

**Fw: Letters for Tuesday Board meeting**  
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Catrina:

I just received these two letters for tomorrow's Board hearing (Item 37). I am sending copies to the Board office too. thanx!



Green Energy Support for State Renewable Energy Planning Grant 2013-06-28.pdf



Renewable Energy Streamlining - Letter of Support 062813.pdf

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# ECONOMIC STRATEGY PROJECT

## Green Energy

*(Project managed by the Economic Vitality Corporation)*  
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June 28, 2013

County of San Luis Obispo  
County Government Center, Room D-430  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Attn: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

### **RE: Support for County's Receipt of State Grant for Renewable Energy and Conservation Planning**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We thank the Board's leadership, the staff's actions, and Assembly member Achadjian's support for the County of San Luis Obispo to have the opportunity to receive a grant to fund mapping, streamlining, and environmental analysis of eligible renewable energy projects. With this work, the County will be able to re-evaluate its policies and combine designations and ordinances to streamline development of renewable energy projects in areas of the County that meet selected criteria.

Members of the Green Energy cluster met with County staff in December 2012 about this topic and encouraged pursuit of this opportunity as a valuable effort to support the Green Energy cluster's mission:

To establish SLO County as a world-class leader in green energy through the implementation of a diversified portfolio of key initiatives, which includes energy efficiency, distributed generation systems, and utility scale generation.

This mission requires thoughtful planning, and this new grant will enable the County to facilitate the appropriate placement and permitting of renewable energy projects.

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The grant and the extensive efforts to pursue it demonstrate effective public-private partnership in support of the County-endorsed Economic Strategy.

We encourage your endorsement of this grant.



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**RE: Support for Renewable Energy Streamlining Program**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Economic Vitality Corporation's Board of Directors, staff and Economic Strategy cluster members, we would like to express our support for the efforts by County staff in pursuing the California Energy Commission grant, and the current work being undertaken related to renewable energy land use planning and permit streamlining, including developing land use changes to accommodate renewable energy production.

These efforts will progress the Green Energy cluster's vision of establishing San Luis Obispo County as a world class leader and advancing our "three-legged stool" in protecting our environment, promoting economic development, and land use planning.

In designating land use areas appropriate for these types of uses, establishing programmatic mitigation measures, and streamlining the permit process, the overall cost of renewable energy production is reduced, thereby creating a framework in which renewable energy is achievable and the green energy cluster can thrive.

Thank you for being responsive to the needs expressed by the industry stakeholders and for your leadership in making the most of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kris Vardas  
Board of Directors, Chairman

Michael E. Manchak  
President & CEO

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