



MEMORANDUM

Administration Services

Date: June 18, 2018

To: C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

From: Tom Burke 
Deputy County Administrator

Re: **Item 49, Addendum 1, Solon Development, L.L.C. Additional Information**

Item 49 on Addendum 1 for the June 19, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting is a contract with Solon Development, L.L.C. for the installation and operation of solar panels at the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC), Phase 2. At last week's Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board approved an amendment to an existing contract with Solon to expand the number of solar panels in Phase 1 of the PACC project. We have received several questions about what the difference is between these contracts.

The PACC facilities is being constructed in two phases, with Phase 1 completed last December and Phase 2 scheduled to be completed later this year. Phase 1 consisted of the construction of completely new buildings including a new Tucson Electric Power (TEP) meter to provide electricity to the new buildings. The amendment approved by the Board of Supervisors last week increased the amount of solar energy the County will be purchasing that will replace energy that would normally be purchased from TEP through the meter to the new buildings in Phase 1.

Phase 2 includes the remodeling and renovations to the existing structure at PACC which has long been served by a different TEP meter. TEP requires individual agreements for solar connections through each of its meters. Hence, the separate agreement with Solon for Phase 2 of the PACC project.

The attached site map shows the location of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 solar facilities. The contracts are for the purchase of electricity over the next 20 years at a fixed rate. The County does not pay for the installation of the solar panels, but pays Solon for electricity produced by the panels and used by the County rather than paying TEP for standard electricity. Use of the solar panels is expected to save Pima County significant energy costs over the next 20 years as the electricity rates from TEP rise over time while the rates paid to Solon will remain constant.

Attachment

c: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Exhibit "II" (to SLA)
System Licensed Area

Below is the site map for construction of the solar photovoltaic facilities at: Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) Phase II. The system-licensed area will be determined by final design.

