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Support

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the HECA project. It's not every day that a project as big as HECA is interested in building in Kern County. They will add more power to the energy grid, add thousands of construction jobs for locals, pay local taxes which will benefit everyone and will provide a local source of fertilizer for farmers. The economic benefits of HECA really speak for themselves. One issue that I've seen get a lot of traction is the issue of where waste from the plant will go. I recently read in the Taft Midway Driller that HECA will not be dumping any of their waste in Kern County, which is a relief. In fact, HECA has been proactive in evaluating ways to reuse and market their gasified solids instead of just disposing of them in landfills. HECA is even committed to helping Kern County reach the state mandate goal of a 75% diversion rate by 2020. They are interested in selling remaining solids to be used as roofing granules, blasting grit, cement and ready mix. All of which will be sold in no more than 300 miles of Kern County, further benefitting the Central Valley. I believe that HECA leadership is responsible and I trust that they will continue to work with the community and county to ensure that everyone's concerns, including the concerns of neighbors, are addressed. This project needs to be approved!