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Fostering the success of business to enrich the quality of life in the greater San Gabriel Valley

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California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Subject: Docket No. 12-EPIC-01

To the California Energy Commission:

Reference: Response to: Docket # 12-EPIC-01

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, I am writing to support the California Energy Commission's draft Triennial EPIC Program Plan specific to water-related renewable energy technologies.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, nonprofit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley. A Collaboration of businesses, local government, higher education institutions, and nonprofits, the Partnership pursues this commitment through three key areas of focus: advocating public policy, marketing the San Gabriel Valley and providing professional business assistance.

Over the past 18 months one of the Partnership's initiatives has been to prepare to meet the region's growing demand for water related private and public sector jobs. This initiative is being developed by a coalition of employers and educators from the San Gabriel Valley. This coalition also supports the La Vernon Water Institute currently being planned to be a clearinghouse on the best practices in water and energy policy. We believe this Institute could assist the CEC in implementing many of the EPIC programs. The Partnership too stands ready to assist with the "collaboration with local jurisdictions and stakeholder groups in IOU territories to establish strategies for enhancing current regulatory assistance and permit streamlining efforts".

In summary we support the Proposed Triennial Investment Plan and pledge to make ourselves available to work with the CEC and the La Vern Water Institute on its implementation.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J Kurtz
President & CEO

