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Desert Water Agency Board of Directors  
1200 Gene Autry Trail  
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Dear Board Members:

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 120 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 proposed project will bring important economic benefits in the form of new revenue and new jobs to our region. CVEP also recognizes that a consistent supply of quality water is similarly critical to economic growth and sustainability.

Our support is contingent upon the assumption that DWA, working with the Mission Springs Water District, will ensure that the wise management of the Mission Creek Sub Basin — including timely replenishment to mitigate project impacts — remains the top consideration for approving the water supply agreement before you today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Soulliere".

John M. Soulliere  
President/CEO  
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

