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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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May 19, 2026

RE: Support for the Potentia Viridi Battery Energy Storage System

Dear Commissioners:

I am pleased to write in support of the Potentia Viridi Battery Energy Storage System. This project will advance California's clean energy and grid reliability needs and provide important benefits for Senate District 5.

When the Legislature created the opt-in permitting process in AB 205 (2022), it was with the intent to advance projects like Potentia Viridi – projects that will benefit both the region and the state as a whole. The Potentia Viridi project is strategically sited near existing energy infrastructure in the Altamont Pass and will benefit our regional electric grid by storing locally generated clean energy and discharging it during times of peak electric demand. The project will create union construction jobs as well as permanent operations jobs, benefiting our local economy and workforce. It will contribute more than \$50 million in state and local taxes over its operating life and will provide more than \$1 million in community benefits. Beyond our immediate region, the project will contribute to our state's vital goals of advancing clean energy while maintaining grid reliability.

I encourage you to approve the Potentia Viridi project with no additional conditions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry McNerney".

California State Senator Jerry McNerney, District 5