



**ACTION SHEET**  
**PUBLIC UTILITES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6/3/15**

**ISSUE NO. 20**

Request for approval of Resolution No. 2015-\_\_\_\_\_. A resolution directing the Public Utilities staff to identify how the City of Santa Fe may develop, implement, own and operate a Community Solar Program for the benefit of the citizens of Santa Fe. (John Alejandro) (Councilors Bushee and Ives)

Sustainable Santa Fe Commission – 5/19/15 (approved)  
 Finance Committee – 6/1/15  
 Public Utilities Committee – 6/3/15  
 City Council – 6/10/15

**PUBLIC UTILITES COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved.**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS:**

**STAFF FOLLOW UP:**

VOTE:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
COUNCILOR RIVERA, CHAIR	X		
COUNCILOR MAESTAS	X		
COUNCILOR BUSHEE	X		
COUNCILOR DIMAS	X		
COUNCILOR IVES	X		

**ACTION SHEET**  
**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING OF 06/10/15**  
**ITEM FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 06/01/15**

**ISSUE:**

22. Request for Approval of a Resolution Directing the Public Utilities Staff to Identify How the City of Santa Fe May Develop, Implement, Own, and Operate a Community Solar Program for the Benefit of the Citizens of Santa Fe. (Councilors Bushee and Ives) (John Alejandro)

**Committee Review:**

Sustainable Santa Fe Commission (approved)	05/19/15
Public Utilities Committee (scheduled)	06/03/15
City Council (scheduled)	06/10/15

Fiscal Impact – Yes \$1,000 in staff time – absorbed

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Approved Resolution as Consent Item for \$1,000 in staff time –absorbed.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS**

Add Councilor Lindell as co-sponsor.

**STAFF FOLLOW-UP:**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
COUNCILOR TRUJILLO	X		
COUNCILOR RIVERA	X		
COUNCILOR LINDELL	X		
COUNCILOR MAESTAS	X		
CHAIRPERSON DOMINGUEZ			

# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

### Resolution No. 2015-\_\_\_\_ Community Solar

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**SPONSOR(S):** Councilors Bushee, Ives, Lindell and Maestas

**SUMMARY:** The proposed resolution directs the Public Utilities staff to identify how the City of Santa Fe may develop, implement, own, and operate a community solar program for the benefit of the citizens of Santa Fe.

**PREPARED BY:** Rebecca Seligman, Legislative Liaison Assistant

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Yes

**DATE:** May 20, 2015

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution  
FIR

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-\_\_\_\_\_**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Patti Bushee

6 Councilor Peter N. Ives

7 Councilor Signe Lindell

8 Councilor Joseph Maestas

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF TO IDENTIFY HOW THE CITY OF**  
12 **SANTA FE MAY DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, OWN, AND OPERATE A COMMUNITY**  
13 **SOLAR PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF SANTA FE.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, Community Solar, also known as Community Shared Solar, is defined as a  
16 solar-electric system that provides power and/or financial benefit to community members,  
17 administered through a program that provides for either the ownership or lease of a portion of the  
18 solar panels that comprise the solar-electric system; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Community Solar programs are voluntary, opt-in membership programs that  
20 provide members with the benefits associated with solar power; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Community Solar programs expand access to solar power for renters, those  
22 with shaded roofs, and those who choose not to install a residential system on their home for financial  
23 or other reasons; and

24 **WHEREAS**, as a group, ratepayers and tax payers fund solar incentive programs, and, as a  
25 matter of equity, solar energy programs should be designed in a manner that allows all contributors to

1 access the benefits of solar power; and

2       **WHEREAS**, according to the 2014 *Affordable Housing in Santa Fe* report, 4 out of 10 Santa  
3 Fe residents rent their homes; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body, through the adoption of Resolution 2013-14, the  
5 Governing Body directed staff to work with the Public Service Company of New Mexico and the  
6 New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to implement a Community Solar program for Santa Fe;  
7 and

8       **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body, through the adoption of Resolution 2013-19, declared its  
9 support of state Senate Bill 394 that amended a section of New Mexico's Public Utility Act to provide  
10 for Community Solar facilities to qualify as distributed generation facilities; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body, through the adoption of Resolution 2015-12, the  
12 Governing Body declared its support of state House Bill 111 providing for shared renewable energy  
13 facilities to qualify as distributed generation facilities and requiring investor-owned utilities to allow  
14 construction, connection and operation of renewable energy facilities within their operating  
15 territories; and

16       **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body, through the adoption of Resolution 2014-85, the  
17 Governing Body declared its intention of having 50 percent of its energy come from renewable  
18 sources by 2025 and becoming carbon neutral by the year 2040; and

19       **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to provide equal access to renewable energy  
20 technologies to all members of the community, regardless of income.

21       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
22 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Public Utilities staff is directed to research and identify how the City  
23 of Santa Fe may develop, implement, own and operate a Community Solar program for the benefit of  
24 the citizens of Santa Fe.

25       **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_.

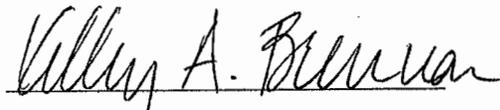
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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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KELLEY BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

### City of Santa Fe Fiscal Impact Report (FIR)

This Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) shall be completed for each proposed bill or resolution as to its direct impact upon the City's operating budget and is intended for use by any of the standing committees of and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe. Bills or resolutions with no fiscal impact still require a completed FIR. Bills or resolutions with a fiscal impact must be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Bills or resolutions without a fiscal impact generally do not require review by the Finance Committee unless the subject of the bill or resolution is financial in nature.

**Section A. General Information**

(Check) Bill: \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution:  X

(A single FIR may be used for related bills and/or resolutions)

Short Title(s): **A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF TO IDENTIFY HOW THE CITY OF SANTA FE MAY DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, OWN, AND OPERATE A COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF SANTA FE.**

Sponsor(s): Councilor Patti Bushee

Reviewing Department(s): Public Utilities

Persons Completing FIR: John Alejandro Date: 5/12/15 Phone: 955-6236

Reviewed by City Attorney: *Kelley A. Brennan* Date: 9/20/15  
(Signature)

Reviewed by Finance Director: *[Signature]* Date: 5-20-2015  
(Signature)

**Section B. Summary**

Briefly explain the purpose and major provisions of the bill/resolution:

**The resolution is designed to identify a model by which the City of Santa Fe may develop, own and operate a Community Solar program that residents of the city can participate in, so that they may enjoy the environmental and financial benefits of solar power regardless of their income or the type of housing they live in.**

**Section C. Fiscal Impact**

**Note:** Financial information on this FIR does not directly translate into a City of Santa Fe budget increase. For a budget increase, the following are required:

- a. The item must be on the agenda at the Finance Committee and City Council as a "Request for Approval of a City of Santa Fe Budget Increase" with a definitive funding source (could be same item and same time as bill/resolution)
- b. Detailed budget information must be attached as to fund, business units, and line item, amounts, and explanations (similar to annual requests for budget)
- c. Detailed personnel forms must be attached as to range, salary, and benefit allocation and signed by Human Resource Department for each new position(s) requested (prorated for period to be employed by fiscal year)\*

**1. Projected Expenditures:**

- a. Indicate Fiscal Year(s) affected – usually current fiscal year and following fiscal year (i.e., FY 03/04 and FY 04/05)
- b. Indicate: "A" if current budget and level of staffing will absorb the costs  
"N" if new, additional, or increased budget or staffing will be required
- c. Indicate: "R" – if recurring annual costs  
"NR" if one-time, non-recurring costs, such as start-up, contract or equipment costs
- d. Attach additional projection schedules if two years does not adequately project revenue and cost patterns

Finance Director: *[Signature]*

e. Costs may be netted or shown as an offset if some cost savings are projected (explain in Section 3 Narrative)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if no fiscal impact

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Expenditure Classification	FY 15-16	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY _____	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs - Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected

Personnel*	\$1,000	A	NR	\$				
Fringe**	\$			\$				
Capital Outlay	\$			\$				
Land/ Building	\$			\$				
Professional Services	\$			\$				
All Other Operating Costs	\$			\$				
Total:	\$1,000			\$				

\* Any indication that additional staffing would be required must be reviewed and approved in advance by the City Manager by attached memo before release of FIR to committees. \*\*For fringe benefits contact the Finance Dept.

**2. Revenue Sources:**

- a. To indicate new revenues and/or
- b. Required for costs for which new expenditure budget is proposed above in item 1.

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Type of Revenue	FY _____	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY _____	"R" Costs - Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected

	\$		\$			
	\$		\$			
	\$		\$			
Total:	\$		\$			

**3. Expenditure/Revenue Narrative:**

Explain revenue source(s). Include revenue calculations, grant(s) available, anticipated date of receipt of revenues/grants, etc. Explain expenditures, grant match(s), justify personnel increase(s), detail capital and operating uses, etc. (Attach supplemental page, if necessary.)

Staff time would be used to comply with the resolution, but would be absorbed into current expenditures.

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**Section D. General Narrative**

**1. Conflicts:** Does this proposed bill/resolution duplicate/conflict with/companion to/relate to any City code, approved ordinance or resolution, other adopted policies or proposed legislation? Include details of city adopted laws/ordinance/resolutions and dates. Summarize the relationships, conflicts or overlaps.

None identified.

**2. Consequences of Not Enacting This Bill/Resolution:**

Are there consequences of not enacting this bill/resolution? If so, describe.

Status quo will continue.

**3. Technical Issues:**

Are there incorrect citations of law, drafting errors or other problems? Are there any amendments that should be considered? Are there any other alternatives which should be considered? If so, describe.

None identified.

**4. Community Impact:**

Briefly describe the major positive or negative effects the Bill/Resolution might have on the community including, but not limited to, businesses, neighborhoods, families, children and youth, social service providers and other institutions such as schools, churches, etc.

The ability to provide equal access to renewable energy technologies, specifically that of solar energy, to the citizens of Santa Fe, regardless of income level and the type of housing they reside in, is very important. Solar energy provides a host of environmental and financial benefits that everyone in the community should be able to access and enjoy should they choose to.

Form adopted: 01/12/05; revised 8/24/05; revised 4/17/08