



**Coachella Valley
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Dear Sirs:

The Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) supports the proposed CPV Sentinel stand-by power plant to be located in the north-western Coachella Valley.

CVEP is the regional economic development agency for the Coachella Valley. Our membership includes the nine cities of the Coachella Valley, the County of Riverside and 130 private businesses. Our work to attract business to the region as well as to assist existing businesses with expansion will be enhanced with the addition of the proposed CPV Sentinel project.

We believe that a reliable supply of power — which includes back-up power — is a key component of sustainable economic growth. The project will bring important economic benefits in the form of new revenue and new jobs to our region. Public safety will also benefit from the added security the project provides to an already taxed system. Additionally, your sensitivity to our quality of life in the Coachella Valley is evidenced by the inclusion of the most current technology to ensure that the environmental impact of the project will be minimized. We also understand that CPV-Sentinel is working closely with the regional water purveyor to address any water supply impacts that may exist.

We recommend approval of this needed project.

Sincerely,

John M. Soulliere
President/CEO
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

