

# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**MEETING NAME:** REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

**MEETING DATE(S):** MARCH 12 & 16, 2026

**FROM:** DANNY FRIEND, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

**FOR:** ACTION  X  DIRECTION \_\_\_\_\_ INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_



## AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LITTLE MORONGO & 19TH AVENUE RES-BCT SOLAR SITE REPAIRS

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the General Manager to award a contract for the construction of the Little Morongo & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue RES-BCT Solar Site Repairs to Photovoltaics California (PVCA), the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$295,229.27 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$324,752.20, and augment Capital Job No. 11900 by \$32,000, for a total project budget of \$331,881 and to do all things necessary to complete the project.

**SUMMARY**

Utilizing a \$3.3 million grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, MSWD commissioned a one-megawatt solar facility that became operational in October 2018. MSWD subsequently entered into a 10-year maintenance agreement with SunPower, which met the District’s operational needs until SunPower filed for bankruptcy in 2024. During this transition, the District began working with TotalEnergies, a subsidiary of SunPower. Since the bankruptcy filing, MSWD staff and legal counsel have taken steps to protect the District’s interests. As MSWD works through the legal process with TotalEnergies, staff has prepared a bid solicitation for maintenance services at the solar facility, including full solar tracking system restoration, balance-of-system remediation, and all other necessary appurtenances.

**ANALYSIS**

MSWD did not receive any bids by the original bid opening date of February 11, 2026. As a result, staff issued an addendum to extend the bidding period. On February 16, 2026, MSWD received one (1) bid, with PVCA submitting the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$295,229.27. PVCA’s bid included all required documentation and was deemed responsive. See the attached Bid Tabulation for detailed pricing of individual bid items. Although only one qualifying bid was received, MSWD staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to award the contract to PVCA.

**FISCAL IMPACT & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The Little Morongo & 19th Avenue RES-BCT Solar Site Repairs project was approved in the capital budget of \$301,881.00. The bid submitted by PVCA totals \$324,752.20, which includes a 10% contingency. A budget augmentation of \$32,000, combined with the existing project budget, will fund the construction costs as well as staff time required for project management and labor compliance. The anticipated construction duration is 120 calendar days. This action supports Strategic Plan Goal 5.1: Increase Use of Sustainable Energy Sources and Optimize Efficiencies.

FINANCIAL DATA		
Cost Associated with this action:	\$324,752.20	
Current FY cost:	\$301,881.00	
Future FY cost:	\$0	
Is it covered in current year budget:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget adjustment needed:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, year needed:	FY 2025/2026	
All previous contracts including dates, amounts and board approvals are attached or have been made available.		
FUNDING SOURCES		
Source of funds:	General - 101	
BID/Job#	11900	
Current BID/Job balance	\$301,347.50	
Balance remaining if approved:	\$0	

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A: Contract Agreement
- Attachment B: Bid Tabulation