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# CHICCA BROS./TWIN FARMS

November 19, 2013

Mr. John Heiser  
Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Hydrogen Energy Center Application

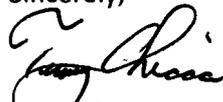
Dear Mr. Heiser,

I have been a member of the Board of Directors for over 28 years and a farmer in Buena Vista Water Storage District since birth. I own over 2,100 acres in the District. All my BVWSD lands are pistachios or conservation land. This represents a market value of over \$30,000,000. The long term water quality within the BVWSD is critical to my investment and farming operation.

I have lands within and all around the Brackish Groundwater Areas A and B talked about by your staff in the analysis of the HECA project. I have five wells that provide supplemental water to my crops. These wells are in an east-west line along Delfern Road. I know that the ground water quality degrades from east to west, to the extent that I have not used my most westerly well for years and when I did it had to be blended with a better quality well so as not to affect my production. I fully support BVWSD developing the Area B well field to extract up to 7500 acre-feet annually of high TDS water. My experiences on the BVWSD Board and as a farmer tell me that if the high TDS water is removed by the HECA well field there is a very good chance that it will be replaced by higher quality water. This would be an improvement for not only myself but other farmers within the District.

I was on the Board in 2008 when the District was developing Water Management Plan. HECA was the partner the District needed to implement the Brackish Ground Water Remediation Project which addresses the expanding brackish zone in the groundwater aquifer. They are willing to help the district by safely removing this brackish water and keep it from mixing with the high quality groundwater that covers most of the District. This will protect our groundwater and ensure sustainable farming in this area.

Sincerely,



Terry Chicca  
Chicca Bros./Twin Farms