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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



July 2, 2024

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Re: Cleantech San Diego Support for Harvest Thermal and Sonocharge Energy (Agenda Items 13d and 13e, July 10, 2024 CEC Business Meeting)

MISSION:

To accelerate clean technology innovation and promote the equitable deployment of sustainable solutions across the San Diego region for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community.

Chairman Hochschild and Commissioners:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for the proposed resolutions approving agreement EPC-24-006 with Harvest Thermal for a \$1,658,385 grant and agreement EPC-24-004 with Sonocharge Energy for a \$3,000,000 grant.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business association that works to position the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. In 2016, Cleantech San Diego was awarded a grant by the CEC to launch the Southern California Energy Innovation Network (SCEIN). The program provides free resources through a consortium of regional partner organizations to help energy entrepreneurs successfully bring their innovations to market. Cleantech San Diego has been working with Sonocharge Energy as a member of our SCEIN program since March 2021, and Harvest Thermal as a member of our SCEIN program since June 2022.

Harvest Thermal's project will develop an LRIP line in Alameda County to accelerate commercialization of a system that converts an ordinary water tank into a thermal battery which, combined with a smart controller, delivers space heating and hot water when needed, using the cleanest and cheapest electricity.

Sonocharge Energy's project will develop an LRIP line in San Diego for integrating surface acoustic wave technology into lithium-ion battery packs to enhance energy density and charging capabilities.

Cleantech San Diego is pleased to provide support for the proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-24-006 with Harvest Thermal and agreement EPC-24-004 with Sonocharge Energy. These projects will not only support California's clean energy future but will further demonstrate California's leadership in this industry.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson President and CEO Cleantech San Diego