Solar Project Proposal

LASD Board of Trustees June 12, 2017

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 - Contract negotiations completed

Overview

- Power Purchase Agreement
- Proposed solar arrays would generate 85%+ of annual electricity needed (based on current consumption)
- Mitigations needed to address impacts
 - Parking lots: traffic patterns will change and impact surrounding neighborhoods
 - Tree removal: replacements may be needed
- Outreach needed: parents, neighbors, community
- Other Benefits: Electric charging stations

Source of Funds

No Measure N funds being used for this project
District pays utility bill to 3rd party provider
Estimated payments less than current bills, so the project generates savings
Payments come from General Fund (general operating budget)

Key Terms of Contract

- Forefront is responsible for engineering, design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of shade structures (generating facilities) to be substantially complete by December 31, 2017
- District will purchase energy produced by generating facilities from Forefront at a reduced rate with no escalation for up to 25 years
 - 90% Minimum Guaranteed Output
- District has option to purchase generating facilities after 5th anniversary of Commercial Operation Date

Costs & Savings

Rate per kWh: \$0.149 \$0.165
Cash Equivalent Price: \$6.35M
Annual Payments: \$337,317 \$396,000 (no escalation)
Year 6 Purchase Price: \$3.4M (est.)

Estimated Annual Savings: \$175,000+

Note: Forefront's original price was in error; the correct price is \$0.165 per kWh.

Cost/Benefit Comparison

	PPA now	PPA later	Cash Purchase
Cash Price	n/a	n/a	\$6.35M
Savings from Solar, Yı	\$571,000	\$408,000	\$570,000
PPA payments Financing cost/Operating Expense	\$396,000	\$396,000	\$575,000
Net Savings, Yı	\$175,000	\$12,000	<\$5,000>
Net Savings, Y1-10	\$2,700,000	\$800,000	\$760,000

Notes: "PPA later" unable to take advantage of grandfathered favorable PG&E rates. Savings expected to increase each year; costs remain relatively constant.

Impact of Shade on Solar Arrays

- Shading even a small portion of a panel causes a significant drop in performance
- Not only reduces the efficiency but degrades the solar modules, so affects their longevity
- Thus, wherever possible any trees or other things producing shade onto the solar arrays should be removed
 - In some cases, trees can be topped-off rather than removed (see next slide)

Trees to be removed

- All trees in construction zones must be removed
 No mature, native trees
- Other trees casting shade onto solar arrays should be removed (or topped)
 - Current analysis suggests there are only 4 sites where this is an issue—Blach, Covington, Egan, and Santa Rita
 - 1 large tree at Blach and Covington
 - 2 large trees at Egan and 3 at Santa Rita
 - None are heritage oak trees

Terra Verde's role

Background work on this project

- Analyzed feasibility of a project, worked to get current Time of Use rates with PG&E grandfathered, developed RFP and ushered district through vendor selection process, etc.
- Assisted in contract negotiations
- Provide construction oversight
- Audit future energy bills to ensure LASD gets credit for energy produced
- Cost: \$375,000 (included in PPA financing structure)

Timeline

- Week of June 5: Site surveys underway
- June 12: Public hearing & contract approval by board
- June 20: Kick-off meeting (Forefront, contractor, LASD, Terra Verde)
- June late August: Forefront completes design and gets DSA approval
- Mid to late September: Construction starts
- Dec 31: Deadline to complete construction
- Feb 2018: System operational

What's Required after Public Hearing

- Board will be asked to make findings as required by Government Code section 4217.10 et seq.:
 - That the terms of the contract are in the best interests of the District; and
 - That the anticipated cost to the district for electrical energy provided by the energy conservation facility under the contract will be less than the anticipated marginal cost to the district of electrical energy that would have been consumed by the district in the absence of those purchases.
- Board will be asked to approve the Solar Power & Services Agreement for each school site

Appendix

Slides from May 22, 2017 Board Presentation

Solar Project Update

LASD Board of Trustees May 22, 2017

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- Next Step: Negotiate contract terms

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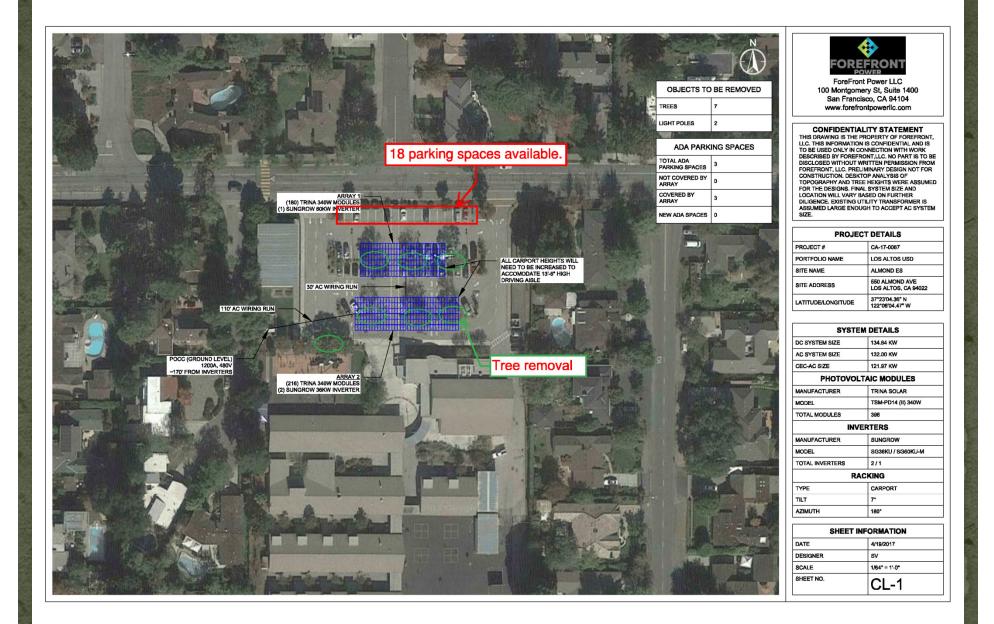
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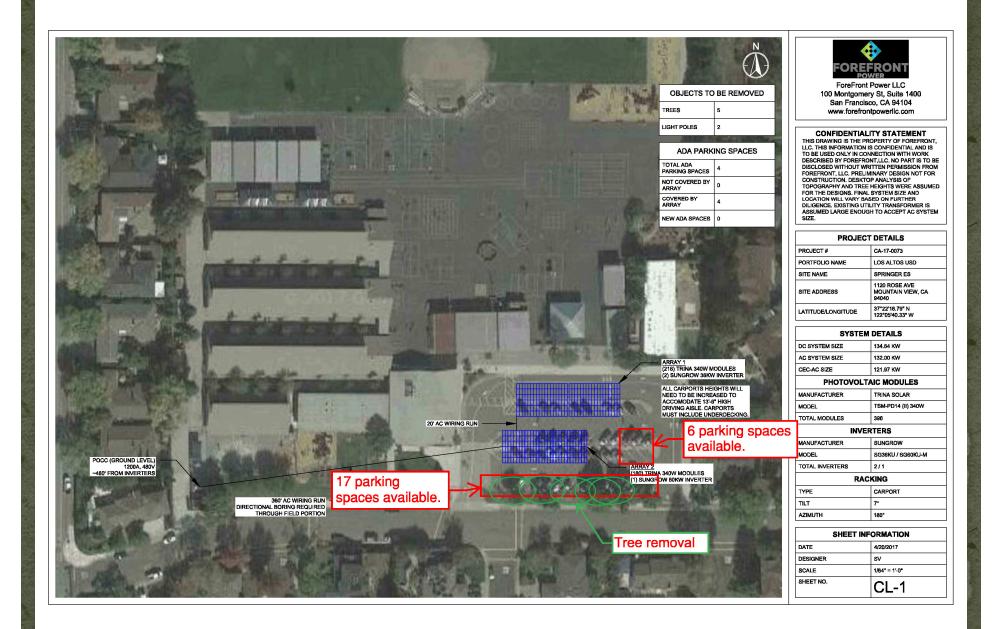
• Estimated Annual Savings: \$150,000 - \$200,000

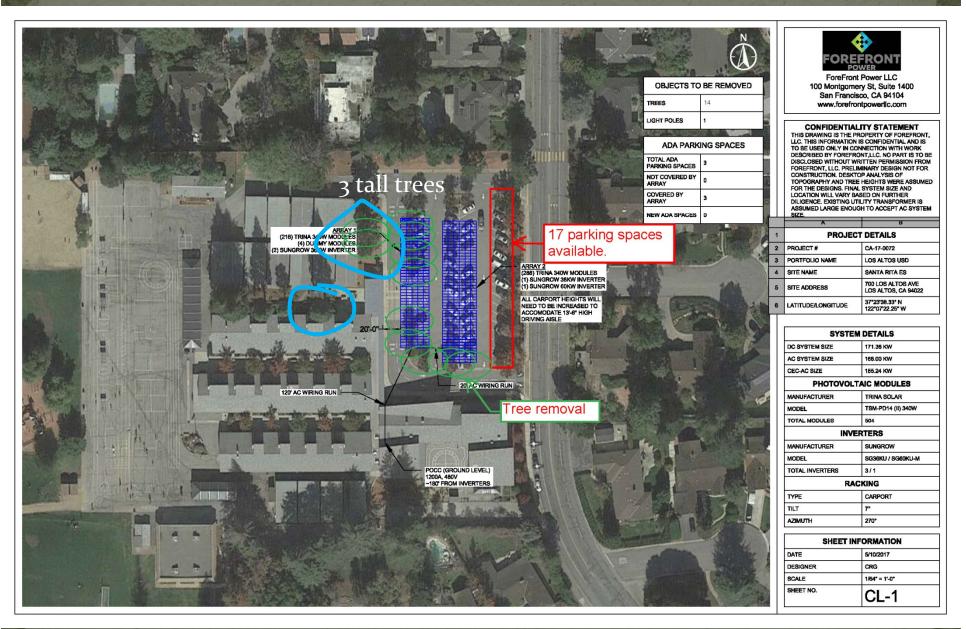
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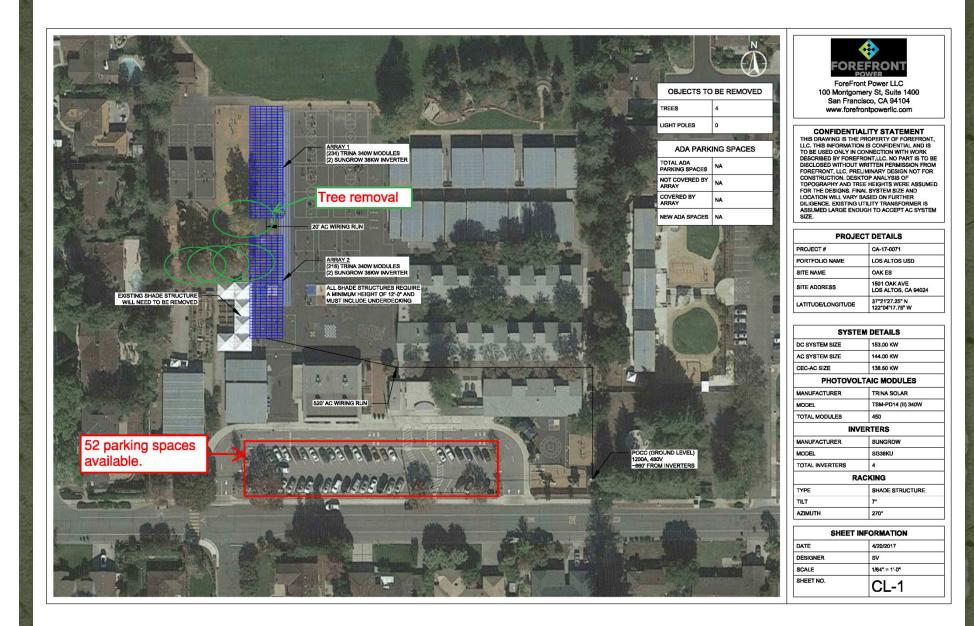
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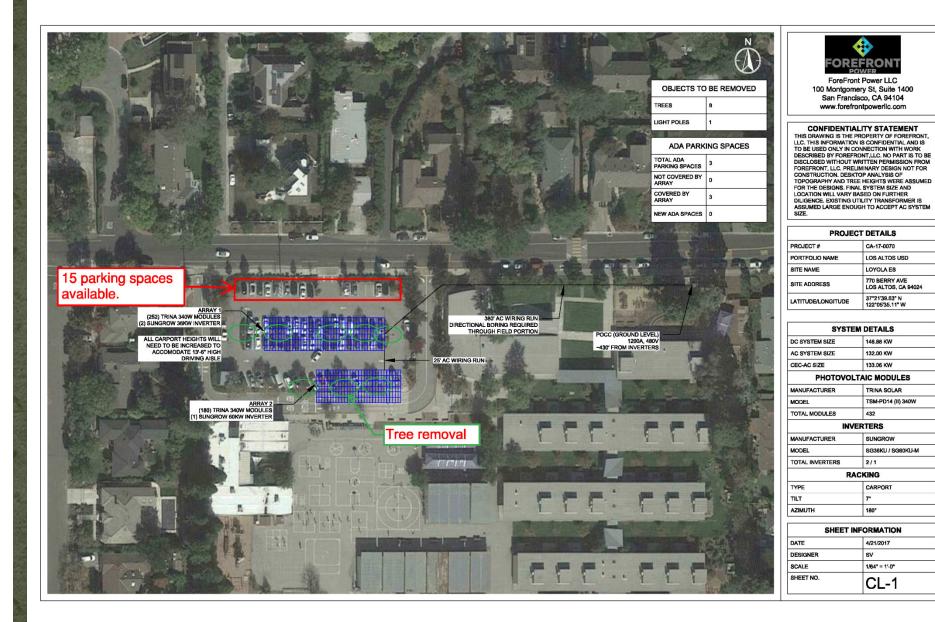


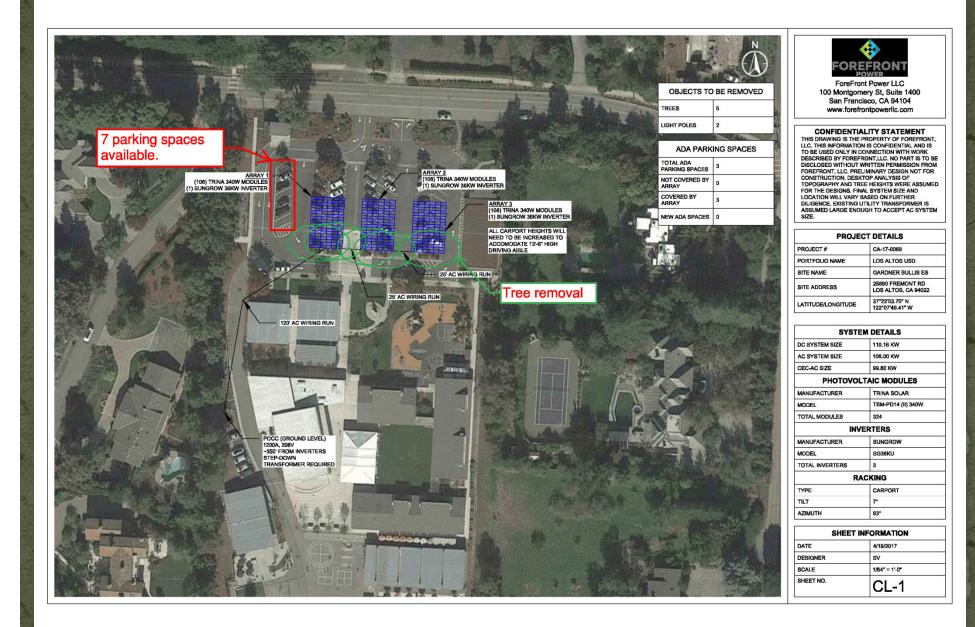


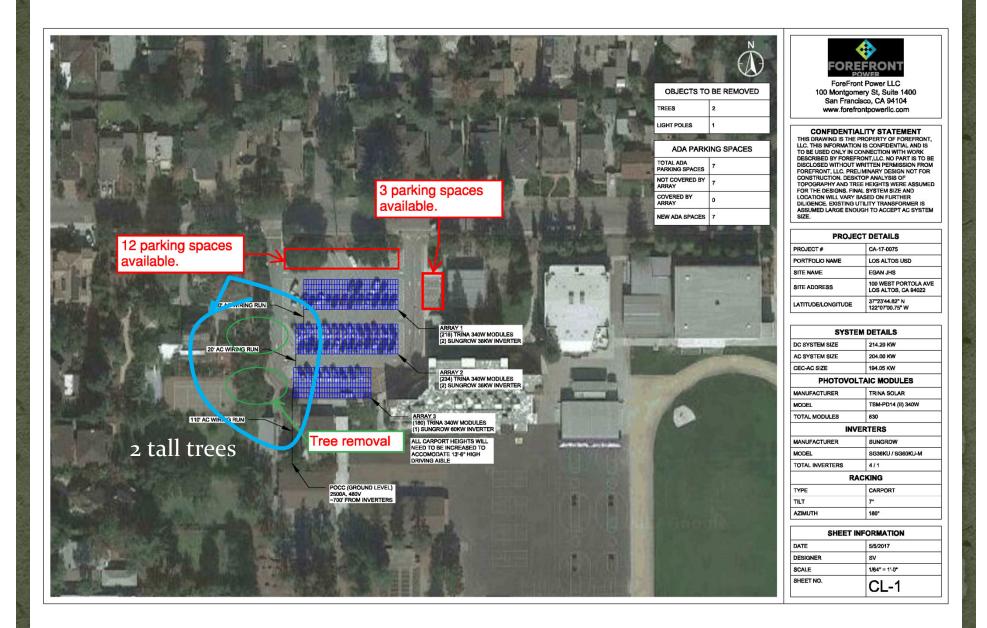


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PROJECT DETAILS		
PROJECT #	CA-17-0068	
PORTFOLIO NAME	LOS ALTOS USD	
SITE NAME	COVINGTON ES	
SITE ADDRESS	201 COVINGTON RD LOS ALTOS, CA 94024	
LATITUDE/LONGITUDE	37*22'17.62" N 122*06'25.48" W	

SYSTE	M DETAILS		
DC SYSTEM SIZE	214.20 KW		
AC SYSTEM SIZE	204.00 KW		
CEC-AC SIZE	194.05 KW		
PHOTOVOL	TAIC MODULES		
MANUFACTURER	TRINA SOLAR		
MODEL	TSM-PD14 (II) 340W		
TOTAL MODULES	630		
INVERTERS			
MANUFACTURER	SUNGROW		
MODEL	SG36KU / SG60KU-M		
TOTAL INVERTERS	4/1		
RA	CKING		
TYPE	CARPORT		
TILT	7°		
AZIMUTH	180*		
SHEET INFORMATION			
DATE	4/19/2017		
DESIGNER	sv		
SCALE	1/64" = 1'-0"		

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