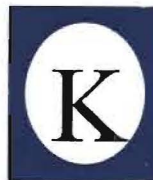


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The Honorable James D. Boyd  
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**RE: Carlsbad Energy Center Project, 07-AFC-6**

Dear Commissioner Boyd:

The citizens and businesses of North San Diego County require quality and sustainable resources for a reliable and economical supply of electricity. The Carlsbad Energy Center (quick starting, efficient and meeting greenhouse gas reduction initiatives) is an ideal project for providing energy and to support development of new renewable resources.

This letter is to express my support for the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project on the site that NRG currently occupies. It is clear that this proposed site (between the I-5 freeway and the NCTD railroad tracks) is the ideal location for the smaller and more environmentally friendly Carlsbad Energy Center Project.

However, one alternate site that has been proposed is highly unsuitable. It is adjacent to the Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista boundary and next to Merkel Reservoir, and while it is over a mile from any Carlsbad residents, it would create significant negative noise and visual impacts to Oceanside and Vista residents. In addition, that site would require unnecessary and expensive duplication of the infrastructure that already exists at the Encina Station. I strongly oppose that proposed alternative.

I urge your timely approval of the sustainable Carlsbad Energy Center proposal

Sincerely,

*M. Kaplan*

