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Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 4:48 PM
To: Gungle, Ashley
Cc: 'Karen Hutchens'
Subject: Soitec Support Letter
Attachments: ECEDC Letter of Support_1-9-15.pdf

Hello Ashley,

The East County EDC has completed its letter of support for the Soitec CPV Solar Plants in Eastern San Diego County and it is attached.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Jo Marie at jo-marie.diamond@eastcountyedc.org.

Have a great day!

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San Diego East County Economic Development Council

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

Sent via email: Ashley.Gungle@sdcountry.ca.gov

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

Dear Ms. Gungle:

The East County Economic Development Council (East County EDC) 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 obtained East County EDC's support because we acknowledge numerous economic, educational, environmental, and social benefits the projects will provide to the area, all of which support a thriving economy in the region. As is its policy, East County EDC actively sought input from both Soitec and the organized opposition to the Eastern San Diego projects. The Board of Directors conducted due diligence in its review of the County-published documents associated with the EIR process.

These two projects, which together are certified as a California Environmental Leadership Development Project, 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.

Furthermore, East County EDC supports Soitec Solar's projects because of the economic and environmental benefits the projects, when fully implemented, will bring to San Diego County including:

- Locally produced technology - Soitec's Rancho Bernardo manufacturing facility 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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Marie Diamond".

Jo Marie Diamond
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