

January 21, 2011

Mr. Iain Fisher, California Public Utilities Commission
Mr. Greg Thompson, Bureau of Land Management
c/o Dudek
605 Third Street
Encinitas, CA 92024

RE: Proposed Tule Wind Power Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

Dear Mr. Fisher, dear Mr. Thompson:

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to certify the EIR/EIS for the Tule Wind Power Project.

California is leading the way to combat climate change by investing in clean, renewable energy sources. Developing wind energy is key to meeting the State of California's renewable energy standards and helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, this project is an important component in ensuring that California meets these goals. It will benefit our region by providing clean, renewable energy to power up to 60,000 homes in the San Diego region and increasing our energy production and reliability

The Chamber had several presentations on the proposed Tule Wind Power Project and heard from speakers in support and in opposition. We acknowledge that, as with any large project, there are a number of concerns. We understand that Iberdrola Renewables, the project proponent, has a strong track record of developing wind energy projects that minimize impacts to the surrounding community through their work on many other projects. Iberdrola Renewables also has a long history of working hard to site wind farms responsibly, and participates actively in studies to look at ways to reduce wind power's impact on wildlife. Therefore, we are confident that the concerns raised by the surrounding community can be addressed by the mitigation measures proposed in the EIR.

This project provides an important opportunity to augment our region's clean energy portfolio. We urge you to certify the EIR/EIS and allow the project to move forward at its currently proposed size.

Thank you for taking our recommendation under consideration.

Sincerely,



Ruben Barrales
President & CEO

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