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**RE: Agenda Item 11, SUPPORTING SAFER PRACTICES WHEN SITING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECTS, February 25, 2025, County Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of concern regarding the proposed resolution in support of Assembly Bill 303 (AB 303). As currently written, AB 303 would create a de facto moratorium on battery energy storage projects (BESS) in California.

As background, Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business organization founded 17 years ago to position the San Diego region as a leader in the cleantech economy. We represent the renewable energy industry, a critical sector that employs close to 40,000 people in our region and has a \$9.4 billion impact on our regional economy.

Battery storage projects are not only critical for keeping the electric grid operating reliably for our communities and businesses, but they are also essential to achieving our goals of 100 percent renewable energy. They provide a necessary energy resource to ensure our region does not face blackouts during extreme weather conditions such as heat waves.

The San Diego region has always been a leader in renewable energy generation and as a result, was an early adopter of battery storage. As the battery storage industry has evolved and technology has advanced, so have the types of projects and ways in which they are designed and constructed. Battery storage projects today are built with the latest in technology and safety with highly advanced emergency monitoring and protocols in place to ensure they pose little risk to surrounding areas. In addition, the BESS industry follows a robust set of established national codes and safety standards to guide planning, developing, and operating each energy storage project.

A very recent public opinion survey (Jan. 31-Feb. 13, 2025) of more than 800 San Diego County residents conducted at the request of Cleantech San Diego found that 65 percent support California's transition to clean energy, 66 percent support battery storage in San Diego County, and 57 percent would support battery storage in their neighborhoods.

As you consider the proposed resolution, it is our hope that you will take into account the fact that a majority of residents are in favor of BESS projects for the many economic, workforce, and sustainability benefits they bring to our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson", is written over a thin horizontal line.

Jason Anderson  
President and CEO  
Cleantech San Diego

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