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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

RE: Darden Clean Energy Project

Dear CEC Commissioners and Staff,

The Mendota Chamber of Commerce expresses its strong support for Intersect Power's Darden Clean Energy Project.

Intersect Power has been a strong supporter of the Chamber and has sponsored past Chamber events, including a documentary screening of Ugly Little Monkeys, a documentary about the first youth mariachi group in the United States. They will also sponsor the upcoming Lucha Libre event in Mendota.

Intersect Power and The Darden Clean Energy Project have demonstrated a strong commitment to community benefits. We are particularly impressed with Intersect Power's efforts to prioritize small businesses for procurement opportunities during construction, which will significantly boost our local economy. By partnering with local vendors and suppliers, they are ensuring that the economic benefits of this project are distributed widely within our community.

The Darden Clean Energy Project will also generate substantial tax revenue for Fresno County, which will be instrumental in uplifting the western part of our county and enabling us to invest in critical infrastructure and essential services. This influx of resources will lead to tangible improvements in the quality of life for our residents.

We believe the Darden Clean Energy Project is a valuable asset to our region and we fully support its development.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mezza Mendota Chamber of Commerce