RESOLUTION NO. 09-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALBANY TO JOIN THE CALIFORNIAFIRST PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority ("California Communities") is a joint exercise of powers authority the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California, including the City of Albany (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, California Communities has established the CaliforniaFIRST program (the "CaliforniaFIRST Program") to allow the financing of certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements (the "Improvements") through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code ("Chapter 29") and the issuance of improvement bonds (the "Bonds") under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 8500 and following) (the "1915 Act") upon the security of the unpaid contractual assessments; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow the owners of property within its jurisdiction ("Participating Property Owners") to participate in the CaliforniaFIRST Program and to allow California Communities to conduct

assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and to issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, California Communities will conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance Improvements;

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this meeting a proposed form of Resolution of Intention to be adopted by California Communities in connection with such assessment proceedings (the "ROI"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the territory within which assessments may be levied for the California FIRST Program shall include all of the territory within the City's official boundaries of record (the "Proposed Boundaries"); and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy or collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of the Bonds or any other bonds issued in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6586.5, a notice of public hearing has been published once at least five days prior to the date hereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and a public hearing has been duly conducted by this City Council concerning the significant public benefits of the CaliforniaFIRST Program and the financing of the Improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Albany as follows:

On the date hereof, the [City Council/Board of Supervisors] held a Section 1. public hearing and the City Council hereby finds and declares that the issuance of bonds by California Communities in connection with the California FIRST Program will provide significant public benefits, including without limitation, savings in effective interest rate, bond preparation, bond underwriting and bond issuance costs and reductions in effective user charges levied by water and electricity providers within the boundaries of the City.

In connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program, the City hereby Section 2. consents to the conduct of special assessment proceedings by California Communities pursuant to Chapter 29 on any property within the Proposed Boundaries and the issuance of Bonds under the 1915 Act; provided, that

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(1) Such proceedings are conducted pursuant to one or more Resolutions of Intention in substantially the form of the ROI; and

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The Participating Property Owners, who shall be the legal owners of **(2)** such property, execute a contract pursuant to Chapter 29 and comply with other applicable provisions of California law in order to accomplish the valid levy of assessments.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 29, California Communities Section 3. has prepared and will update from time to time the "Program Report" for the CaliforniaFIRST Program (the "Program Report"), and California Communities will undertake assessment proceedings and the financing of Improvements as set forth in the Program Report.

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The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized Section 4. and directed to make applications for the CaliforniaFIRST program available to all 1 | pr 2 | Ce 3 | m 4 | sta 5 | de 6 | Ca

property owners who wish to finance Improvements; provided, that California Communities shall be responsible for providing such applications and related materials at its own expense. The following staff persons, together with any other staff persons chosen by the City Administrator from time to time, are hereby designated as the contact persons for California Communities in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program: Environmental Specialist.

Section 5. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such closing certificates, requisitions, agreements and related documents as are reasonably required by California Communities in accordance with the Program Report to implement the CaliforniaFIRST Program for Participating Property Owners and to evidence compliance with the requirements of federal and state law in connection with the issuance by California Communities of the Bonds and any other bonds for the CaliforniaFIRST Program. To that end, and pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2, the staff persons listed in Section 3 above, or other staff person acting in the same capacity for the City with respect to the CaliforniaFIRST Program, are hereby authorized and designated to declare the official intent of the City with respect to the Improvements to be paid or reimbursed through participation in the CaliforniaFIRST Program.

Section 6. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to pay California Communities a fee in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, which California Communities will use to pay for the costs of implementing the California FIRST Program in the City, including the payment of legal costs incurred in connection with judicial validation of the California FIRST Program.

1	Section 7. This	s Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The
2	City Clerk is here	by authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this
3	resolution to the S	ecretary of California Communities.
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CITY ADMINISTRATOR PH. (510) 528-5710 FAX (510) 528-5797	RESOLUTION NO
CITY ATTORNEY PH. (510) 524-9205 FAX (510) 526-9190	PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
CITY CLERK PH. (510) 528-5720 FAX (510) 528-5797	this 7th day of December ,20 09, by the following votes:
CITY COUNCIL PH. (510) 528-5720 FAX (510) 528-5797	AYES: Council MembersAtkinson, Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen & Mayor Wile
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES - Building - Engineering - Environmental Resources - Maintenance - Planning PH. (510) 528-5760 FAX (510) 524-9359	NOES: None ABSENT: None
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CITY TREASURER PH. (510) 528-5730 FAX (510) 528-2743 FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PH. (510) 528-5771 FAX (510) 528-5774	WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 8th day of December , 20 09.
PERSONNEL PH. (510) 528-5714 FAX (510) 528-5797 POLICE PH. (510) 525-7300	JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC CITY CLERK

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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF RESOLUTION OF INTENTION

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RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO FINANCE INSTALLATION OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

COUNTY OF

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority ("California Communities") is authorized under the authority granted California Communities pursuant to Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California in accordance with Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California ("Chapter 29") to authorize assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements that are permanently fixed to real property ("Authorized Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 authorizes California Communities to enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the County of ____ (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, California Communities wishes to declare its intention to establish a CaliforniaFIRST program (the "CaliforniaFIRST Program") in the County, pursuant to which California Communities, subject to certain conditions set forth below, would enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. California Communities hereby finds and declares the following:

- (a) The above recitals are true and correct.
- (b) Energy conservation efforts, including the promotion of energy-related Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of global climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the County.
- (c) Water conservation efforts, including the promotion of water-related Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of chronic water shortages in California.
- (d) The upfront cost of making residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property more energy and water efficient, along with the fact that most commercial loans for that purpose are due on the sale of the property, prevents many property owners from installing Authorized Improvements.
- (e) A public purpose will be served by establishing a contractual assessment program, to be known as the CaliforniaFIRST Program, pursuant to which California Communities will finance the installation of Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property in the County.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Determination of Public Interest.</u> California Communities hereby determines that (a) it would be convenient, advantageous, and in the public interest to designate an area, which shall encompass the entire geographic territory within the boundaries of the County, within which California Communities and property owners within the County may enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements pursuant to Chapter 29 and (b) it is in the public interest for California Communities to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the County pursuant to Chapter 29.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Identification of Authorized Improvements</u>. California Communities hereby declares that it proposes to make contractual assessment financing available to property owners to finance installation of Authorized Improvements, including but not limited to those improvements detailed in the Report described in Section 8 below, as that Report may be amended from time to time.

Section 4. Identification of Boundaries. Contractual assessments may be entered into by property owners located within the entire geographic territory of the County; provided, however, that California Communities shall not enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements with the owner of any property in the County unless requested to do so first by the County if the property is located in unincorporated territory or a city if the property is located in incorporated territory and after such city or the County, as applicable, has held a public hearing pursuant to Section 6586.5 of the Government Code of the State of California. The form of resolution pursuant to which cities may request California Communities to enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements is attached as Exhibit A.

Section 5. Proposed Financing Arrangements. Under Chapter 29, California Communities may issue bonds pursuant to Chapter 29 that are payable by contractual assessments and California Communities may advance its own funds to finance work to be repaid through contractual assessments, and may from time to time sell bonds to reimburse itself for such advances. Division 10 (commencing with Section 8500) of the Streets & Highways Code of the State (the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915") shall apply to any bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 29, insofar as the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 is not in conflict with Chapter 29.

California Communities shall determine the creditworthiness of a property owner to participate in the financing of Authorized Improvements based on the criteria developed by the Program Manager in consultation with the CaliforniaFIRST Program financing team and on file with the Secretary.

In connection with bonds issued under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 that are payable from contractual assessments, serial and/or term improvement bonds shall be issued in such series and shall mature in such principal amounts and at such times (not to exceed 20 years from the second day of September next following their date) and at such rate or rates of interest (not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law) as shall be determined by California Communities at the time of the issuance and sale of the bonds. The provisions of Part 11.1 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 shall apply to the calling of the bonds. It is the intention of California Communities to create a special reserve fund for the bonds under Part 16 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1915. California Communities will not advance available surplus funds from its treasury to cure any deficiency in the redemption fund to be created with respect to the bonds; provided, however, that this determination shall not prevent California Communities from, in its sole discretion, so advancing funds. The bonds may be

refunded under Division 11.5 of the California Streets and Highways Code or other applicable laws permitting refunding of the bonds, upon the conditions specified by and at the determination of California Communities.

California Communities hereby authorizes the Program Manager, upon consultation with bond counsel and the CaliforniaFIRST Program underwriter, to provide for the issuance of bonds payable from contractual assessments.

In connection with the issuance of bonds payable from contractual assessments, California Communities expects to obligate itself, through a covenant with the owners of the bonds, to exercise its foreclosure rights with respect to delinquent contractual assessment installments under specified circumstances.

Section 6. Public Hearing. Pursuant to the Act, California Communities hereby orders that a public hearing be held before this Commission, at ______, on ______, 2009 at ______ a.m., for the purposes of allowing interested persons to object to or inquire about the proposed program or any of its particulars. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by the Commission for a time not exceeding a total of 180 days.

At the time of the hearing, the Report described in Section 8 below shall be summarized and the Commission shall afford all persons who are present an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to the proposed contractual assessment program, the extent of the area proposed to be included within the program, the terms and conditions of the draft Contract described in Section 8 below, or the proposed financing provisions. Following the public hearing, California Communities may adopt a resolution confirming the Report (the "Resolution Confirming Report") or may direct the Report's modification in any respect, or may abandon the proceedings.

The Commission hereby orders the Secretary to publish a notice of public hearing once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or more often, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice will commence upon the first day of publication and terminate at the end of the fourteenth day. The first publication shall occur not later than 20 days before the date of the public hearing.

- <u>Section 7.</u> <u>Notice to Water and Electric Providers.</u> Pursuant to Section 5898.24 of the Streets & Highways Code, the Commission hereby orders the Secretary to provide written notice of the proposed contractual assessment program within the County to all water and electric providers within the boundaries of the County not less than 60 days prior to adoption of the Resolution Confirming Report.
- <u>Section 8. Report.</u> The Commission hereby directs the Program Manager for the CaliforniaFIRST Program to prepare and file with the Commission a report (the "Report") at or before the time of the public hearing described in Section 6 above containing all of the following:
- (a) A map showing the boundaries of the territory within which contractual assessments are proposed to be offered, as set forth in Section 4 above.
- (b) A draft contract (the "Contract") specifying the terms and conditions that would be agreed to by California Communities and a property owner within the County. The Contract may allow property owners to purchase directly the related equipment and materials for the

installation of the Authorized Improvements and to contract directly for the installation of such Authorized Improvements.

- (c) A statement of California Communities' policies concerning contractual assessments including all of the following:
 - (1) Identification of types of Authorized Improvements that may be financed through the use of contractual assessments.
 - (2) Identification of California Communities official authorized to enter into contractual assessments on behalf of California Communities.
 - (3) A maximum aggregate dollar amount of contractual assessments in the County.
 - (4) A method for setting requests from property owners for financing through contractual assessments in priority order in the event that requests appear likely to exceed the authorization amount.
- (d) A plan for raising a capital amount required to pay for work performed pursuant to contractual assessments. The plan may include amounts to be advanced by California Communities through funds available to it from any source. The plan may include the sale of a bond or bonds or other financing relationship pursuant to Section 5898.28 of Chapter 29. The plan shall include a statement of or method for determining the interest rate and time period during which contracting property owners would pay any assessment. The plan shall provide for any reserve fund or funds. The plan shall provide for the apportionment of all or any portion of the costs incidental to financing, administration, and collection of the contractual assessment program among the consenting property owners and California Communities.
- (e) A report on the results of the consultations with the County Auditor-Controller described in Section 10 below concerning the additional fees, if any, that will be charged to California Communities for incorporating the proposed contractual assessments into the assessments of the general taxes of the County on real property, and a plan for financing the payment of those fees.
- <u>Section 9. Nature of Assessments</u>. Assessments levied pursuant to Chapter 29, and the interest and any penalties thereon, will constitute a lien against the lots and parcels of land on which they are made, until they are paid. Unless otherwise directed by California Communities, the assessments shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as the general taxes of the County on real property are payable, and subject to the same penalties and remedies and lien priorities in the event of delinquency and default.
- <u>Section 10.</u> Consultations with County Auditor-Controller. California Communities hereby directs the Program Manager to enter into consultations with the County Auditor-Controller in order to reach agreement on what additional fees, if any, will be charged to California Communities for incorporating the proposed contractual assessments into the assessments of the general taxes of the County on real property.
- <u>Section 11</u>. <u>Preparation of Current Roll of Assessment</u>. Pursuant to Section 5898.24(c), California Communities hereby designates the Program Manager (or his/her designee) as the responsible official for annually preparing the current roll of assessment

obligations by assessor's parcel number on property subject to a voluntary contractual assessment.

<u>Section 12</u>. <u>Procedures for Responding to Inquiries</u>. The Program Manager shall establish procedures to promptly respond to inquiries concerning current and future estimated liability for a voluntary contractual assessment.

<u>Section 13. Professionals Appointed.</u> California Communities hereby appoints Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, as bond counsel to California Communities in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program. The Program Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into appropriate agreements with such firm for its services to California Communities in connection with the matters addressed in this Resolution.

<u>Section 14</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the California Statewide Communities Developmen Authority this, 2010.
I, the undersigned, the duly appointed, and qualified member of the Commission of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commission of said Authority at a duly called meeting of the Commission of said Authority held in accordance with law on, 2010.
By:
Member

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES TO CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS

AGREEMENT TO PAY ASSESSMENT AND FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS

CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CALIFORNIAFIRST (COUNTY OF)

This AGREEMENT TO PAY ASSESSMENT AND FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of this _____ day of _____, 20__, by and between the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, a joint exercise of powers authority (the "Authority"), and the record owner(s) (the "Property Owner") of the fee title to the real property identified on Exhibit A (the "Property").

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WHEREAS, the Authority is a joint exercise of powers authority the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established the CaliforniaFIRST program (the "CaliforniaFIRST Program") to allow the financing of certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements (the "Improvements") through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code ("Chapter 29") and the issuance of improvement bonds under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 8500 and following) (the "1915 Act") upon the security of the unpaid contractual assessments; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied pursuant to a contract between the property owner and the public agency; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has conducted the proceedings required by Chapter 29 with respect to the territory within the boundaries of the County of _____ (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, the [City/County] has consented to (i) owners of property within its jurisdiction (the "Participating Property Owners") participating in the CaliforniaFIRST Program and (ii) the Authority conducting assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and issuing bonds under the 1915 Act to finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 29, the Authority and the Property Owner wish to enter into a contract pursuant to which the Property Owner would agree to pay an assessment in order to finance the installation on the Property of the Improvements described in Exhibit B and the Authority would agree to provide financing, all on the terms set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the material covenants hereinafter contained, the Property Owner and the Authority formally covenant, agree and bind themselves and their successors and assigns as follows:

AGREEMENT

- **Section 1.** Purpose. The Property Owner and the Authority are entering into this Agreement for the purpose of financing the installation of the Improvements identified on Exhibit B on the Property.
- **Section 2**. <u>The Property</u>. This Agreement relates to the real property identified on <u>Exhibit A</u>. The Property Owner has supplied to the Authority current evidence of its ownership of fee title to the Property and possesses all legal authority necessary to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Property Owner.

Section 3. Agreement to Pay Assessment; Prepayment; Non-Completion Assessment.

- (a) <u>Payment of Initial Assessment</u>. The Property hereby freely and willingly agrees to pay the initial assessment set forth on <u>Exhibit C</u> (the "**Initial Assessment**"). Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, the Initial Assessment will be paid in the installments set forth on <u>Exhibit C</u>.
- willingly agrees to pay the additional assessment (the "Non-Completion Assessment"; together with the Initial Assessment, the "Assessment") identified on Exhibit A in the event that, following issuance of bonds by the Authority to finance installation of the Improvements, the Property Owner fails to install the Improvements in compliance with the CaliforniaFIRST Program rules or otherwise fails to meet the conditions established by the Authority for financing through the CaliforniaFIRST Program. The Property Owner acknowledges that the purpose of the Non-Completion Assessment is to provide for redemption of the related bonds. The Property Owner further acknowledges that the Non-Completion Assessment will be levied in full by the Authority as set forth in Section 5898.30 of Chapter 29 in the first fiscal year in which the Authority is able to cause the Non-Completion Assessment to be placed on the County property tax roll.
- (c) <u>Prepayment of the Assessment</u>. The Assessment may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time upon the payment of (a) the whole or a portion of the unpaid principal component of the Assessment, (b) the accrued but unpaid interest component of the whole or applicable portion of the unpaid principal component of the Assessment through the prepayment date, (c) a prepayment premium in the amount set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u> and (d) the reasonable costs of the Authority related to such prepayment.
- (d) <u>Absolute Obligation</u>. The Property Owner hereby agrees that the Assessment will not be subject to reduction, offset or credit of any kind in the event that the bonds secured thereby are refunded or for any other reason.
- Section 4. <u>Collection of Assessment; Lien.</u> The Assessment, and the interest and penalties thereon as a result of a delinquency in the payment of any installment of the Assessment, shall constitute a lien against the Property until they are paid and shall be collected and shall have the lien priority as set forth in Chapter 29.

The Property Owner acknowledges that if any Assessment installment is not paid when due, the Authority has the right to have the delinquent installment and its associated penalties and interest stripped off the secured property tax roll and immediately enforced through a judicial foreclosure action that could result in a sale of the Property for the payment of the

delinquent installments, associated penalties and interest, and all costs of suit, including attorneys' fees. The Property Owner acknowledges that, if bonds are sold to finance the Improvements, the Authority may obligate itself, through a covenant with the owners of the bonds, to exercise its foreclosure rights with respect to delinquent Assessment installments under specified circumstances.

Section 5. Financing of the Improvements.

- (a) Agreement to Finance Improvements. The Authority hereby agrees to use the Assessment to finance the Improvements, including the payment of the Authority's reasonable costs of administering the CaliforniaFIRST Program.
- (b) Assessment Installments. The Property Owner agrees to the issuance of bonds by the Authority to finance the installation of the Improvements. The interest rate used to calculate the Initial Assessment installments set forth on Exhibit C is identified on Exhibit A. If the Authority determines in its reasonable discretion that the Initial Assessment installments may be reduced because the applicable interest rate on the bonds issued to finance installation of the Improvements is lower than the interest rate specified in Exhibit A, then the Authority may substitute a revised Exhibit C for the attached Exhibit C, shall provide a copy of such revised Exhibit C to the Property Owner and shall cause a notice of such revision to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder.
- **Section 6**. <u>Term</u>. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement shall expire upon the final payment or prepayment of the Assessment.
- **Section 7.** Recordation of Documents. The Property Owner hereby authorizes and directs the Authority to cause to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder the various notices and other documents required by Chapter 29 and other applicable laws to be recorded against the Property.
- **Section 8.** <u>Notice</u>. To the extent required by applicable law, the Property Owner hereby agrees to provide written notice to any subsequent purchaser of the Property of the obligation to pay the Assessment pursuant to this Agreement.
- Section 9. Waivers, Acknowledgment and Agreement. The Property Owner hereby waives its right to repeal the Assessment by initiative or any other action, or to file any lawsuit or other proceeding to challenge the Assessment or any aspect of the proceedings of the Authority undertaken in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program. The Property Owner hereby agrees that the Property Owner and its successors in interest to fee title in the Property shall be solely responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the Improvements. The Property Owner hereby acknowledges that the Property will be responsible for payment of the Assessment regardless of whether the Improvements are properly installed, operated or maintained as expected.

The Property Owner hereby agrees that the Authority is entering into this Agreement solely for the purpose of assisting the Property Owner with the financing of the installation of the Improvements, and that the Authority has no responsibility of any kind for, and shall have no liability arising out of, the installation, operation, financing, refinancing or maintenance of the Improvements. Based upon the foregoing, the Property Owner hereby waives the right to recover from and fully and irrevocably releases the Authority and any and all agents, employees, attorneys, representatives and successors and assigns of the Authority from any

and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages (including consequential damages), penalties, fines, forfeitures, costs and expenses (including all reasonable out-of-pocket litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees), relating to the subject matter of this Agreement that the Property Owner may now have or hereafter acquire against the Authority and any and all agents, employees, attorneys, representatives and successors and assigns of the Authority.

To the extent that the foregoing waivers and agreements are subject to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code or similar provisions of other applicable law, it is the intention of the Property Owner that the foregoing waivers and agreements will be effective as a bar to any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages (including consequential damages), penalties, fines, forfeitures, costs and expenses (including all reasonable out-of-pocket litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees), of whatever character, nature and kind, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and Property Owner agrees to waive any and all rights and benefits conferred upon the Property Owner by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code or similar provisions of applicable law. Section 1542 reads as follows:

"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR."

By initialing below, the Property Owner agrees to waive the provisions of Section 1542 in connection with the matters that are the subject of the foregoing waivers and releases.

Property Owner's Initials:				
The waivers, releases and a	agreements s	et forth in this	Section 9 shall	survive

termination of this Agreement.

Section 10. Indemnification. The Property Owner agrees to indemnify, defend, protect, and hold harmless the Authority and any and all agents, employees, attorneys, representatives and successors and assigns of the Authority, from and against all losses, liabilities, claims, damages (including consequential damages), penalties, fines, forfeitures, costs and expenses (including all reasonable out-of-pocket litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees) and any demands of any nature whatsoever related directly or indirectly to, or arising out of or in connection with, (i) the Assessment, (ii) the financing by the Authority of the Improvements, (iii) the Improvements, (iv) or any other fact, circumstance or event related to the subject matter of this Agreement, regardless of whether such losses, liabilities, claims, damages (including consequential damages), penalties, fines, forfeitures, costs and expenses (including all reasonable out-of-pocket litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees) accrue before or after the date of this Agreement.

The provisions of this Section 10 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 11. Amendment. Except as set forth in Section 5(b), this Agreement may be modified only by the written agreement of the Authority and the Property Owner.

Section 12. <u>Binding Effect; Assignment</u>. This Agreement inures to the benefit of and is binding upon the Authority, the Property Owner and their respective successors and assigns.

The Authority has the right to assign any or all of its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the Property Owner. The obligation to pay the Assessment set forth in this Agreement is an obligation of the Property and no agreement or action of the Property Owner will be competent to impair in any way the Authority's rights, including, but not limited to, the right to pursue judicial foreclosure of the Assessment lien or the right to enforce the collection of the Assessment or any installment thereof against the Property.

- **Section 13.** Exhibits. The Exhibits to this Agreement are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference as if set forth in their entirety in this Agreement.
- **Section 14**. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding will not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of this Agreement.
- **Section 15**. <u>Corrective Instruments</u>. The Authority and the Property Owner agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required in order to carry out out the expressed intention of this Agreement.
- Section 16. <u>Governing Law; Venue</u>. This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any legal action brought under this Agreement must be instituted in the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, State of California; provided, however, actions to foreclose delinquent installments of the Assessment will be instituted in the superior court of the County or as otherwise provided by law.
- **Section 17**. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which is an original and all of which constitutes one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority and the Property Owner have caused this Agreement to be executed in their respective names by their duly authorized representatives, all as of the date first above written.

CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Its: _____

The following are the authorized signatories of the	ne Property Owner:
Name:	Name:
Ву:	Ву:
Its:	lts:
Name:	Name:
Ву:	Ву:
Its:	its:

EXHIBIT A

Agreement Number:
Property Owner:
Property:
Prepayment Premium:
Interest Rate Used to Calculate Initial Assessment Installments (prior to issuance of Bonds):
Non-Completion Assessment: An amount equal to% of the Initial Assessment identified of Exhibit C

EXHIBIT B

IMPROVEMENTS

The Improvements are described on the attached documentation.

EXHIBIT C
SCHEDULE OF INITIAL ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENTS

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Total Initial Assessment: \$

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