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Letter of Support

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Brawley American Citizens Club

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August 23, 2023

Drew Botran
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
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RE:Support for the Black Rock Geothermal Project (23-AFC-03)

The Brawley American Citizens' Club is in support for the Black Rock Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County in California. We are very excited and eager to see this project in full operation due to the lack of Jobs in Imperial County. We have the highest unemployed rate in Imperial County in California.

The Brawley ACC was founded in 1943 when the Hispanic War Veterans came back from World War II. They were not allowed to join The American Legion or to cross the railroad track which divides the community between the whites, black or hispanic. At that time they felt out of place and needed a place to gather and share information and to have a sense of belonging.

Brawley American ACC provides resources throughout our community and a safe gathering for our youth, adults and the elderly. We provide education and awareness to our community. We promote cultural diversity and acceptance. We are able to help a strong sense of heritage and self esteem to our members of our community.

Black Rock Geothermal will generate geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This project is critically needed new, renewable baseload generating capacity to support the grid reliability and transition to a clean and carbon-free electricity for the State.

The Black Rock Geothermal project will also provide economic benefits to Imperial County. The project is estimated to bring \$800 million to our local economy, by creating much needed jobs for our community. We therefore are in full support of the Black Rock Geothermal Project. We desperately look forward to the approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

Anthony Paul Gallegos/President