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Tree Fresno Partners with Darden Project

RE: Darden Project Support

Dear CEC Commissioners and Staff,

On behalf of Tree Fresno, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Darden Clean Energy Project application.

As part of their Community Benefits Plan, Intersect Power has generously provided funding for a tree-planting initiative in western Fresno County. Through this collaboration, Tree Fresno will concentrate on providing relief through shade trees in the region. Our ten-year plan, in partnership with Intersect Power, includes expanding the tree canopy for schools and other community spaces. In particular, Tree Fresno will explore offering tree plantings near the Darden project area, and are exploring potential sites specifically within the communities of Cantua Creek and Five Points. This initiative will directly benefit community members by enhancing the climate resiliency of the Central San Joaquin Valley region.

Tree Fresno believes the Darden project will have a significant positive impact on our community and appreciates your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mona Cummings
CEO
Tree Fresno