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Good Morning,

Please see the attached letter that was sent to the Clerk of the Board. The letter is to formalize our community benefits package. We will address this letter as well as its contents during our presentation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,  
Chris



**August 16, 2021**

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Chair Nathan Fletcher and  
Honorable Members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
c/o Andrew Potter, Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Fourth Floor, Room 402  
San Diego, California 92101

**Re: August 18, 2021 Hearing, Item No. 1, JVR Energy Park Major Use Permit (PDS2018-MUP-18-022)**

Dear Chair Fletcher and Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The JVR Energy Park Project, a 90 megawatt ("MWac") solar project with a 90 MW (360 megawatt hour or MWh) battery energy storage system will come before the Board of Supervisors for your consideration on August 18, 2021. The Project has signed a power purchase agreement ("PPA") with San Diego Community Power, a community choice aggregation entity that will bring renewable energy to the greater San Diego area, to generate at least 260,000 MWh per year and power more than 52,000 homes. (San Diego Community Power, Staff Report to Board of Directors at 2 (May 27, 2021), available at <https://sdcommunitypower.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/00.-Agenda-Packet-v4.pdf>.) The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board approve the Community Buffer Alternative to the Project, which will still generate 90 MWac and allow the Project to meet its PPA commitment.

BayWa r.e. Solar Projects LLC ("BayWa") has been diligently working with community partners to create a public benefits package that addresses the needs of the Jacumba community. This public benefits package is one way that BayWa expresses its intent to create a long-lasting partnership with the community that corresponds with the Project's proposed 35-year lifespan.

This letter outlines the scope of BayWa's public benefits commitment to the community, which will provide at least **\$1,600,000 in public benefits** to the Jacumba community specifically and the Mountain Empire region as a whole. As explained below, some elements of the Project's public benefits package are well-defined. Other parts of the program are still being memorialized in binding agreements.



Existing and future public benefits agreements will be triggered by closing construction financing and issuing a notice to proceed with the full scope of construction to the engineering, procurement, and construction contractor.

**JVR Energy Park Project Public Benefits Program:**

1. Jacumba Community Services District (\$250,000): BayWa and the Jacumba Community Services District ("JCSD") have executed an agreement for BayWa to contribute \$250,000 to the JCSD to benefit the Jacumba Community Park.
2. Imperial Valley Desert Museum Society, Inc. (\$75,000): BayWa and the Imperial Valley Desert Museum Society, Inc. ("Desert Museum") have executed an agreement for BayWa to contribute \$75,000 to fund the installation of an exhibit that furthers understanding of climate change and renewable energy production, and that funds the Desert Museum's operations for a ten-year period.
3. San Ysidro Community Health (\$125,000): Written commitment to contribute \$125,000 to San Ysidro Community Health's efforts to provide nutrition to seniors in the Mountain Empire region, including the community of Jacumba. Proposal received and agreement under development.
4. Powering Jacumba with Solar (\$1,000,000): Create a partnership with solar provider to provide \$1,000,000 to install solar systems on residential and commercial properties in the Jacumba community for as many community members that are interested and apply. BayWa is in negotiations with two separate providers to coordinate this program.
5. Uncommitted community funds (\$150,000): BayWa is committed to providing another \$150,000 of unallocated community funds to be provided to fund other community benefits as determined through engagement with community members.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this Project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Fallon".

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