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To: Inyo County Board of Supervisors
cc: Inyo County Planning Commission

October 13, 2026

From: Southern Inyo Fire Protection District

RE: Proposed Bonanza Peak solar energy project in Charleston View.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the board regarding the proposed Bonanza Peak solar installation project in Charleston View. In our capacity as an emergency response agency, SIFPD remains neutral on the question of whether the project should be approved. However, we would like to express that the community mitigation package currently offered by Bonanza Peak, should this project be approved, can make a tremendous difference to the communities of Southeast Inyo and the community of Charleston View.

As your board knows, we currently have grant money available to build a fire station in Tecopa. While we originally hoped for a full station in Tecopa and substation in Charleston View, inflation has depreciated the available funds to the point that we will build only a very basic station in Tecopa. As you also know, the 1200 square mile area of service covered by SIFPD is vast and difficult to travel with any speed.

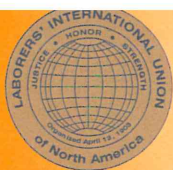
Charleston View is growing, however its growth is inhibited by the lack of infrastructure there. Our ability to respond is diminished by the distance between Charleston View and Tecopa. The donation of 2.5 acres of land by the Wiley trust, contingent upon receipt of the proposed \$2 million mitigation fund, would allow not only the construction of a substation, but potential collaboration with other county agencies and nonprofit organizations to bring more needed services to Charleston View. It could become the foundation of much needed infrastructure there, the potential beginning to measured, stable growth that can create a stable, economically viable community.

We support the board in examining all aspects of this project and weighing the public good from all possible angles. As always, we want the best for the communities we serve. That said, this project, should it go through, will be a tremendous boon to SIFPD and therefore, we believe, to those communities.

Respectfully and appreciatively,


William R. (Bill) Lutze
Fire Chief

Southern Inyo Fire Protection District
Working together to keep the heart of the Mojave safe!



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Feel the Power

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RE: Bonanza Peak Solar Project

Dear Ms. Richards and Ms. Draper,

On behalf of the over 37,000 members of LIUNA's Southern California District Council of Laborers, I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors for the 500MW Bonanza Peak Solar Project (the Project) proposed for construction in Charleston View, CA.

Our membership recognizes the high-quality jobs that the Project will bring to the region and looks forward to working with the Project sponsors to bring it on line. We also recognize the benefits to the broader community provided by solar power to meet regional renewable energy goals and provide lower cost clean energy during the day.

We support an Inyo County staff recommendation for approval by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors of the Project as presented at the following link: [Bonanza Peak Renewable Energy Project | Inyo County California](#). We compliment Inyo County staff for its thorough analysis and look forward to approval of the Project.

Very truly yours,

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
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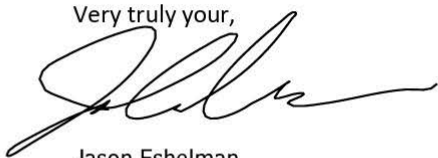
Dear Ms. Richards and Ms. Draper,

On behalf of IBEW Local Union 477, I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors for the 500MW Bonanza Peak Solar Project (the Project) proposed for construction in Charleston View, CA.

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