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**09-AFC-3**

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John M. Gioia, Chairman  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
651 Pine Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Supervisor Gioia:

At the February 23, 2010 meeting of the Contra Costa County Planning Commission, a presentation was made concerning the proposed Mariposa Power Plant in extreme northeast Alameda County. Because of the project's proximity to Contra Costa County, especially the Byron Airport, we requested the opportunity to hear from the project proponent and allow both the Commission and the public to discuss the project.

After the presentation by the project proponent, and their response to Commissioners' questions, the Commission voted to support the project. We did so for a number of reasons. They include:

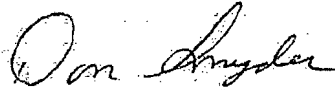
- 1) The Mariposa plant would provide timely generation of electricity. The ability of the plant to become operational within 10 minutes allows it to supplement other energy sources, including solar and wind, which are by their nature intermittent.
- 2) The Mariposa plant is located at the convergence of available natural gas supplies, the fuel source the plant would utilize, while keeping a safe distance from people and commerce.
- 3) There do not appear to be any significant impacts on either the current or potential future operations of the Byron Airport. The project is sited away from the approaches to the airport and would not adversely impact flight operations. The Federal Aviation Administration had previously come to the same conclusion.
- 4) The project represents a \$200 million investment in our region bringing both construction jobs and ongoing employment. Tax revenues will increase while the ripple effects of this influx of capital will benefit the entire area.

- 5) California has a clear need for increased electricity production. Along with so many other forms of infrastructure, California has not built enough facilities to keep up with increasing demand. Adequate power capacity is essential for our state to remain competitive economically. The Mariposa proposal helps to meet this need.

Based on the reasons listed above, we encourage the Board of Supervisors to consider sending a letter of support for the Mariposa Power Plant project to the California Energy Commission as they will make the final determination regarding approval of the project.

Thank you for your kind attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



Donald Snyder, Chairman  
Contra Costa County Planning Commission

CC: Craig Hoffman, Project Manager, California Energy Commission, re: Mariposa Energy Power Plant Licensing Case, Docket No. 09-AFC-3



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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE **MARIPOSA ENERGY PROJECT**  
(MEP)

**Docket No. 09-AFC-3**

**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
(Revised 2/8/2010)

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Megan Sebra, declare that on April 27, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Contra Costa County Planning Commission Letter. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mariposa/index.html].

The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

**(Check all that Apply)**

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sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

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**AND**

**For filing with the Energy Commission:**

sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

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depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
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Megan Sebra