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Honorable Board of Directors
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1200 Gene Autry Trail
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Dear Board of Directors:

I intended to attend your meeting again this morning, but unfortunately had a conflict that could not be rearranged.

Please accept my apologies for not being able to personally express my appreciation for your diligence in the matter of supplying water for the CVP project. When the Mission Springs Water District could not find a way to act on this issue, I welcomed the forthright and creative manner in which you have responded.

The standby power plant is crucial for the future growth of our valley. It is environmentally sensible. It only operates when the clean sources of energy, such as windmills, are not available. It fills in when environmentally sound energy production is not available.

The plant brings needed new revenues to our community and creates some new jobs. While located in the sphere of influence of Desert Hot Springs it is vital for the entire region.

Thank you and your excellent staff for the timeliness and confidence of your response to this issue. You have grasped the full impact of this project and facilitated it. Your plan is sensible and helpful to water conservation for our area. The professionalism of this Board and your professional staff is to be commended.

Sincerely,


Yvonne Park, Mayor
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Dear Board of Directors:

I apologize for not being present, but my schedule did not permit.

I wanted to voice my support for the contract between you and CVP. We all understand that this valley is growing at a steady pace, and this power plant will only help support the future needs of all our communities in the Coachella Valley and beyond. I think we all understand the need for this facility, but also the importance of our water.

I want to commend your staff on its diligent, steady pace to complete this agreement in a respectable time frame. I am saddened that Mission Springs Water District could not produce a working agreement, but this aside I want to express my full support to your agency and your staff. With a large force of community members, county representatives and your agency's support, this will be a win for all of us.

With this said, I want to again commend your staff on seeing the big picture and providing a professional agreement we can all work with.

Thank You,

Scott Matas, Mayor Pro Tem
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