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**Subject:** FW: JVR - Ecomments  
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[JVR Letter ABF 8.21 Final.pdf](#)

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Thanks,

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**From:** De La Rosa, Michael <Michael.DeLaRosa@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
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**Subject:** JVR - Ecomments

Mark,  
Is staff checking ecomments? I wanted to share some of the comment letters that I saw on the ecomment webpage.

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# *Local Union 569*

## *San Diego and Imperial Counties*



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August 16, 2021

San Diego Board of Supervisors  
c/o San Diego County  
Room 305  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, Ca 92101

**RE: Item #1 Support for JVR Energy Park**

Dear Chair Fletcher and Supervisors,

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 569 and our 3,600 union electricians and working families throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties, we urge your support for the Jacumba Valley Ranch Energy Park project.

We support reliable clean power that creates economic benefits and good jobs for San Diegans. The JVR Energy Park will accomplish these goals.

When complete, JVR Energy Park generate sufficient emission-free energy to power 52,000 households in San Diego County. During construction, it will create 350 good, middle-class clean energy jobs for local workers, which will advance apprenticeship training opportunities and add new renewable energy to the grid.

BayWa r.e. has made every effort to accommodate the community, adding substantial buffers and adding screening to address visual impacts. In addition, the company is offering substantial community benefits that will improve the lives of Jacumba's residents.

Please vote to support this important project and fulfill our region's clean energy goals and provide quality jobs for county residents.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Abrams  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 569



August 4, 2021

The Honorable Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Supervisor, District 2  
Room 335  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: JVR Energy Park and Jacumba's Path Forward

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

The Anza-Borrego Foundation (ABF), the cooperating partner with Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP), appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed JVR Energy Park project which will be considered at the August 18 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The mission of ABF is to *protect and preserve the natural landscapes, wildlife habitat, and cultural heritage of ABDSP for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.*

As stated in our previous comment letters, The Nature Conservancy, in 2007, purchased 1,080 acres near Jacumba Hot Spring as an interim step in transferring ownership to California Department of Parks and Recreation. In 2012 the title was transferred to ABF to hold until the State of California was ready to accept the transfer. The Nature Conservancy recognized this area as internationally significant in terms of biodiversity and as an important linkage between biologically-rich Mediterranean habitat in Southern California and Northern Baja California plant and animal communities. Development in the San Diego border region fragments habitat and threatens wildlife corridors between these communities.

Three objectives of the 2007 acquisition, identified in a 2007 report from the The Conservation Biology Institute, include (1) conserving habitat for the federally-endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly, (2) providing a buffer to the entrance to Carrizo Gorge to protect a water source for the federally-endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep, and (3) ensuring regional landscape-scale wildlife movement by connecting the Carrizo Gorge in ABDSP to habitat in Baja California.

The JVR developer *must work transparently* with the community to address its concerns. It is fair and makes good business sense for the Supervisors to be sensitive to the economic future of this small and picturesque community. By a quirk of geography, Jacumba will carry an oversized load for infrastructure that benefits all San Diegans. Hopefully you will carefully

consider every opportunity to reduce the negative impacts of this project and leave the community with a reasonable chance for future economic success.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the JVR Energy Park project.

Sincerely,

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Bri Fordem  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W McDonald". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill McDonald  
Board President