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California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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RE: Quail Brush Generation Project

Dear Commissioners,

As you know, CleanTECH San Diego has been a supporter of the Quail Brush Generation Project (Quail Brush) from the beginning and once again, we urge the CPUC to approve the Quail Brush Power Purchase Tolling Agreement (PPTA). This project is important to the San Diego region and will provide significant public benefits, including tax revenues and local jobs, while meeting the region's energy demand. Being short on energy has serious consequences, but given the opportunity, Quail Brush will provide the needed power supply.

CleanTECH San Diego is a non-profit association dedicated to catalyzing San Diego region's transition to an advanced energy economy through the adoption of clean technologies and sustainable industry practices. While renewable energy is an important part of this goal, it is also essential to ensure reliable energy for residents and local businesses as older power plants are facing extinction. Moreover as large-scale renewable projects face serious challenges with intermittency, Quail Brush will support San Diego by generating power quickly and efficiently when wind and solar resources suddenly become unavailable.

In examining the status of clean power in San Diego County, it is clear that stable electricity remains absolutely critical. Our region is a leader in renewable energy, but these resources are intermittent and do not produce electricity continuously. The variable nature of wind and solar production will require on-demand response systems such as Quail Brush to equalize power supply at peak periods. Without this type of facility to come online quickly when renewable generation ceases, it will be impossible to maximize our region's potential for developing sustainable power projects without sacrificing reliability.

Flexible and reliable energy must be considered if San Diego is to continue to be a thriving economic and environmental leader. We encourage the CPUC to either approve the Quail Brush PPTA or change the current alternate proposed decision into an interim decision on the Quail Brush Generation Project until the California Energy Commission (CEC) has reached its final decision.

We look forward to continuing to participate in this dialogue as the project moves forward and ask the Commission to keep CleanTECH San Diego's input in mind during its discussion of Quail Brush.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson

CC: California Energy Commission