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RE: City of San Juan Capistrano Formal Request for Response to Previous Correspondence

Dear Benjamin Siegal:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has received the City of San Juan Capistrano's Formal Request, docketed on December 19, 2025 (TN 267998), for the CEC to respond to comments by the City contained in multiple previous correspondence. We acknowledge that the letter specifically identifies the following areas in which the City has comments and seeks responses from the CEC to those comments:

- 1) Project applicant's response to the CEC's Post Scoping Set 2 Data Request and updated application materials.
- 2) Objection to Project applicant's request to modify the Project.
- 3) Comments on Post-Scoping Biological Resources Data Request.
- 4) Comments on the Second Harvest Food Bank Community Benefits Agreement (CBA).

On December 22, 2025, Engie, the applicant for the Compass Energy Storage Project, docketed a letter (TN 268025), requesting that the CEC "suspend processing the Compass application to allow sufficient time for Compass to analyze alternative sites to the Rancho Capistrano property, along with resource adequacy and market changes, in order to improve the economic viability of the Project."

With the project currently suspended and potentially relocating to a new site, the City's comments reflect facts and issues that may no longer be relevant pending the results of Engie's reassessment of the project and analysis of alternative

sites. Given the changing facts and circumstances, the CEC will defer any response pending the outcome of Engie's project reassessment.

Please note that input from local jurisdictions is an important part of the CEC's siting process and in the future, if there is a pending project, and the City has questions about the project or the review process, please do not hesitate to contact me or the CEC's project manager, Renee Longman at renee.longman@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Drew Bohan
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