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Letter of Support

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



August 24, 2023

Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (23-AFC-01)

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC), we write to express our enthusiastic support of the Black Rock Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation is a partnership of private enterprise and local government united by the common vision of expanding and diversifying our economy. In doing so we support projects that are compatible with the community and environmentally responsible

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Black Rock 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 Black Rock Geothermal Project will also provide significant economic benefits to Imperial County. Capital expenditures from the project are estimated to bring \$475 to \$800 million to the local economy, creating over 426 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.

For these reasons, we support the Black Rock Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission. Please don't hesitate to contact me at tim@ivedc.com or 760-353-8332 if you should have any questions regarding our support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Kelley
President / CEO
Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation