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Support letter

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

To: California Energy Commission

From: Ray Armenta, rs.armenta@yahoo.com

Re: Letter of support for BHE Renewables

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to you today to share my family's recent experience with BHE Renewables and how the company clearly demonstrated its commitment to protecting the environment while investing in a local youth organization.

Earlier this year, BHE Renewables sponsored an Eagle Scout project for local Boy Scouts of America Troop 4070 to restore burrowing owl habitats in the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge. The project was developed and organized by my son, Caleb Armenta, an Eagle Scout and a senior at Brawley Union High School. Many of the burrowing owl sites, now quite old, have been significantly damaged and destroyed over the years. By continuing these efforts, we aim to revitalize these critical environments and ensure a sustainable future for the owl populations.

The company went above and beyond by not only providing crucial financial support for the project but also actively participating in its success. Trinity Gatuz and Kenny Moraga from BHE Renewables teamed up with a dedicated group of 10 Boy Scouts to kick off the initiative. Together, they rewired posts, cleared outdated materials, and dug out exposed pipes to begin restoring vital habitats. Their hands-on involvement, combined with the generous financial backing from BHE Renewables, is set to make a lasting and positive impact on burrowing owl habitats for many years to come.

When BHE Renewables talks about protecting the environment for the benefit of future generations and that their projects are designed and operated to protect wildlife in their natural habitats, they mean it. Please consider this this when making decisions about BHE Renewables' planned development of the Black Rock, Elmore North and Morton Bay projects.

Sincerely,

Ray Armenta