



Golden Valley USD Strategic Plan Goals:
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**GOLDEN VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING**
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GVUSD District Office · 37479 Avenue 12, Madera CA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

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AGENDA

8:15 AM

A. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER by the President
2. ATTENDANCE

	ARRIVE	LEAVE	ABSENT
Mark Toole, President	_____	_____	_____
Mike Kelly, Clerk	_____	_____	_____
Mona Diaz, Trustee	_____	_____	_____
Brian Freeman, Trustee	_____	_____	_____
Kathleen Crumpton, Trustee	_____	_____	_____
Andy Alvarado, Superintendent	_____	_____	_____
Jim Monreal, Chief Business Official	_____	_____	_____

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

*Persons wishing to address the governing board on any closed session item may do so at this time. A maximum of 10 minutes total is set aside for persons wishing to address the Board at this time. Speakers are requested to state their name and to address comments to the Board of Trustees. The Board is governed by the **Brown Act** and may briefly respond to public comments but take no action except on items scheduled on the agenda.*

C. CLOSED SESSION The Board will adjourn to a conference room for closed session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel: Public Employee Appointment(s) (Government Code: 54957)
 - Appointments:
 - RMS Library Media Technician
2. Personnel: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Transfer (Government Code: 54957)

8:30 AM

OPEN SESSION

D. RECONVENE from Closed Session and report any action taken.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

G. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

** All times are approximate and subject to change.*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A maximum of 30 minutes total is set aside for persons wishing to address the Board on any item not on the agenda. If you wish to address the Board on an agenda item, please do so when that item is called. A maximum of three (3) minutes **may** be allowed. Items requiring lengthy discussion may, at the Board's discretion, be scheduled as a specific agenda item at future meetings. Speakers are requested to state their name and to address comments to the Board of Trustees. The Board is governed by the **Brown Act** and legally can only briefly respond to public comments but take no action except on items scheduled on the agenda.

I. ACTION ITEMS

If you wish to address the Board on an Action item on the agenda, please do so when that item is called. A maximum of three (3) minutes **may** be allowed for each speaker. Speakers are requested to complete a form indicating the action item to be addressed and return it to District staff.

1. APPROVAL, Resolution # 2011-06 Authorizing submittal of an application for a low interest loan to the California Energy Commission to install Photovoltaic Systems. [Monreal]

ADJOURNMENT

“A District of Excellence”

Vision: Golden Valley Unified School District is committed to creating and maintaining an innovative learning community based in excellence.

Mission: The mission of Golden Valley Unified School District is to provide our students the means to achieve to their highest potential within a caring, secure environment.

Posted: November 2, 2011

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November 4th, 2011
For: APPROVAL

GOLDEN VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVAL: RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06 AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LOW INTEREST LOAN TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION TO INSTALL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

Background: District Staff, in consultation with TerraVerde Renewable Partners (TerraVerde), have completed a review of the opportunity to apply for a low interest loan available through the California Energy Commission (CEC). The District's solar energy project currently under development qualifies as an eligible loan candidate under this program. Funds for this loan program have been appropriated as a result of Senate Bill (SB) 679, Pavley, to provide financial assistance for energy conservation projects undertaken by local governments and public institutions. Applications for this program are now being accepted on a "first-come first-serve" basis. The total funding available in the program is \$25,000,000 and the maximum loan amount for each applicant is \$3,000,000. The interest rate for the loan is 3.0% and the term is 15 years. The CEC loan would improve the economic benefits of the District's solar project by reducing the overall interest cost of borrowed funds over the life of the facility.

Considerations: TerraVerde have engaged in an ongoing dialogue with the CEC and have been advised that this program will be highly competitive and that the funding will be exhausted rather quickly. For the District to be awarded funds under the CEC loan program, the Board of Trustees must pass a resolution authorizing submittal of the loan application which must include a finding that the energy project is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Once the resolution is passed, TerraVerde will complete the application on behalf of GVUSD and file it with the CEC.

It is estimated that with the addition of this \$3,000,000 loan to fund a portion of the solar project, interest expense will be reduced by approximately **\$1,821,705** over a 25-year period (which translates directly into cost savings generated by the project of an equal amount).

Fiscal Implications: None. The loan size is calculated by the CEC such that it can be fully repaid, including all principal and interest, through energy cost savings generated by the project over 15-years.

Golden Valley Strategic Plan

Facilities

Goal: To provide safe, secure, and appropriate facilities to support Golden Valley Unified School District educational goals.

Finances

Goal: Sustain and maintain fiscal viability for current year and the next two years

Therefore it is:

RECOMMENDED: That the Board approve
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06 authorizing submittal
of an application for a low interest loan to the CEC
to install photovoltaic systems (solar facilities).

SUBMITTED BY: Mr. Andy Alvarado, Superintendent

PREPARED BY: Mr. Jim Monreal, Chief Business Official

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
GOLDEN VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (GVUSD), AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL
OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LOW INTEREST LOAN TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY
COMMISSION TO INSTALL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission provides loans to public schools, hospitals, local governments, special districts, and public care institutions to finance energy efficiency improvements; and,

WHEREAS, GVUSD is a California public school district operating school sites within the boundaries of the City of Madera, County of Madera, State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Board) OF GVUSD as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the GVUSD to apply for an energy efficiency loan from the California Energy Commission to implement energy efficiency measures.
2. If recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the Board authorizes the GVUSD to accept a loan up to \$3,000,000.00.
3. The amount of the loan will be paid in full, plus interest, under the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, Promissory Note, and Tax Certificate of the California Energy Commission.
4. The District's Superintendent, Mr. Andrew Alvarado, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, in the name of the GVUSD, the Loan Agreement, Promissory Note, and Tax Certificate, with any changes or insertions as he determines appropriate and as agreed upon with the California Energy Commission, and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purpose of the Loan Agreement and this resolution, and to undertake all actions necessary to undertake and complete the energy efficiency project.
5. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Board finds that the activity funded by the loan is a project that is exempt under: (a) Class 1 set forth in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 15031 because it is a minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of GVUSD's determination; (b) Class 3 set forth in 14 CCR section 15303 because the project consists of new construction or conversion of small structures; and (c) Class 11 set forth under 14 CCR section 15311 because the project consists of the construction or placement of minor accessory structures to existing facilities. Moreover, pursuant to 14 CCR section 15300.2, the project does not involve any of the following and so is eligible for a categorical exemption: (a) the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, which over time are significant; (b) an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; (c) a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic

highway; (d) a hazardous waste site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and (e) a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The Board hereby authorizes the District's Superintendent or his designee to prepare and submit for recordation a Notice of Exemption in accordance with applicable laws and this Resolution.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 4th day of November, 2011 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, on this ___ day of November 2011, that the foregoing document is a true and correct copy of the above Resolution at its meeting on November __, 2011. I further certify that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

(Clerk of Board of Trustees)

Print Name: _____