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## **SBCTC Support for the RB Inyokern Data Center Project**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

# State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

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May 22, 2026

The Honorable David Hochschild, Chair  
California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for the RB Inyokern Data Center Project – Docket Number 26-SPPE-01**

Dear Chair Hochschild and Commissioners:

On behalf of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, representing more than 450,000 skilled construction workers statewide, I write in strong support of the RB Inyokern Data Center Project proposed by R&L Capital, Inc. (“the Applicant) in Inyokern, an unincorporated area of Kern County.

The RB Inyokern Data Center Project represents a significant investment in critical digital infrastructure and economic development in Kern County. The project would include a new data center facility, on-site electrical infrastructure, and emergency backup generation designed to support reliable data center operations during utility outages. Facilities like this are increasingly important to California’s economy, supporting the secure and reliable digital systems that businesses, public agencies, and communities depend on every day.

The State Building Trades supports responsible infrastructure development that is built safely, efficiently, and to the highest industry standards. This project will generate substantial employment opportunities for California’s skilled construction workforce while supporting apprenticeship and workforce training pathways for the next generation of tradespeople.

Importantly, the State Building Trades recently entered into a Letter of Agreement with the Applicant, establishing the framework for a Project Labor Agreement covering construction of the project and a Maintenance Agreement for ongoing work at the facility. These agreements reflect a shared commitment to using a highly skilled workforce and to ensuring the project is constructed and maintained in accordance with strong labor standards, workforce protections, family-sustaining wages and benefits, and opportunities for apprentices and journey-level workers.

The RB Inyokern Data Center Project exemplifies the kind of responsible investment California should encourage: one that supports critical infrastructure, creates good-paying jobs, strengthens workforce training, and delivers long-term economic benefits to the region.

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For these reasons, we respectfully urge the California Energy Commission to approve the RB Inyokern Data Center Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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