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Mr. Eric Solorio
Project Manager
Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Solorio:

The Downtown San Diego Partnership (DSDP) is pleased to inform you that we have voted to support the Quail Brush Generation Project (Quail Brush). DSDP is a nonprofit business organization dedicated to strengthening the business, residential and cultural environment of downtown San Diego.

DSDP is a strong supporter of clean energy and being more efficient with our natural resources. As our state depends more on renewable resources such as the sun and wind, additional quick-start natural gas facilities will be needed to balance out the intermittent periods when the sun is not shining and the wind is not blowing. This is where Quail Brush fits into our overall portfolio of energy needs. The downtown area is home to some of the largest businesses in our County that depend on reliable power. DSDP supports Quail Brush because it will help ensure we have access to reliable power when the system is at peak demand. This increased reliability will help spur economic growth so that San Diego can attract and retain businesses. DSDP also supports Quail Brush because it will generate significant tax revenues and add jobs during construction and operation.

Your decision is an important one for our region, and Quail Brush will play a valuable role in strengthening our electric grid. This project would benefit thousands of local businesses that depend on power. We sincerely hope that you will rule in favor of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kris Michell", written over a horizontal line.

Kris Michell
President and CEO