



Port of San Diego

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS
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Ashley Gungle
County of San Diego
Planning and Development Services
5510 Overland Avenue, 3rd Floor
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Soitec CPV Solar Plants in Eastern San Diego County

Dear Ms. Gungle:

On behalf of the Port of San Diego, please accept this letter in support of Soitec's *Rugged* and *Tierra del Sol* projects planned for the Boulevard area.

Increasing the supply of affordable alternative energy is essential to implement the Port District's Climate Action Plan. Increased renewable energy supply represents 20% of our 2020 goals for greenhouse gas emissions. By meeting our emission goals through alternative energy the Port can continue to promote more maritime commerce to support the region's economy.

Soitec's projects will provide a local source of renewable energy that doubles the efficiency of older PV technology. The projects will also create hundreds of construction jobs at prevailing wages and 30-40 permanent jobs.

I respectfully urge the San Diego County Planning Commission vote in favor of the projects. Thank you for your consideration and please move forward without further delay in approvals for these alternative energy projects.

Sincerely,

Bob Nelson
Chairman, Board of Port Commissioners

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