

Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Chair California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Pfannenstiel:

I am writing to express my support for the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP) that is being developed in the City of Palmdale. This project also falls within the 5th District of Los Angeles County, which I represent on the County's Board of Supervisors. The applicant submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (CEC) in August, 2008.

The PHPP is a "combination" facility involving both traditional power generation and solar power. The fact that it incorporates a major solar power component is vital to meeting the state's renewable energy goals. Governor Schwarzenegger recently issued an Executive Order establishing a Renewable Portfolio Standard goal of 33% by 2020m which highlights the need for projects like PHPP.

An important feature of PHPP is that it will use reclaimed water for cooling. In desert communities such as Antelope Valley, minimizing the use of groundwater and imported water is critical. Staff of the Los Angeles County's Waterworks District 40 informs me that they are cooperating with the applicant to provide the necessary reclaimed water for the project.

Again, I support the PHPP and urge the CEC to give due consideration to this project.

Sincerely.

MICHAEL D. ÂNTONOVICH

Supervisor

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cc: James Ledford, Mayor of Palmdale