

CERTIFICATE OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Sacramento, California

I, Derek Chernow, Interim Executive Director of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR CALPLANT I, LLC, AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES project approved by me on May 20 2021, and that I have the requisite right, power and authority to approve this resolution as delegated by the Authority in RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO BOND FINANCINGS adopted on January 19, 2021.

This resolution of intent expires May 20, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certificate and affixed the seal of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority hereto.



May 21, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Chernow".

Derek Chernow
Interim Executive Director

**RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS TO
FINANCE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR
CALPLANT I, LLC AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES**

May 20, 2021

WHEREAS, the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (the “Authority”), a public instrumentality, is authorized and empowered by the provisions of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority Act (the “Act”) to issue bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of facilities for the disposal of solid and liquid waste products, including resource recovery and energy conversion facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously issued its Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds (CalPlant I Project) Series 2017 (AMT) in the aggregate principal amount of \$228,165,000, its Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds (CalPlant I Project) Series 2019 Subordinate Bonds (AMT) in the aggregate principal amount of \$73,685,000 and its Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds (CalPlant I Project) Series 2020 (AMT) in the aggregate principal amount of \$42,000,000 to finance the acquisition and construction of facilities for treatment and disposal of solid waste consisting of a plant for the recycling of waste rice straw (collectively, the “Plant”) to be owned and operated by CalPlant I, LLC, a California limited liability company (together with its affiliates, including CalPlant I Holdco, LLC, known collectively as the “Company”); and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted an application requesting that the Authority assist in financing and refinancing certain additional costs related to the construction of the Plant, as more fully described in the Company’s application (the “Project”), to be owned and operated by the Company, and have presented an estimate of the maximum cost of such Project, as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to encourage the Company to provide solid waste disposal facilities and equipment that will serve the public of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it necessary and advisable to further the purposes of the Act that the Project be constructed at the earliest practicable date, but the Company requires satisfactory assurances from the Authority that the proceeds of the sale of bonds of the Authority will be made available to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Company expects to incur or pay from its own funds certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, subject to meeting all the conditions set forth in this Initial Resolution, the Authority reasonably expects that debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed \$18,000,000 will be issued and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Company for its prior expenditures associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.103-8(a)(5) and Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations require the Authority to declare its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures associated with the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority as follows:

Section 1. The Authority finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct. For purposes of this Initial Resolution, an “Affiliate” of the Company means any person or entity that meets the definition of “participating party” in the Act and controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Company, as shown by the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of its management or policies, whether through majority equity ownership, contract or otherwise.

Section 2. The Authority declares its official intent to issue, at one time or from time to time, an aggregate of up to \$18,000,000 principal amount of bonds of the Authority for the Project, including for the purpose of reimbursing to the Company costs associated with the Project incurred prior to the issuance of the bonds.

Section 3. The bonds will be payable solely from revenues to be received by the Authority pursuant to a loan agreement or other agreements to be entered into between the Authority and the Company in connection with the Project. Each bond shall contain a statement to the following effect:

“Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of California or any political subdivision thereof or any local agency is pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or any interest on this bond.”

Section 4. The bonds shall be issued subject to the conditions that (i) the Authority and the Company shall have first agreed to mutually acceptable terms for the bonds and of the sale and delivery thereof, and mutually acceptable terms and conditions of the loan of the proceeds thereof to the Company; (ii) all requisite governmental approvals shall have first been obtained; (iii) a Final Resolution shall have been received from the Authority; and (iv) an allocation shall have been received or carried forward from the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee for any portion of the bonds that are to be sold as exempt from federal income tax.

Section 5. The Executive Director of the Authority has authority under Authority Resolution No. 21-01-001 to indicate the willingness of the Authority to proceed with and effect such financing in order to assist the Company by defraying the cost of the Project, subject to due compliance with all requirements of the law and the obtaining of all necessary consents and approvals and to meeting all other requirements of the Authority.

Section 6. It is intended that this Initial Resolution shall constitute “some other similar official action” towards the issuance of bonds within the meaning of Section 1.103-8(a)(5) of the Treasury Regulations and “official intent” within the meaning of

Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, each as applicable under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. It is also intended that this statement of “official action” or “official intent” by the Authority shall continue in full force and effect even if this Initial Resolution ceases to be effective for other purposes.

Section 7. This Initial Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval and remain in full force and effect thereafter; provided that, subject to Section 6 above, this Initial Resolution shall cease to be effective on the date three years after the approval date unless prior thereto the Authority or Executive Director specifically adopts a further resolution extending the effective date of this Initial Resolution, which it will do only after receiving a specific request for such action from the Company, accompanied by an explanation of the status of the project and any additional information requested by the Authority to supplement the Company’s application.

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EXHIBIT A

NUMBER: 21-07
LOCATION: 6101 State Highway 162, Willows, California (Glenn County)
TYPE: Solid Waste Disposal/Resource Recovery
AMOUNT: Up to \$18,000,000