

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

FROM: DANNY FRIEND, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

FOR: ACTION



APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO PHOTOVOLTAICS CALIFORNIA FOR THE LITTLE MORONGO & 19TH AVENUE RES-BCT SOLAR SITE REPAIRS PROJECT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to authorize the General Manager to approve Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Photovoltaics California for the Little Morongo & 19th Ave. RES-BCT Solar Site Repairs Project in the amount of \$137,833.06, plus a 10% contingency, for a total of \$151,616.37. This action will increase the contract amount from \$324,752.20 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$476,368.56. It is also recommended that the Board approve augmenting Capital Job No. 11900 by \$228,000, for a total project budget of \$561,881.

SUMMARY

In March 2026, following a competitive bid process for maintenance and repair services at the Little Morongo & 19th Ave. solar facility, the District entered into a contract with PVCA for solar tracking system restoration, balance-of-system remediation, and related appurtenances. During construction, a major wire theft halted progress. After replacement wiring was installed, additional troubleshooting identified several inverters and tracker motors requiring replacement. Change Order No. 3 includes seven inverters, four tracker motors, and installation of a 120-volt electrical circuit for permanent security cameras. The proposed budget augmentation will fund these costs and future security improvements.

ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT

The original contract scope included repairs of the solar tracking system and associated electrical infrastructure. During construction, wire theft and subsequent troubleshooting identified additional equipment failures not included in the original scope. Installation of a dedicated 120-volt electrical circuit is also required to support the future permanent security camera system and reduce the risk of future theft and vandalism. Approval of Change Order No. 3 will allow completion of the remaining repairs necessary to restore reliable operation. Staff recommends approval of the change order and budget augmentation to complete the project. Funding will be provided through Capital Job No. 11900.

BUDGET INFORMATION & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Action Cost:	Current FY Cost:	Future FY Cost:	Funding Source	Acct/Project No.
\$228,000.00	\$333,881.00	\$0.00	101	11900
Covered in current FY budget?	Adjustment Needed?	Current Balance:	Balance if Approved:	
No	Yes	\$57,377.00	\$285,377.00	
Strategic Plan Goal Alignment:				
SMART Goal 5.1 - Increase Use of Sustainable Energy Sources and Optimize Efficiencies				

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Change Order No. 3_COMBINED NEW, Attachment 2 - Change Order Nos. 1 and 2