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From: Rich Volker [mailto:r.volker@cox.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 4:27 PM

To: Solorio, Eric@Energy

Subject: Cogentrix Quail Brush - SORE Support Letter to CEC 120626

Dear Mr. Solorio:

Attached is a letter addressed to you as the CEC's Project Manager assigned to the Quail Brush peaker plant project, which letter sets forth SORE's endorsement of and support for the project. Thank you.

Rich Volker

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June 26, 2012

Mr. Eric Solorio
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Dear Mr. Solorio:

Save Our Rural Economy (S.O.R.E.) is a California non-profit social welfare corporation made up of ranchers, farmers, entrepreneurs/business owners, health care providers, school administrators, tribal members and residents dedicated to preserving property values and a vigorous economy in East San Diego County's backcountry. This region has the potential for generating thousands of megawatts of clean energy from the wind and sun, which would create jobs, provide additional tax revenues and help us build a strong economic future. Reliable energy is also of critical importance to rural East County residents and businesses.

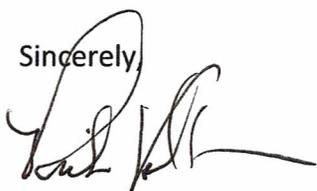
For these reasons, our organization has endorsed and voted to support the proposed Quail Brush Generation Project. This peaker plant will help boost East County's economy by allowing for more of our renewable resources to be developed without causing blackouts during dips in production. The project will also improve energy reliability throughout San Diego County as a result of its ability to start quickly when demand for electricity is high. Our region's need for this type of facility is especially apparent when the closure of the San Onofre nuclear plant is taken into consideration.

S.O.R.E. believes that, due to the significant benefits that will be created by the facility, the Quail Brush Generation Project merits swift approval by the California Energy Commission. We urge the Commission to vote in favor of the project after the release of the environmental documents later this year.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critical peaker plant. We look forward to seeing the Quail Brush Generation Project move forward so that East County can begin realizing

the benefits of clean and reliable power.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Volker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rich Volker
Chairman