

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**PRESENT: Supervisors**

**ABSENT:**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST BY GRID ALTERNATIVES TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH IT MAY USE THE REMAINDER OF THE PREVIOUSLY-APPROVED WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEAR PERIOD (2016-2021) FOR INDIVIDUAL AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS COUNTYWIDE

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, Grid Alternatives is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and licensed solar installer whose mission is to empower communities by installing photovoltaic systems for affordable housing units and providing photovoltaic training opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Grid Alternatives operates the Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes program (“the SASH program”) to install free solar photovoltaic systems for low income homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2011, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo approved an initial fee waiver request of up to \$100,000 for five years (2011-2016) hereinafter referred to as (“previously-approved fee waiver”); and

**WHEREAS**, the previously-approved fee waiver will expire on August 23, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Grid Alternatives used roughly \$52,000 of the \$100,000 in fee waivers over the past five years and wishes to extend the time within which it may use the remaining balance of \$48,000 in fee waivers for the next five years (2016-2021); and

**WHEREAS**, this request for an extension of time to expend the remaining portion of the previously-approved fee waiver was heard by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo (“Board of Supervisors”) on August 9, 2016 and a determination and decision was made on August 9, 2016; and

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**WHEREAS**, at said hearing, the Board of Supervisors heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence, which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given the opportunity to hear and be heard in respect to any matter relating to said request; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has duly considered the request and finds that the request should be approved subject to the findings set forth below.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, as follows:

1. That the recitals set forth herein above are true, correct and valid.
2. The Board of Supervisors finds that the previously-approved fee waiver request of Grid Alternatives should be extended for an additional five years, through and including 2021, because its SASH program will be available for use by the public at-large and will benefit more than the residents in the immediate vicinity by improving air quality for the community, providing solar training and job opportunities, and increasing property values.
3. The Board of Supervisors finds that the previously-approved fee waiver request of Grid Alternatives should be extended for an additional five years, through and including 2021, because its projects have generated obvious community support.
4. The Board of Supervisors finds that the previously-approved fee waiver request of Grid Alternatives should be extended for an additional five years, through and including 2021, because the waiver is equitable and in the public interest.
5. The Board of Supervisors, therefore, approves the request of Grid Alternatives to extend the time within which it may use the remainder of the previously-approved fee waiver, up to \$48,000, in building permit fees over a five year period from 2016 through 2021 and for use on individual affordable residential photovoltaic system installations countywide.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

[SEAL]

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL  
County Counsel

By:   
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: July 19, 2016

