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Subject: Letter in SUPPORT of Quail Brush Project
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Good morning,

Thank you for accepting the attached letter from the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce in support of the Quail Brush energy project you are considering. I have also put a hard copy of this letter into U.S. Mail today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you

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Mr. Eric K. Solorio
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California Energy Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SUPPORT for the Quail Brush Generation Project

Dear Mr. Solorio:

The San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce serves as the respected voice of – and advocate for – public policy, education and business opportunities throughout eastern San Diego County. We represent the business community in three cities and several communities of the County. After careful consideration, our organization has voted to support Cogentrix Energy's proposed Quail Brush Generation Project.

The 850 businesses that make up the Chamber's membership depend on a steady supply of electricity to keep their lights and computers on. Many of our member businesses are in a relatively close proximity to the location of this project, and we accept the minimal impacts that the project might create. The positive elements and sustainability far outweigh any other considerations.

Even the shortest power outage can have negative financial consequences for local shops and restaurants. The Quail Brush Generation Project will address this and other issues of concern by generating additional power when it's needed most. This facility will provide significant benefits, including reliable energy, support for renewable power, new jobs and added tax revenues. The project will help support the development of renewable energy by providing back-up generation when wind and solar resources suddenly become unavailable.

Our region needs access to clean sources of power in order to meet the state's 33 percent renewable energy goal. Increasing the use of sustainable energy in San Diego County will also help improve air quality and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

We appreciate that the Quail Brush Generation Project will create approximately 150 temporary construction jobs and 11 permanent positions, many of which will be filled through local hiring. We offer our strong support for the Quail Brush Generation Project. The Chamber looks forward to learning more about this important project as the environmental review process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Alevy".

Scott Alevy
President/CEO

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