

Gungle, Ashley

From: Gungle, Ashley
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 7:32 AM
To: 'Ben Kurtz'
Subject: RE: Letter of Support for Soitec's CPV Projects in Boulevard

Thank you Ben. I am in receipt of your comments.

Ashley

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From: Ben Kurtz [<mailto:arcticmac@comcast.net>]
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2014 7:36 PM
To: Gungle, Ashley
Subject: Letter of Support for Soitec's CPV Projects in Boulevard

Dear Land Use Planner Gungle,

I am sending this letter to convey my strong support for Soitec Solar's plans to build two CPV solar projects, Rugged and Tierra del Sol, in Boulevard.

More than ever, our region greatly needs clean, renewable energy that is generated by utility scale projects like Rugged and Tierra del Sol. Soitec's CPV technology is ideally suited for this purpose and the sunny East County region as it is two to three times more efficient than traditional PV. These projects will be a local source of 140 MW of energy that also offsets all its greenhouse gas emissions.

I am also urging your support of these projects because Soitec is committed to working with local communities as well as mitigating potential impacts. Through this commitment Soitec's projects will provide numerous economic, educational, environmental, and social benefits, all of which improve and diversify the local economy and community. Additionally, Soitec's projects represent a \$469 million investment in the San Diego County economy as well as the creation of hundreds of construction jobs and 30-40 permanent jobs.

I, alongside many other San Diego County residents and organizations, ask that you approve these projects as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ben Kurtz
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