursuant to Chapter 29, and the interest and any penalties thereon, will constitute a lien against the lots and parcels of land on which they are made, until they are paid. Unless otherwise directed by CEDA, the assessments shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as the general taxes of the County on real property are payable, and subject to the same penalties and remedies and lien priorities in the event of delinquency and default.

**Section 10. Consultations with County Auditor-Controller.** CEDA hereby directs the Program Administrator to enter into discussions with the County Auditor-Controller in order to reach agreement on what additional fees, if any, will be charged to CEDA for incorporating the proposed contractual assessments into the assessments of the general taxes of the County on real property.

**Section 11. Preparation of Current Roll of Assessment.** Pursuant to Section 5898.24(c), CEDA hereby designates the Program Administrator as the responsible party for annually preparing the current roll of assessment obligations by assessor's parcel number on property subject to a voluntary contractual assessment.

**Section 12. Procedures for Responding to Inquiries.** The Program Administrator shall establish procedures to promptly respond to inquiries concerning current and future estimated liability for a voluntary contractual assessment.

**Section 13. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_.

CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gurbax Sahota, Chair

ATTEST:

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Larry Cope, Secretary