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Letter of Support

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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August 24, 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 Calipatria Chamber of Commerce we write to express our enthusiastic support of the Elmore North Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

The Calipatria Chamber of Commerce is a hands-on nonprofit organization who's mission is to create an environment in which we can improve the business climate as we advocate, educate and support our business organizations and community.

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.

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,

Sylvia R. Chavez

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