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August 5, 2025

Mr. Joseph Stout
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
2800 Cottage Way, Suite W1623
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Support for The Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project

Dear Director Stout:

I am writing to express my support for the Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project. This project is located in my district in San Bernardino County, approximately six miles southwest of the town of Baker, on 2,670 acres of federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The proposed project includes a 300 MW solar facility paired with 1,200 MWh of battery storage - enough to power more than 140,000 homes, which equates to roughly one-fifth of all households in San Bernardino County. A project of this scale will help stabilize California's power grid, mitigate extreme energy price volatility, and reduce the risk of rolling blackouts.

I understand that the project was previously approved by federal authorities as a solar-only facility. The current proposal enhances the original plan by incorporating battery storage while also reducing the project's footprint. The revised design places the project adjacent to Interstate 15 and the planned Southern California-to-Las Vegas rail line, thereby significantly limiting its environmental and visual impact. The integration of battery storage and the updated project design has produced a more compact footprint that addresses environmental considerations while enhancing grid benefits for consumers.

Beyond increasing renewable energy capacity and improving grid reliability, this project will provide significant economic benefits to the region. The project will result in much needed infrastructure investment, create hundreds of construction jobs, generate direct annual tax revenue, and contribute ancillary economic effects to my district's surrounding communities.

For these reasons, I am proud to support the Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project and urge prompt approval of its outstanding actions, which include a Notice to

Proceed request, updated plan of development, and environmental review by way of a categorical exclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Lackey". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Lackey" clearly legible.

Assemblyman Tom Lackey
34th District