

DOCKETED	
Docket Number:	23-AFC-02
Project Title:	Elmore North Geothermal Project (ENGP)
TN #:	258152
Document Title:	Christian Arana Comments - RE Docket Nos 23-AFC-01, 23-AFC-02, and 23-AFC-03
Description:	N/A
Filer:	System
Organization:	Christian Arana
Submitter Role:	Public
Submission Date:	7/29/2024 4:13:19 PM
Docketed Date:	7/29/2024

Comment Received From: Christian Arana
Submitted On: 7/29/2024
Docket Number: 23-AFC-02

RE Docket Nos 23-AFC-01, 23-AFC-02, and 23-AFC-03

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



July 29, 2024

California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket Nos. 23-AFC-01, 23-AFC-02, and 23-AFC-03

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Latino Community Foundation (LCF), the nation's largest Latino-serving foundation, we are proud to serve as a pivotal philanthropic partner in Activate Imperial. This public-private partnership is focused on equipping community-based organizations (CBOs) to effectively manage the substantial influx of public and private investment in the Imperial Valley region. Local nonprofit leaders have identified a crucial need for increased capacity among both established and emerging CBOs. By enhancing their capacity and coordination, CBOs will be better positioned to address community needs amid regional economic growth and investment transitions.

I am writing in response to the California Energy Commission's (CEC) announcement of a "Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment Technical and Mitigation Workshop" scheduled for July 31-August 1, 2024. This workshop aims to cover the Elmore North Geothermal Project (ENGP), Morton Bay Geothermal Project (MBGP), and Black Rock Geothermal Project (BRGP).

We have two primary concerns regarding this workshop. First, the deadline for written comments on the ENGP Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) is Monday, July 29—just two days before the workshop discussion on ENGP. This tight timeline may hinder the public's ability to thoroughly review and provide meaningful feedback on new information presented during the workshop. Second, we are concerned about the short notice provided for the workshop. The public notice was posted on Friday, July 19, allowing only 11 calendar days (7 business days) for the public to prepare for a two-day workshop on issues of significant importance.

To address these concerns, we strongly recommend extending the comment deadline for the ENGP Preliminary Staff Assessment. This extension would allow the public sufficient time to review new information, submit more informed feedback, and engage more fully in the discussion. Additionally, we suggest forming partnerships with community-based organizations to improve outreach and support broader public participation. This combined approach will enhance transparency, inclusiveness, and ultimately lead to more robust input on these critical projects.

Thank you for considering these recommendations. We look forward to collaborating with you as a strategic partner in the region.

The Latino Community Foundation is the premier statewide foundation focused on unleashing the civic and economic power of Latinos in California. The foundation has the largest network of Latino philanthropists in the country and has invested over \$30 million to build Latino civic and political power and leadership in the state.

With deep respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Arana', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christian Arana
Vice President of Civic Power and Policy