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October 27, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

TEFRA HEARING AND PROPOSED APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000,000 IN TAX EXEMPT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE PACIFIC STEEL GROUP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL MICRO MILL LOCATED AT 860 SOPP ROAD IN MOJAVE (S.D. 2)
(Fiscal Impact: None)

Your Board has been requested to conduct a hearing in conformance with the requirements of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibilities Act ("TEFRA") with respect to the proposed execution and delivery of industrial development bonds. The California Municipal Finance Authority ("CMFA") proposes to issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of the Pacific Steel Group ("PSGM3, LLC") to finance or refinance a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping and operation of a steel micro mill for the processing and recycling of metals located at 860 Sopp Road, Mojave, California (the "Project"). CFMA has completed multiple financing projects in the County of Kern.

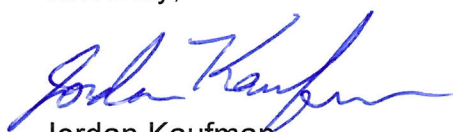
At this time, CMFA is requesting authorization to issue tax-exempt bonds in an amount not to exceed \$850,000,000 relating to the Mojave Micro Mill Project. The Project consists of the construction and operation of a micro steel mill facility and associated infrastructure necessary to produce rebar from scrap metal including shredded automobiles, appliances, structural and sheet metal, and other pre-processed steel bundles through various recycling processes. The Project includes an approximately 490,000 square foot steel mill facility with an additional approximately 62,000 square feet of accessory buildings and structures on 174 acres of land.

The County's Debt Advisory Committee met on October 1, 2026, with representatives from CMFA. The County of Kern will not be the issuer and therefore has no financial liability with respect to this proposed bond issuance. The Committee reviewed the issue for consistency with the County's debt financing policies and did not find any deviation from those policies. The Debt Advisory Committee determined that the Project offers public benefit by providing economic development and local jobs as well as enhanced recycling capabilities in Kern County. The committee unanimously approved recommending that your Board conduct the TEFRA hearing to satisfy the TEFRA requirements of a public hearing to determine public benefit and approve the issuance of the bonds.

Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code requires public agency approval for the issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds. This section was originally enacted in the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("TEFRA"). Each project proposed to be financed by an issue of tax-exempt private activity bonds must be approved by the governmental unit issuing the bonds, and the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which the project is located, in order to qualify for tax-exempt status.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board: Open hearing; receive public comment; close hearing; approve issuance of bonds for purposes of TEFRA by the California Municipal Finance Authority; Adopt Resolution.

Sincerely,



Jordan Kaufman
Treasurer and Tax Collector

Attachments

cc: County Administrative Office
County Counsel

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPPING AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PSGM3, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR AN AFFILIATE OR RELATED PERSON THERETO AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

I, NANCY ANDERSON, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at a regular meeting on the ____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

NANCY ANDERSON
County Administrative Officer
Clerk of the Board

Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) PSGM3, LLC, a California limited liability company, or an affiliate or related person thereto (the "Borrower"), has requested that the California Municipal Finance Authority (the "Authority") adopt a plan of financing providing for the issuance of exempt

facility bonds for a solid waste disposal facility pursuant to Section 142(a)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such exempt facility bonds in one or more series from time to time, and at no time to exceed \$850,000,000 in aggregate principal amount (the "Bonds"), to finance or refinance a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping and operation of a steel micro mill for the processing and recycling of metals located at 860 Sopp Road, Mojave, California (the "Project"); and

(b) Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority must be approved by the County of Kern (the "County") because the Project is located within the territorial limits of the County; and

(c) The Board of Supervisors of the County (the "Board of Supervisors") is the elected legislative body of the County and is one of the "applicable elected representatives" required to approve the issuance of the Bonds under Section 147(f) of the Code; and

(d) The Authority has requested that the Board of Supervisors approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority in order to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Code and the requirements of Section 4 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority, dated as of January 1, 2004 (the "Agreement"), among certain local agencies, including the County; and

(e) Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, the Board of Supervisors has, following notice duly given, held a public hearing regarding the issuance of the Bonds, and now desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority. It is the purpose and intent of the Board of Supervisors that this resolution constitute approval of the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority, for the purposes of (a) Section 147(f) of the Code by the applicable elected representative of the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which the Project is located, in accordance with said Section 147(f) and (b) Section 4 of the Agreement.
3. The issuance of the Bonds shall be subject to the approval of the Authority of all financing documents relating thereto to which the Authority is a party. The County shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever with respect to the Bonds.
4. The Board finds that the actions authorized hereby regarding the financing of the Project will result in demonstrable savings in effective interest rate, bond preparation, bond underwriting, or bond issuance costs to produce significant public benefits.

5. The adoption of this Resolution shall not obligate the County or any department thereof to (i) provide any financing to acquire or construct the Project or any refinancing of the Project; (ii) approve any application or request for or take any other action in connection with any planning approval, permit or other action necessary for the acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, improvement, equipping, installation or operation of the Project; (iii) make any contribution or advance any funds whatsoever to the Authority; or (iv) take any further action with respect to the Authority or its membership therein.

6. The officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents which they deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out, give effect to and comply with the terms and intent of this resolution and the financing transaction approved hereby.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

8. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the following:

County Counsel
Treasurer-Tax Collector

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 27, 2026, a public hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") will be held with respect to the proposed issuance by the California Municipal Finance Authority, pursuant to a plan of financing, of its exempt facility bonds for solid waste disposal facilities pursuant to Section 142(a)(6) of the Code in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such exempt facility bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$850,000,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to: (1) finance or refinance a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping and operation of a steel micro mill for the processing and recycling of metals located at 860 Sopp Road, Mojave, California; and (2) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The facility is initially to be legally owned, principally used, operated and/or managed by the PSGM3, LLC, a California limited liability company, or an affiliate or related person thereto (the "Borrower").

The Bonds and the obligation to pay principal of and interest thereon and any redemption premium with respect thereto do not constitute indebtedness or an obligation of the County of Kern, the Authority, the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation, or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of any of them. The Bonds shall be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from certain revenues duly pledged therefor and generally representing amounts paid by the Borrower.

The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, and will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kern County Administrative Center at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of the Bonds or on the nature and location of the facilities proposed to be financed may attend the public hearing or, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments.

Additional information concerning the above matter may be obtained from, and written comments should be addressed to, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or emailed to clerkofboard@kerncounty.com.

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THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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10-15-26