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October 3, 2007

James D. Boyd
Vice Chair and Presiding Member
Sentinel AFC Committee
California Energy Commission

And

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel
Chairman and Associate Member
Sentinel ARC Committee

Re: CPV Sentinel
AFC-07-AFC-3

Commissioners:

We consider the successful permitting and construction of the CPV Sentinel Standby Power Plant to be of the highest priority.

The Plant is the solution to the Coachella Valley's critical electric power supply issues, and it will provide a needed economic boost to the region as a whole. CPV Sentinel will deliver these benefits with efficiency, proficiency and in the most environmentally sensitive manner.

That is why I urge you to approve the CPV Sentinel project in an expeditious manner. As government officials we share an obligation to safeguard our constituents, and to seek opportunities to protect and improve their quality of life.

The Plant will benefit Mission Springs Water District because the project will help it protect its valuable water resources. CPV Sentinel will support the District's water quality goals by making it possible for MSWD to clean recharge water beyond the present secondary levels to tertiary levels and thus improve water basin quality. CPV Sentinel will benefit MSWD budget goals by paying for new wells and piping systems and in addition paying premium rates for

water. This is a valuable windfall for the District and ratepayers. And the efficient, clean, state-of-the-art technology used by the Plant will use water so efficiently that it will have no significant impact on the projected thirty year Mission Springs water surplus. CPV Sentinel is a winner for MSWD, its ratepayers and the surrounding cities.


The economic benefits to Desert Hot Springs and the Coachella Valley are important. It will generate \$25,000,000 in new sales tax revenues with \$3,000,000 dedicated to Desert Hot Springs alone. Additionally, \$5,000,000 in annual property tax will be paid by the Plant. The project will generate new jobs that will further contribute to the local economy and the quality of life in the Coachella Valley.

Blackouts and brownouts can have a terrible impact on public safety especially in the Coachella Valley where the loss of air conditioning can be fatal to the elderly and infirm. CPV Sentinel is the key to avoiding blackouts in the Coachella Valley. CPV Sentinel will safeguard our local electric power supply by generating power on an as needed basis – power that will stay here in our communities when we need it most.

The CPV Sentinel project is the solution to so many issues we share as government officials, and as members of the community.

Please join me in wholeheartedly supporting this fine project.

Sincerely,



Paul Cool
Assemblyman
65th District