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Morton Bay Geothermal

We would like to provide a letter of support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project, docket # 23-AFC-01.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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August 21, 2023

Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
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**RE: Letter of Support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project
(23-AFC-01)**

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of the Imperial Community College District (ICCD) and Imperial Valley College (IVC), I write to express our enthusiastic support of the Morton Bay Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

Imperial Valley College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). IVC offers lower division transfer education, career education, workforce training, developmental education, and life-long learning opportunities. Ninety-one (91%) of IVC's fall student population is Hispanic and receives financial aid. This is the highest percentage of any community college in California. In 2023, IVC received the Aspen Award, the nation's signature recognition for the country's highest-performing community colleges, for outstanding achievement in certificate and degree completion and equity for students.¹

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Morton Bay Geothermal Project will provide critically needed new, renewable baseload generating capacity to support grid reliability and the State's transition to clean, carbon-free electricity.

The Morton Bay Geothermal Project will also provide significant economic benefits to Imperial County. Capital expenditures from the project are estimated to bring \$750 million to \$1.3 billion to the local economy, creating over 560 construction jobs and 61 permanent jobs to support maintenance and operation of the facility. In addition to the many jobs that will be created, the project will generate substantial tax revenue and support the local economy through direct purchase of services, supplies, and materials from local and regional companies.

¹ Aspen Institute. Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. (nd).

We are excited to continue to work with BHE Renewables to develop the training programs that will benefit our traditionally underserved and disadvantaged community and improve the economic utility of the region.

For these reasons, I support the Morton Bay Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,



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