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To: Gungle, Ashley
Subject: Soitec
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Attached please find a letter of support for Soitec's projects in San Diego County. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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County of San Diego
Planning and Development Services
Attn: Ashley Gungle
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San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Letter of Support for Soitec CPV Solar Plants in Eastern San Diego County

Dear Ms. Gungle:

The Poway Chamber of Commerce supports the development of Soitec Solar's plans to build two CPV solar projects, Rugged and Tierra del Sol, in Eastern San Diego County. Soitec Solar has the support of the Poway Chamber because we acknowledge the economic, educational, environmental, and social benefits the projects will bring to the area.

These two projects are certified as a California Environmental Leadership Development Projects, and will provide a local source of renewable energy utilizing state-of-art CPV technology that is twice as efficient as traditional PV technology. The projects will also create hundreds of temporary construction jobs at prevailing wages, as well as 30-40 permanent jobs.

The Poway Chamber strongly supports Soitec Solar's projects because of the economic and environmental benefits the projects will bring to San Diego county including:

- Locally produced technology at Soitec's manufacturing facility in Rancho Bernardo, which employs 250 highly skilled workers.
- A capital investment of approximately \$469 million in the San Diego region.
- Soitec's commitment to offset all greenhouse gas emissions.
- Soitec's commitment to work with the local communities to mitigate potential impacts.

On behalf of the Poway Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to support these very important environmental and economic development projects. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A. Dolores Canizales
President & CEO