



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Participation in Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (PACE)

CEQA: Adoption of a Resolution to authorize participation in these PACE programs is not considered a “project” pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2026-02 to allow the conduct of special assessment proceedings for applicants within the City of Grass Valley by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) for the purpose of financing or refinancing renewable energy, energy efficiency, water efficiency and seismic strengthening improvements.

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Council Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

Date Prepared: January 6, 2026

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: By the passage of Assembly Bill 811, the California State Legislature added Chapter 29 to the Improvement Bond Act of 1911, being Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code. This legislation authorized cities and counties to establish voluntary contractual assessment programs for the purpose of financing private property improvements that promote renewable energy generation, energy and water efficiency and electric vehicle infrastructure.

The City is already a member of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA), who will be responsible for establishing the contractual assessment program. Resolution 2026-02 opts the City into the PACE program so that property owners can take advantage of this unique financing tool. The resolution consents to the inclusion of parcels within the incorporated area of the City and participating property owners consent to the contractual assessments levied on their property. This financing presents an opportunity for the City to improve its energy efficiency through voluntary building improvements including solar installations, appliance upgrades, window replacement, and other similar improvements. The PACE program will incentivize these types of improvements through attractive financing availability.

Council Goals/Objectives: Adopting this Resolution to allow participation in PACE programs supports the 2022 Strategic Plan Update, Goal #1: The City of Grass Valley is dedicated to promoting programs and projects that improve livability and enhance the character and charm of Grass Valley, as well as supports 2022 Strategic Plan Update Goal # 4: the City of Grass Valley encourages a robust and sustainable economy that reflects diverse employment opportunities that support the values of Grass Valley

Fiscal Impact: None

Funds Available: None **Account #:** TBD **Reviewed by:** City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2026-02, Authorizing City Residents to Participate in the PACE financing and refinancing programs