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Support

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



August 22, 2023

Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Elmore North Geothermal Project (23-AFC-02)

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of the Imperial Valley Community Foundation, I write to express our support for the Elmore North Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

The Imperial Valley Community Foundation (IVCF) is a 501c3 nonprofit, public-benefit organization. Our mission is to champion local philanthropy to benefit the Imperial Valley community by helping donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while preserving enduring charitable assets forever.

It is our intent to improve the quality of life of the people of Imperial Valley. Toward this end, IVCF administers different charitable funds and programs that support the community such as scholarships, corporate giving, special projects, conservation, and competitive grant programs. We actively seek to promote access, equity, and inclusiveness; and to discourage discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, socioeconomic status, and other factors which deny the essential humanity of all people.

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Elmore North Geothermal Project will provide critically needed new, renewable baseload generating capacity to support grid reliability and the State's transition to clean, carbon-free electricity.

The Elmore North Geothermal Project will also provide significant economic benefits to Imperial County. Capital expenditures from the project are estimated to bring \$750 million to \$1.3 billion to the local economy, creating over 636 construction jobs and 61 permanent jobs to support maintenance and operation of the facility. In addition to the many jobs that will be created, the project will generate substantial tax revenue and support the local economy through direct purchase of services, supplies, and materials from local and regional companies.

We are confident and trust that the Elmore North Geothermal Project will be mindful of any cultural and/or environmental considerations, and good stewards of the land and local resources.

For these reasons, we support the Elmore North Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Brock
President/CEO
Imperial Valley Community Foundation