

DOCKETED	
Docket Number:	23-AFC-01
Project Title:	Morton Bay Geothermal Project (MBGP)
TN #:	251984
Document Title:	City of Calipatria Comments - Letter of Support
Description:	N/A
Filer:	System
Organization:	City of Calipatria
Submitter Role:	Public Agency
Submission Date:	8/28/2023 2:34:25 PM
Docketed Date:	8/28/2023

Comment Received From: City of Calipatria
Submitted On: 8/28/2023
Docket Number: 23-AFC-01

Letter of Support

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

City of Calipatria



125 North Park Avenue
Calipatria, California 92233

August 22, 2023 Phone: (760) 348-4141

Fax: (760) 348-7035

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

RE: Support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (23-AFC-01)

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of the City of Calipatria, I write to express our enthusiastic support of the Morton Bay Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Morton Bay 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 Morton Bay 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 560 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.

This project would allow growth and potential employment for our city; we are close in proximity to not only Morton Bay Geothermal but Black Rock and Elmore North Geothermal projects.

For these reasons, the City of Calipatria supports the Morton Bay Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

Maria Nava-Froelich
Mayor