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May 8, 2020

Monterey County Planning Commission
Planning Department
168 W. Alisal St 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

**SUBJECT: Monterey County Business Council SUPPORTS
California Flats Solar Project**

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Monterey County Business Council (MCBC), an organization made up of business, government and educational leaders vested in economic development in Monterey County. The 125+ MCBC members represent diverse, economic leaders of this county and are supportive of opportunities for smart and thoughtful development in Monterey County.

The California Flats Project serves as a critical component of infrastructure for California's focus and priority on renewable energy resources. Additionally, the significant advancement of technology with this project keeps the wildlife thriving and sustainable in the area and minimizes the aesthetic impact of the Jack Ranch.

We strongly encourage you to support the California Flats Solar Project.

Sincerely,

Kimbley Craig
President & CEO
Monterey County Business Council



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Monterey County Business PAC

Monterey County Planning Commission

Planning Department

168 W. Alisal Street, 2nd Floor

Salinas, CA 93901

SUBJECT: Monterey County Business PAC supports California Flats Solar Project

Dear Planning Commissioners, The Monterey County Business PAC membership represents Agricultural and Hospitality business associations that cover the Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula.

The MCBPAC supports candidates that are committed to local and county wide initiatives that support economic development and prosperity for all. The California Flats Solar Project is an excellent example of economic development in that it will provide jobs immediately and in the long run, 100% renewable energy. Solar energy significantly reduces the carbon footprint for energy production in our region thus improving air quality and reducing adverse environmental impacts while providing competitive energy costs when compared to petroleum-based energy products.

California Flats is located entirely within the Jack Ranch, many miles from major transportation arterials and will not create controversy due to traffic congestion or view shed impacts. The technological advances of the project provide for a relatively small footprint and will have little or no impact on wildlife on adjacent lands.

This South County project will provide important energy resources to the State's electric utilities that are under a mandate to derive 33% of their retail sales from eligible renewable energy resources in 2020 and beyond.

The project is good for Monterey County and California and it is for these reasons we ask that you recommend approval of the California Flats Solar Project.

Thank you for your consideration,



Kurt Gollnick

President

May 1, 2020

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Simón Salinas

May 2, 2020

Monterey County Planner
Resource Management Agency
Attention: Nadia Garcia

RE: California Flats Solar Project

Dear County Planner,

As you may know, I have been a longtime supporter of the California Flats Solar Project, and I wanted to write again to support the approval of the proposed Battery Energy Storage System Modification (BESS), a minor permit amendment to the previously approved project.

Not only does this project generate clean and renewable energy, it has created local jobs and increased much needed tax revenues in our region with very little environmental impact. It plays an important role in contributing to California's energy efforts and specifically, Monterey County's efforts.

As technology has improved, battery storage has improved, and this minor modification within the previously approved footprint will ensure the reliability of service of the existing facility and the long-term sustainability of this project.

I recommend approval of this modification and look forward to seeing the next phase of this project come online as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,



Simón Salinas

Former California State Assemblymember
Former Monterey County Supervisor, District 3

**34 Argentine Place
Salinas, California 93905**

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